

Oswestry Team Tennis Chairman / Trustee Annual Report to 30th September 2025

Charity's Registration Number 1112609

Name of Trustees – Clive Knight, Helen Shiel, Hugh Roberts, Ruth Sperring, Claire Anderson

Structure

- OTT as well as being a registered charity is also an LTA affiliated tennis club, which is its governing body. It pays an annual fee to the LTA to be a member club.
- The club has key positions apart from Trustees including Chairman/Secretary, Treasurer and Safeguarding / Welfare Officer and Membership Secretary. The club has a Parents Group which meets approximately every two months to assist the club management process.
- An AGM is held in March 2026 to consider and approve the accounts etc.
- Trustees are recruited through knowledge of the individual and their capabilities, and subsequent discussion with the individual to explain the role and responsibilities.
- The club has an open and inclusive policy on its membership with juniors a priority. Membership fees are kept at an affordable level to encourage take up.
- The club continues to work closely with Oswestry Town Council to manage the site and promote its activities

Activities and Objectives during the year to 30th September 2025

Our club's mission statement has continued in line with its original aims set in 2004:-

"The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for playing tennis for young people."

It is pleasing to report that our tennis delivery has continued throughout the year, but our internal competition has again been limited. Many thanks go to Tennis2You and Blake Strefford and his team for providing the coaching on offer and competition support. Rusty rackets has continued as a great add on for our more mature members.

In May 2025, we registered for the first time with Pickleball England to enable the mini red courts to be used for this game with 7/20 Club utilising it in the summer.

In 2024//25 we achieved a healthy 135 membership, the majority being juniors. Providing a healthy and enjoyable activity within the town centre for predominantly young people has helped them to learn about a new skill as well as socialising and improving their wellbeing on and off court. Adult tennis provision continues to grow with evening coaching and rusty rackets, and pleased that we have recently added on Walking tennis delivery for U3A for less mobile adults.

Clubhouse Project

The provision of a clubhouse on site for its membership has been a key aim for the club since 2017, when the Town Council / Cae Glas Park Charity approved OTT to put together a feasibility study on converting a disused workshop adjacent to the tennis courts to a clubhouse. Gaining planning permission to renovate the workshop to convert to our clubhouse in April 2022 was a huge step forward, and I was very grateful to Gavin Porritt our design consultant, our trustees and our Parent Group for their support through this period. Since then it became apparent that a renovation could not be achieved within our financial resources so a cheaper solution of demolition and replacement with a modular building was pursued, We applied to Shropshire Council for this change of direction and in August 2024, we were given planning permission to demolish the workshop and replace with a modular building. (please note the modular building scheme has now been dropped in favour of a steel framed building whilst a best estimate for the project including management fees is now £120,000 which we can afford).

Grant aid applications were submitted for the Clubhouse project during the year to a number of external organisations and we were delighted to receive £29,000 from the following :-

- Oswestry Town Council - £5000
- Sport England - £12,500
- Oswestry Sports Forum - £500
- Oswestry Lions - £10,000
- Nisa – Stans Supermarket - £500
- Charlotte Hartey Foundation - £500

Financial Review of 2024/25

- The charity made a surplus of £2254 in its revenue account – (£2608 in 2023/24), from its normal day to day running of the club, before transferring from our General Reserve Fund £2000 to the Clubhouse Fund and £1000 to our Court Fund. Membership fees reached £3464 compared to £4115 in 2023/2024. We would remind everyone that this is our core income as everything else is currently going into our Clubhouse Fund. It is therefore pleasing to see this Fund increase from £60202 to £94877 after professional fees paid to date of £9,611. so thank you to members and grant aiders for all your support in helping to achieve this significant increase.
- There were no debts outstanding to the club at the year end.

Need for new Volunteers –

If you only have an hour to spare to help our club, we will appreciate your support.

Our message is the same as last year. There is increasing concern from our Trustees with the state of our “engine room”. Without anyone in the engine room, it is not possible to have a club. Our Officers and Parent Group are “ageing” and it will reduce in numbers as their children eventually leave the club. We know people lead very busy lives but without parents willing to give time to the club however small, the club will very sadly die, as it cannot continue without tennis parents willing to fill club key administrative positions. Support and training as necessary is always given to new recruits to ease them in to taking a position. Quite simply, new blood is needed otherwise our beloved club so important to you and our children will sadly not be able to function properly.

Please get in touch!

Chairman Clive Knight - Trustees - Clive Knight, Helen Shiel, Hugh Roberts, Ruth Sperring, Claire Anderson.

27.02.2026

**Revenue Accounts for
Oswestry Team Tennis**

	Final Accounts 30.09.2024	Final accounts 30.09.2025
Income		
Membership Subscriptions	4115	3464
Other Income		
Adult Fees	102	166
Sponsorship	0	0
Pickleball	0	285
awards evening		
Income	1975	1838
Expenditure	-1222	-975
Tfr to Clubhouse Fund	-753	-863
Other Income		
Interest on savings account	639	1227
tfr income to clubhouse fund	-639	-1227
Total Income	4217	3915
Indirect Expenditure		
Printing and Stationery	281	180
Miscellaneous Expenses		97
Coach and player Scholarships	0	0
Rent of facility	1000	1000
sub total	1281	1277
 Total Income less indirect expenditure	 2936	 2638
Direct Expenditure		
Coaching		
Tournament costs		
Charged to fundraising		
Affiliation fees	280	384
Equipment/facility maintenance	48	
	328	384
 Income for Year	 2608	 2254

Balance Sheet 30.09.2025

	30/09/2024	30/09/2025
General fund brought forward	5195	4803
Less transfer to Clubhouse Fund	-2000	-2000
Less transfer to Resurfacing Fund	-1000	-1000
General fund balance	2195	1803
Surplus for the year	2608	2254
as per Revenue Account		
General Fund carried forward	4803	4057
Court Resurfacing Fund Note 1	6180	4450
Clubhouse Fund Note 2	60202	94627
Bonfire Fund		
Creditors		2590
Prepayments		
Membership fees	1765	2552
 Total	 <u>72950</u>	 <u>108276</u>

Represented by:-

Debtors	141	88
TSB Bank account	7,018	5,844
Barclays Bank account	4205	5032
TSB Savings account	<u>61,586</u>	<u>97313</u>
Total	<u>72950</u>	<u>108276</u>

Note 1 - Court resurfacing Fund	5180	6180
Tfr from General Fund	1000	1000
Less nets etc		<u>-2730</u>
Bal c/f 30.9.2025	<u>6180</u>	<u>4450</u>

Note 2 Clubhouse Fund

Bal C/f 1.10.2024	51915	60202
Tfr from General reserve	2000	2000
Grants	0	29000
Interest	639	1227
Rusty Rackets	1809	1827
Walking tennis	0	125
Fundraising	5904	3459
Professional fees	<u>-2065</u>	<u>-3212</u>
Bal 30.9.2025	<u>60202</u>	<u>94627</u>

Professional Fees paid to date

2024/25	3212
2023/24	2065
2022/23	295
2021/22	1680
2020/21	1759
2019/20	<u>600</u>
	<u>9611</u>

I certify that these accounts reflect the underlying records of the club

Treasurer:- Helen Shiel

Dated: 9th November 2025

Auditors
Certificate see separate pdf document
Rebecca Smith -ACIMA

Financial Audit Report – Oswestry Tennis Club (charity number 1112609)

I confirm that I have completed a financial audit of the tennis club's accounts for the period 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025.

The audit included reconciliation testing from bank statements to the financial records, as well as a review of a sample of supporting documentation for expenditure, including expense receipts.

Based on the procedures performed, I did not identify any discrepancies or inconsistencies. The financial records reviewed appear to be complete and accurately reflect the underlying transactions.

My working papers are available for review by the tennis club treasurer upon request.

Conclusion:

No issues or irregularities were noted during the course of this audit.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Smith', written over a horizontal line.

Rebecca Smith ACIMA