

Totnes Community Tennis Club

England & Wales · Charity number 1169109

Details

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| Other names | TOTNES TENNIS CLUB |
| Status | Registered |
| Legal form | CIO |
| Registered | 2016-09-09 |
| Register | View on the Charity Commission register |

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF TOTNES TENNIS CLUB IS TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PLAYING TENNIS.

Activities: Community tennis club, promoting playing tennis

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Devon

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £43,115 | £16,219 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £43,115 | £16,219 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £43,951 | £20,584 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £48,841 | £23,039 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £33,993 | £7,630 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---------------------|------|------------|
| Barry Barbour | | 2024-11-20 |
| Hilary O'Leary | | 2024-11-20 |
| Martin Loader Chair | | 2024-11-20 |
| Paul Clayton | | 2024-11-20 |
| Sarah Edwards | | 2024-11-20 |

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for the year ended
31 December 2024

Passionate in providing tennis
for everyone in the community

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Ex-Chairman's report from Francis Porter

For the past 12 years the club has been managed by an incredibly hard working dedicated committee and during this time the club has developed wonderful playing facilities and the membership has increased whilst the club has still retained its friendly welcoming atmosphere. However, 2024 was the time when the committee all realised that they had taken the club as far as they could and it was time for fresh energy to take the reins and move the club onwards.

Whilst all standing down at the same time possibly felt quite drastic, it also felt that a totally new group would be able to manage the club freely without any of us 'oldies' getting in the way! Nevertheless, we were determined to give a long handover process to guide whoever took over as they settled into the roles needed to manage our club. However, it still felt a hugely daunting task to find members keen to run the club!

The future wellbeing of the club and its members was the only concern for all of us and to be honest I had serious doubts that anyone would be 'stupid' enough to take on our roles! But how wrong I was; as I write this in January 2025 it so gratifying to know that the club has found an amazing group of skilled passionate members who have indeed stepped up to look after the club. I really could not have imagined a better group to look after our very special club.

It is important to remember that our wonderful tennis club has been in the Borough Park for over 50 years, and tennis has been played in the Park for much longer than that! Each committee is taking on the responsibility for a short while to manage and guide this amazing facility to benefit the local community. The club has become a safe haven for exercise, well-being, friendships and laughter and I trust that it will continue to be so for many years to come.

I know that the new committee will work incredibly hard for however long they are in the role and I also know that all our members will support them in the same way that they have supported the past committee.

It has been a huge honour and privilege to have guided the club for a short while and I look forward to Martin and his team taking the club onto even greater heights!

New Chairman's report from Martin Loader

Firstly, I'd like to extend my thanks to Francis for his report and kind words. And yes... we now have a group of enthusiastic club members who were "brave" enough to take on the committee roles!

On a more serious note, stepping into these roles, the new committee and I recognised the challenges of following in the footsteps of the previous hardworking and dedicated team. While the transition has been relatively smooth, thanks to the assistance of some former committee members, it has also highlighted just how much work goes on behind the scenes to keep the club running smoothly.

Since taking office, the committee has tackled a range of issues, from council planning discussions to membership numbers and rates, court usage, and lighting. The new committee has a different structure and dynamic from the previous one, bringing fresh ideas, a few changes, and diverse perspectives, all of which contribute to the shared goal of ensuring the ongoing success of Totnes Community Tennis Club.

Acknowledging individuals is always a challenge, as so many people contribute to the club's success. However, I would particularly like to thank Francis for his continued support behind the scenes, Abi Hawman for her invaluable efforts in team coordination and social media (despite not being a committee member), and Sara Widdicombe for her dedication as treasurer. Sara has been instrumental in managing the club's finances and will hopefully enjoy a smooth transition of her role to another member in 2025.

Regarding our financials, you will notice some one-off clubhouse costs in the accounts. These are part of the necessary steps towards securing planning permission for a future clubhouse improvement project. Further costs related to building control and planning consent will appear in next year's accounts. More details on this will be shared at our upcoming AGM. Speaking of which, our AGM is scheduled for Monday, 10th March 2025, at 6 pm, with the venue to be confirmed. A formal invitation will be sent out closer to the date, and all members are warmly encouraged to attend. Your support, in any capacity, is always greatly appreciated.

Finally, I'd like to say that our club is more than just a place to play tennis—it's a community, an extended family, and a space where everyone should feel welcome to enjoy the game at any level in a friendly, supportive, and safe environment. The committee and I are committed to making sure this remains the case, and we look forward to seeing you all on court!

Trustees

Graham Hayman (resigned 20 November 2024) Sara Widdicombe (resigned 20 November 2024)
Francis Porter (resigned 20 November 2024) Paul Thomas (resigned 20 November 2024)
John Callaway (resigned 20 November 2024) Jacqui Merrington (resigned 20 November 2024)
Geoff Powell (resigned 20 November 2024)

New Trustees – all appointed 20 November 2024

Martin Loader, Jack Clancy, Paul Clayton, Barry Barber, Hilary O'Leary, Sarah Edwards

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Membership

The popularity of the club continued during 2024, with many new enquiries for membership. The adult club membership fee was held at £130 in 2024.

The membership figures for the 2024/2025 tennis year are as follows:

| | 2024 | | | 2023 | | |
|------------------|--------|------|-------|--------|------|-------|
| | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total |
| Adults | 67 | 108 | 175 | 77 | 107 | 184 |
| Students/Juniors | 14 | 10 | 24 | 1 | 3 | 4 |

South Devon League Teams

Representative teams traditionally compete in the South Devon Summer Tennis League.

There was a healthy interest from our adult members to represent the club in competitive tennis and the club fielded 6 teams across the various divisions. Mens A once again triumphed in the Mens Division I!

A big 'thank you' to all team captains for their selfless management of the squads and to all players who represented the club during the season. Thanks also to Abi Hawman who has not only managed the Mixed A and Ladies B squads but has also coordinated the Winter League competition.

Annual Club Closed Tournament Results

MENS SINGLES

Greg Robinson bt Rud Sawers

LADIES SINGLES

Linda Gee bt Claire Farrar

MENS DOUBLES

Rud Sawers & Greg Robinson bt Andrew Medhurst & Paul Clayton

LADIES DOUBLES

Abi Hawman & Claire Farrar bt Sarah Edwards & Jacqui Merrington

MIXED DOUBLES

Linda Gee & Jack Clancy bt Sarah Edwards & Greg Robinson

Club Sessions

The ever-popular club sessions run throughout the year. They continue to be the beating heart of the club.

The 3 sessions organised weekly during the afternoon and evening and again at the weekend are planned to maximise the opportunity for all adult members to attend. Plus the Friday 'happy hitters' session is still proving popular. A self-managed session designed to bring together members of a similar level and experience in order to grow in confidence, develop skills learned in coaching sessions and enjoy some fun match play.

The inclusive atmosphere of all sessions warmly welcomes all adult members regardless of ability or experience. The convivial, but competitive tennis combines with a lovely social atmosphere off-court.

An enormous amount of goodwill from many club members allows these three, weekly sessions to function so efficiently.

Barry Barber braves the elements on a Wednesday evening. He and Martin Loader manage the Sunday mornings. A massive thank you to all the club session managers. Your support is much appreciated.

Finally, thanks also to Abi Hawman who continues to support the club in so many ways. Abi is always on hand to manage the tennis balls, regularly stand-in to organise pairings and closedown club sessions. Her support is invaluable.

Public Use Of Courts

As a condition of our lease and in keeping with the spirit of the club we remain committed to keeping the courts open for public hire on a Pay & Play basis and feel it is important to encourage as many people as possible to play tennis. The health benefits of tennis are well known and it is gratifying to see the courts are being used by a wide range of people.

Income from public and non-member court hire was £4,879 in 2024.

Court bookings are made via the club's website using the ClubSpark booking system and access to the courts is controlled with combination locks. We have installed a new combination gate lock system which has made court access easier and more secure for everyone.

Coaching report from Tonia Gooderham – LTA Level 4 Accredited Tennis Coach

2024 has been another vibrant and positive year for my coaching programme. I have run the programme on the Totnes Borough Park Courts for 35 years and during that time I've had the pleasure of helping successive generations of the local community to enjoy participating in tennis. During that time I've seen countless examples of the mental and physical benefits of playing tennis, the part it plays in people's social lives and the transferrable life skills that can be acquired when learning the sport. Above all else I've seen players experience a lot of fun and enjoyment.

The past two years have been particularly exciting. I have always endeavoured to progress and improve the way I deliver sessions and I have a particular interest in the learning process. As a result of this continuous professional development I'm now using a coaching method that is proving effective in helping people to learn in a highly efficient, successful and fun manner. So although 35 years down the road the programme is feeling fresh and new across my junior, special needs and adult coaching sessions.

Juniors

We have a thriving programme with junior players from across the local community enjoying the game at all ages and stages. The sessions are played in a very positive environment and we've seen countless examples of juniors growing in confidence, being very supportive of each other and developing new skills.

Many students select tennis for either the 'volunteering' or 'physical part' of their Duke of Edinburgh (D of E) award scheme. Thank you to all of the volunteers – the younger juniors really enjoy having the older, more experienced players helping them on court and we've seen great benefits for all concerned.

We hope to introduce more competitive opportunities for our junior players during 2025.

Special Needs

2024 has been a wonderful year for our special needs sessions. The student's improvement on a physical level has been remarkable. With patience and enthusiasm they stick at practices and make great progress. They bring smiles and laughter to the courts and I have particularly loved getting to know students individually. It feels like a group of good friends arriving at the courts.

I personally love leading the groups and would like to thank all of the volunteers who make the groups such a success. As always a huge thank you to John Callaway for communicating with the volunteers and the schools - long may these sessions continue.

Adults

Many adults are developing their game in coaching sessions ranging from individual lessons to larger groups. I run a number of smaller groups of players who share similar ability and aspirations. All of the sessions are played in a great atmosphere and I'm seeing significant progress in players across the programme. It's been very rewarding to see these players enjoy their time on court - and to see many go on to test their skills in a range of club activities.

Thank you

We're grateful to the new committee members at the club and look forward to working with them. A big thank you to Rob Mitchell for his tireless work supporting the coaching programme and helping to create a great coaching team. I'd also like to say a big thank you to Amy Carson who spends many hours a week volunteering and helping with the junior programme. Thank you to Paul Hailey, Head tennis for his support of the coaching programme and his expertise on equipment and stringing. Finally, a huge thank you to all of the players and parents who support the coaching programme and make it what it is. We look forward to another enjoyable year ahead!

Tonia Gooderham Tennis Coaching

Disability Programme – Tennis Coaching

Our wonderful disability tennis programme continues to be a huge success for Bidwell Brook, Lifeworks and all the volunteer helpers. The students at both SEN establishments need to learn the benefits of exercise, and we need to see them celebrating their successes, however small.

A huge thank you to our coach Tonia who guides the sessions so expertly and with great compassion and patience; and to our amazing team of volunteers without whom the programme simply would not be able to run. In discussions with other clubs and the LTA, a regular issue they all seemed to face was finding volunteers and they asked how our club could be so successful! Our 'simple' answer was that we have a wonderful compassionate open membership who just want to help the local community.

“Tennis has been an absolute inspiration for our students. Seeing how far they have all progressed both in the skills needed for tennis but also on a personnel level is amazing. The students love going to tennis on a Monday afternoon and learning new skills and putting these into practice with the fantastic volunteers that help and support. Without the support of the volunteers this wouldn't be possible. The skills have helped them with their hand eye coordination, motor skills and learning about how much power they need (not hitting the ball as hard as they can and sending the ball into the nearby playing field or car park). The smiles and laughter you hear on a Monday afternoon is contagious and a pleasure to behold. Thank you Totnes Tennis Club for this amazing opportunity for our students and hopefully we can keep this connection going for many years to come.”

James Humphries: Tutor at Lifeworks College

Financial Review

The year ending 31 December 2024 resulted in a surplus of £26,260, (2023: £26,896) with total income of £47,597 (2023: £43,115) and total expenditure £21,337 (2023: £16,219).

The main sources of income:

- Membership subscriptions £23,352, (2023: £24,115), accounting for 49% of total income (2023: 56%)

Membership numbers were slightly down in 2024, with 175 adults and 24 Students/Juniors (2023: 185 adults and 29 Students/Juniors)

The adult membership fee was held at £130 for the year (2023: £130) Students £65 (2023: £35) and Juniors £15 (2023: £15)

- Court hire and light income £13,568 (2023: £11,717) 29% of total income (2023: 27%)
- Fundraising income, together with grants and sponsorship amounted to £6,739 (2023: £6,731) 14% of total income (2023: 16%)

The Jackpot club, the club's main fundraising activity raised £1,398 net (2023: £1,554) after prize money and costs.

Sponsorship income of £1,750 was gratefully received from local businesses.

Details of the restricted funds income received during the year is shown below:

| Grant funder/Event | Purpose | Amount (£) |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| South Hams District Council | Garden project | 250 |
| Action Funder Ltd | Garden project | 800 |
| The Bike Hub | Garden project | 150 |
| Club fundraising events | Garden project | 381 |
| Baker Estates | iPlay30 | 600 |
| Total | | 2,181 |

Expenditure

- The routine costs of maintaining the courts and clubhouse were the main items of regular operating expenditure totalling £4,107 (2023: £3,766). The courts were professionally cleaned/treated during the year.
- The clubhouse development project expenditure of £5,894 was for drainage/percolation testing work to meet the conditions of the planning consent. Unfortunately the results were not favourable and further work and consideration is required.
- Restricted fund expenditure for plants, tools and the continuing management of the Garden project was £1,581 and coaching and equipment for iPlay30 was £2,329.

The surplus of £26,260 for the year, results in total club funds of £166,193 at 31 December 2024 (2023: £139,933).

Reserves policy

The committee have agreed to hold a general fund at a level of 9-12 months operating expenditure, with the remaining funds held as designated funds. The designated funds will be used for future developments at the club. A sinking fund for the refurbishment of the courts and perimeter fencing currently stands at £50,000 (£10,000 is set aside each year) and the development fund at £105,000.

Restricted funds

The restricted funds held at 31 December 2024 are for iPlay30 and will be used to support this programme in 2025. iPlay30 are tennis activity sessions for children with learning, sensory and physical disabilities and for those experiencing ill-mental health.

The accounts are shown on the last page of the report.

Independent Examiner's Report to the members of Totnes Community Tennis Club

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts, set out on page 16, of the above charity ("the club") for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the club's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Karen Williams ACA, ICEAW

Dorsley Barton

Harberton

Totnes

26th February 2024

Receipts and Payment Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

| | No. | 2024 Unrestricted Funds £ | 2024 Restricted Funds £ | 2024 Total Funds £ | No. | 2023 Total Funds £ |
|------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| Receipts | | | | | | |
| Membership subscriptions | | | | | | |
| Adults – full year | 175 | 22,427 | - | 22,427 | 185 | 23,600 |
| Students / Juniors | 24 | 925 | - | 925 | 29 | 515 |
| Total Member subscriptions | | 23,352 | - | 23,352 | | 24,115 |
| Court hire and lights | | 13,568 | - | 13,568 | | 11,717 |
| Event / tournament proceeds | | 994 | - | 994 | | 552 |
| Fundraising income | | 2,808 | 381 | 3,189 | | 3,931 |
| Grants & Sponsorship | | 1,750 | 1,800 | 3,550 | | 2,800 |
| Sundry income | | 200 | - | 200 | | - |
| Interest received | | 2,744 | - | 2,744 | | - |
| Total receipts | | 45,416 | 2,181 | 47,597 | | 43,115 |
| Payments | | | | | | |
| Tennis balls | | 964 | - | 964 | | 695 |
| Event costs | | 1,217 | - | 1,217 | | 701 |
| Coaching iPlay 30 | | - | 2,329 | 2,329 | | 1,365 |
| South Devon League fees | | 42 | - | 42 | | 56 |
| Fundraising expenses | | 1,410 | - | 1,410 | | 1,410 |
| Garden project | | 818 | 1,581 | 2,398 | | 5,945 |
| Clubhouse repairs | | 78 | - | 78 | | 509 |
| Courts & grounds maintenance | | 4,029 | - | 4,029 | | 3,257 |
| New clubhouse | | 5,894 | - | 5,894 | | 50 |
| Office costs | | 87 | - | 87 | | 68 |
| Insurance | | 836 | - | 836 | | 809 |
| Rent refund (SHDC) | | - | - | - | | (140) |
| Bank/stripe charges | | 461 | - | 461 | | 377 |
| Subscription – LTA | | 740 | - | 740 | | 540 |
| Cleaning | | 853 | - | 853 | | 577 |
| Total payments | | 17,428 | 3,909 | 21,337 | | 16,219 |
| Surplus | | 27,989 | (1,729) | 26,260 | | 26,896 |
| Total funds brought forward | | 138,003 | 1,927 | 139,933 | | 113,037 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 165,995 | 198 | 166,193 | | 139,933 |
| Total funds held: | | | | | | |
| General fund | | 10,995 | | | | 8,006 |
| Restricted fund – I Play 30 | | 198 | | | | 1,927 |
| Designated – Sinking fund | | 50,000 | | | | 40,000 |
| Designated – Development fund | | 105,000 | | | | 90,000 |
| Total funds | | 166,193 | | | | 139,933 |

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Chairman's Report from Francis Porter

It's with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Totnes Community Tennis Club's annual report for 2023.

It has been another wonderful vibrant successful year and the following report highlights all that has happened. Our Special Needs tennis and community garden initiatives have continued to flourish and receive amazingly powerful feedback from the teachers, students and volunteers.

This year we have seen more and more members offering their help in the day-to-day running of the club – the club is so busy that we have needed support with maintenance, tennis events and other tasks. Without all of you helping, the club would not be able to function so successfully. But my biggest thanks, as always, goes to the committee members. Their dedication, passion, and unwavering support have once again made our community thrive both on and off the courts.

Together, we have all created a vibrant and inclusive environment where players of all levels can come together to enjoy the sport we love.

Everyone's commitment to our club's values and the volunteers' willingness to contribute their time and talents enrich the experiences of all members.

As we head into 2024 I trust that our club will continue to offer all its members and visitors a peaceful vibrant environment to exercise, socialise and 'take a short break' from the wider world. Thank you for your continued support and participation. Here's to another fantastic year ahead filled with memorable moments and shared victories.

Trustees

Graham Hayman

Francis Porter

John Callaway

Geoff Powell (*appointed 13 November 2023*)

Sara Widdicombe

Paul Thomas

Jackie Clayton (*resigned 13 November 2023*)

Jacqui Merrington (*appointed 13 November 2023*)

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Membership

Adults

The popularity of the club continued during 2023, with many new enquiries for membership. In previous years the membership was capped at 135 adults with the aim of giving members the best experience of the club. However with a growing waiting list the decision was made to open the membership to everyone. Stopping enthusiastic players from joining the club felt contrary to our community club ethos, so in 2023 we had a record 184 adult members.

The adult club membership fee was held at £130 in 2023.

The membership figures for the 2023/2024 tennis year are as follows:

| | 2023 | | | 2022 | | |
|-----------------|--------|------|------------|--------|------|-------|
| | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total |
| Adults | 77 | 107 | 184 | 51 | 84 | 135 |
| Students | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 |

Totnes Community Tennis Club

Teams, club tennis, tournaments and coaching

Teams

Representative teams traditionally compete in the South Devon Summer Tennis League.

There was a healthy interest from our adult members to represent the club in competitive tennis and the club fielded 6 teams across the various divisions. A big 'thank you' to all team captains for their selfless management of the squads and to all players who represented the club during the season. Thanks also to Abi Hawman who has not only managed the Mixed A and Ladies B squads but has also coordinated the two teams in the Winter League.

Captain's Reports

MENS A – Rud Sawers

In our pursuit of retaining the title, the men's 2023 South Devon Tennis league campaign unearthed a spirit in the camp that I simply had not seen before. With the club fielding 2 teams in this, the most competitive of leagues south of the National Tennis Centre, we sought breadth and depth from many players. Not only did this add a variety and a 'shake and vac' freshness, but also helped galvanise the club's members.

Reminiscent of the unforgettable 'up and at em!' togetherness of Escape to Victory ..., our team managed to navigate the choppy waters of tricky banana skins such as the wind driven Ipplepen away and Churston's 'welcome to Hell' claustrophobic walled garden in the heat of summer....

Thank you to all players and those behind the scenes, your contribution is never taken for granted. Players included: David Hamilton, Sam Cook, Ben Yeager, Richard Gibbon, Fraser Durham, Nigel Jones, Oliver Del Mar, Rud Sawers

LADIES A – Captain Della Joint

With the increased number of ladies in the tennis club now wanting to play matches, I suggested we could run 2 teams again as in the past, so I continued to manage the A team and Abi the B team.

Recalling the first match, it was Totnes ladies A v B. It had been a wet day but dry weather forecast later in the evening, so I made the call to carry on. So with 8 lively and vocal ladies waiting in the clubhouse it was all eyes on the captain's decision, which I am pleased to say paid off and we played our match when the rain had passed. Phew!

We had a great season and some lovely matches.

The final match for us was against Kingsbridge and was to decide second place. I thought we had it in the bag, but unfortunately were pipped at the post by only 1 point.

LADIES B, MIXED A and WINTER LEAGUE – Captain Abi Hawman

Match play at the club is thriving, with a real enthusiasm from members. I captained the Ladies B team in the summer who were thrilled to have the opportunity to play.

We got many new members involved and all the ladies loved playing and team morale was high, with it more about having fun than winning.

I also captained the MIXED A team and this is always a tough league, but we played some brilliant tennis, enjoyed visiting other clubs and playing some great matches. Again, there was a lot of interest, and this was driven by people's competitiveness in the club! We were always up against it with some really high level clubs, but had a brilliant team and were very happy to be placed mid-table. Looking forward to doing better this summer!

A core group of members were very keen to continue playing through the cold winter months - so we have two teams in the winter league. With over 30 people interested - it was the right decision! Despite some miserable wet weather, everyone is so enthusiastic and happy for competitive play. The A team are currently top of the league and the B team's focus is to involve as many people as possible, get match experience and just have fun!

MIXED B – Captain Jacqui Merrington

Totnes Mixed B team had a fantastic season, securing the top spot in a competitive Division 2 and promotion to the top flight in the final game of the summer. Captained by Jacqui Merrington, the team aims to give as many players as possible the chance to compete against other clubs. This year more than 20 different players stepped up - winning 8 out of 10 league matches.

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MENS B – Captain Paul Clayton

The Men's B team took on their first season after promotion to Division 1. The goal was to stay up, and not only did we achieve this, but challenged for a top 3 spot, falling short by just 3 sets. Across the season we called upon 11 different members to form our team, and everyone had a great attitude and commitment throughout the season.

Tournaments

Annual Club Closed Tournament

Following on the great success of last year's tournament, our members were keen to once again do battle against one another. We were very pleased that we had enough ladies entering to allow for our first ladies singles event. Played over 6 weeks at the end of September, there were some excellent competitive matches in the early rounds with several being decided by a tense final set tie-break!

Eventually Finals Day arrived and there was high expectations for a great afternoon of matchplay tennis. However, an unfortunate injury meant that the mixed doubles and ladies doubles had to be declared as walkovers; however we were left with three finals to entertain a good sized crowd.

The Mens Final was a fantastic match as Rud battled hard to retain his trophy from the inspired challenge of Greg Robinson. Greg served and volleyed to the first set but Rud adapted his game to take the second and a very tense tie-break was just won by Rud.

The Ladies Final was a shorter affair but there were still plenty of good rallies until eventually Jacqui Merrington triumphed. In the Mens Doubles, Andrew and Paul served up an exhibition of impressive serve and volley doubles, matched with punishing service returns to easily run out victorious against Rud and Sam.

Finals Day Results

MENS SINGLES

Rud Sawers bt Greg Robinson 3-6, 6-2, 10-7

LADIES SINGLES

Jacqui Merrington bt Kate Medhurst 6-1, 6-2

MENS DOUBLES

Andrew Medhurst & Paul Clayton bt Rud Sawers & Sam Cook 6-1, 6-2

LADIES DOUBLES

Abi Hawman & Emma Croft w/o Helen Paley & Sacha Macey (ret. injured)

MIXED DOUBLES

Sacha Macey & Francis Porter w/o Helen Paley & Paul Hailey (ret. injured)

Wood and Whites tournament

The popular wood and whites tournament returned to our courts at the height of summer.

Organised to coincide with the middle of Wimbledon fortnight, the unseasonal miserable weather put paid to the original plan and we had to reschedule.

As always, it was fun and fashion combining with old style technology to make for a great, traditional tennis day.

Wooden rackets and perfect "Persil" white clothing allowed the ladies to rediscover their inner- Everts and the gentlemen to become Bjorn again for a few hours of SW19 nostalgia.

16 mixed pairings took to the courts divided into 4 groups.

Group winners competed in the semi-finals. Jerry Hawley-Higgs paired with Penny Lee, won through to the final whilst Geoff Powell and Wendy Franklin defeated Alison Hannah and James Barrett.

Geoff and Wendy proved too strong for Jerry and Penny, playing out an enjoyable final and the day was completed with a fabulous BBQ prepared by Don Chalcraft and Punate.

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Club Sessions

The ever-popular club sessions run throughout the year. They continue to be the beating heart of the club.

The 3 sessions organised weekly during the afternoon and evening and again at the weekend are planned to maximise the opportunity for all adult members to attend.

Wednesday evenings adopt the stoic “whatever the weather” mentality with the die-hard regulars turning out in all weathers, under the lights through deepest, darkest winter. The feedback is always “we had some great games in spite of the weather”

Timings have been extended on Thursday afternoon with a 2.30pm start. This attempts to offset the frustration of our limited court capacity. Likewise, the popular Sunday morning sessions are extended. Running from 9-11 and 11-1pm to try and reduce the mid-morning logjam and reduce waiting time. Sadly we cannot accommodate friends from other clubs.

The inclusive atmosphere warmly welcomes all adult members regardless of ability or experience. The convivial, but competitive tennis combines with a lovely social atmosphere off-court.

Jackie Clayton has stepped down from managing Thursday afternoon sessions. Consequently, the quality of biscuits is no longer a talking point.

An enormous amount of goodwill from many club members allows these three, weekly sessions to function so efficiently.

Barry Barber braves the elements on a Wednesday evening. He also manages the Sunday mornings, now that Peter Daly has relinquished the role.

Martin Loader steps in to oversee the sessions when Barry cannot attend.

Always first to arrive on a Thursday afternoon, even when his car fails him!, Jeremy Yonge now organises this regular session.

A massive thank you to all the club session managers. Your support is much appreciated.

Finally, thanks also to Abi Hawman who continues to support the club in so many ways. Abi is always on hand to manage the tennis balls, regularly stand-in to organise pairings and closedown club sessions. Abi's support is invaluable.

Happy Hitters

Following a club forum, where the members have the opportunity to discuss all matters relating to TCTC, it was highlighted that the standard of tennis at our regular club sessions is somewhat challenging to the rusty-returners or members who are relative beginners.

A weekly happy hitters session is now arranged on a Friday afternoon. A self-managed session designed to bring together members of a similar level and experience in order to grow in confidence, develop skills learned in coaching sessions and enjoy some fun match play without the fear-factor of letting a partner down.

Totnes Community Tennis Club

Coaching report from Tonia Gooderham - LTA Level 4 Accredited Tennis Coach

Junior Coaching Programme

Our junior programme has continued to be very popular and well attended. Students continue to improve their tennis skills along with their ability to work together and to compete.

This year it has been wonderful to witness the children become extremely supportive to each other in match play sessions. It has been great to see them congratulate each other and to say bad luck in such a wonderful spirit. The match play programme emphasises healthy competition - the focus is on fun, personal best and identifying areas of the game to develop further. The match play sessions are a social event where children from all of the different coached groups come together and have fun. We are very keen to increase the number of match play opportunities for the players in 2024 and we feel it's a very valuable part of the programme.

I am very pleased that the Tennis Club will be offering a new category of junior membership this year. This will enable players aged 12-18 increased access to courts.

Again many of our students are selecting tennis as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. We are very happy to have these players working with the younger juniors and we have seen many examples of the benefits for everyone concerned.

During the summer term Rob and myself visited local primary schools. It was great to continue the link between the club and local schools. A number of the children subsequently joined the programme.

| Category | Age (years) | Number of Juniors 2023 | Number of Juniors 2022 |
|----------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Blue / Red | 3-8 | 47 | 52 |
| Orange | 8-10 | 31 | 44 |
| Green / Yellow | 9-11+ | 61 | 54 |
| Total | | 139 | 150 |

Adult Coaching Programme

I've continued to offer adult coaching to many groups throughout the week and the groups are working very well. I have created groups with players of similar ability and aspirations and it has been great to see their development. Many of them have gone on to join the club and access the resultant benefits for example; club sessions (including the new happy hitters session), matches in box leagues and representing club teams. I also continue to offer 121 sessions.

Finally, I'd like as always to say a big thank you to the Totnes Community Tennis Club committee for their management of the club - making it a safe and fun place to play. A huge thank you to Rob Mitchell for his continued support and enthusiasm for coaching on the programme. I'd also like to say a big thank you to Amy Carson who spends many hours a week volunteering and helping with the junior programme. Thank you to Paul Hailey for continuing to offer his expertise on equipment and stringing. My final thank you is of course to all of the players and parents who support the coaching programme. It's been an incredibly rewarding year and I look forward to the year ahead!

Tonia Gooderham Tennis Coaching

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Courts and Maintenance

Public Use Of Courts

As a condition of our lease and in keeping with the spirit of the club we remain committed to keeping the courts open for public hire on a Pay & Play basis and feel it is important to encourage as many people as possible to play tennis. The health benefits of tennis are well known and it is gratifying to see the courts are being used by a wide range of people.

Income from public and non-member court hire was £3,989 in 2023. The charge for the courts remains at £4 per hour per person.

Court bookings are made via the club's website using the ClubSpark booking system and access to the courts is controlled with combination locks. Thanks to Graham Hayman for changing the lock codes and communicating with the membership.

Court Surface

The artificial turf court surface on court numbers 1-3 remains popular and is in general wearing and playing very well. Court 4 remains the principal coaching court and is wearing well. The court was moss treated in December 2023.

Floodlights

The lights on court numbers 1-3 are excellent. The Tweener lights on court 4 work well and the strategically placed banner on the fence between court 4 and the three artificial grass courts has broadly solved the problem of dazzle on the clubhouse side of courts 1-3.

Maintenance

The maintenance team were kept busy during the year, carrying out both routine and improvement tasks:

- The artificial turf court surface requires regular maintenance. The courts are dressed with sand and need to be swept twice a week. We have a small tractor for this purpose.
- The problem of leaf litter still remains, so we again asked for volunteers to join the maintenance team and sweep the courts in the late autumn. Thank you to all the members who helped and we hope to call on your services again in the future. Club member Colin Gill has stepped up to allow the use of his adapted lawn tractor to brush, sweep and collect leaf litter on courts 1-3.

The committee is in negotiation with First Serve Ltd, the company who installed the courts, to cover ongoing maintenance support issues beyond the scope of the maintenance team such as, power-washing, moss treatment and technical advice on matters such as surface repairs and optimum surface performance.

Storage remains a problem and we have acquired a lockable trunk that sits in the clubhouse to house coaching equipment.

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped with the numerous maintenance tasks during the year. Your help is massively appreciated and is reflected in the superb playing characteristics and appearance of the courts.

If any members have the time and inclination to help with the weekly tractor drag and any maintenance tasks please contact paul on paul.thomas2910@gmail.com

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Fundraising

Jackpot Club

Now in its 9th year, the Jackpot Club continues to be an integral part of the club's fund raising efforts

50% of revenue generated is returned to Jackpot members in monthly cash prizes. 50% contributes to the club sinking fund for facilities upkeep and development. The Jackpot Club with over 50 members from TCTC, together with support from families and friends raises over £1,500 annually and awards over £1,000 in prizes. All members will be invited to join as the spring approaches.

Entry remains at £1 per week.

Sponsorship

We are delighted to continue our relationship with Miles Kevin & Chartsedge, the independent estate agent based in Totnes, marketing homes in Devon and Cornwall.

Likewise, we are grateful for the continuing support provided by Mark Annear at The Cott Inn, Dartington.

2023 saw The Clay Yard (Alison Hannah) take up one of our banner sponsorships and we would like to thank the following local businesses for their continuing support of our club:

Arbow Garage
Paul Hailey
Rud Sawers Architects
The East Gate Bookshop

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Financial review

The year ended 31 December 2023 resulted in a surplus of £26,896, (2022: £23,367) with total income of £43,115 (2022: £43,951) and total expenditure £16,219 (2022: £20,584).

The main sources of income for the club were:

- Membership subscriptions £24,115, (2022: £21,910), accounting for 56% of total income (2022: 50%). The adult membership fee was held at £130 for the year (2022: £130)
- Court hire and lights £11,717 (2022: £11,118) 27% of total income (2022: 25%)
- Fundraising income, together with grants and sponsorship amounted to £6,731 (2022: £8,186) 16% of total income (2022: 19%)

The Jackpot club, the club's main fundraising activity raised £1,554 net (2022: £1,137) after prize money and costs.

Sponsorship income of £1,500 was gratefully received from local businesses.

Details of the restricted funds income received during the year is shown in the table below:

| Grant funder/Event | Purpose | Amount (£) |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| South Hams District Council | Garden project | 500 |
| Local Giving – Little Magic | Garden project | 500 |
| China Blue | Garden project | 200 |
| Club fundraising events | Garden project | 353 |
| Member donations | Garden project | 150 |
| LTA Open court initiative | iPlay30 | 300 |
| Donation | iPlay30 | 60 |
| Member donations | Clubhouse | 50 |
| Total | | 2,113 |

Expenditure

- The garden project was the main expenditure item for the club during the year, costing £5,945. This covered the management costs of Parklife SW, groundworks, materials and plants. £3,703 of this was funded by grants and donations, with the balance funded by the club.
- Routine costs of maintaining the courts and clubhouse were £3,766 (2022: £1,985). All of the courts were professionally cleaned/treated during the year.
- The club received a refund of £140 for rent paid for a period prior to the lease agreement being signed.
- Restricted fund expenditure was for the Garden project £3,703, iPlay30 £1,503 and the new clubhouse £50.

The surplus of £26,896 for the year, results in total club funds of £139,933 at 31 December 2023 (2022: £113,067).

Reserves policy

The committee have decided to hold a general fund at a level of 9-12 months operating expenditure, with the remaining funds held as designated funds. The designated funds will be used for future refurbishment and improvements at the club, specifically the new clubhouse in the near future. A sinking fund for the refurbishment of the courts and perimeter fencing currently stands at £40,000 (£10,000 is set aside each year) and the development fund at £90,000.

Restricted funds

The restricted funds held at 31 December 2023 are for iPlay30 and will be used to fund this programme in 2024. iPlay30 are tennis activity sessions for children with learning, sensory and physical disabilities and for those experiencing ill-mental health.

The accounts are shown on the last page of the report.

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Disability Programme



We are well into our third year of the disability programme and it continues to be a huge success for Bidwell Brook, Lifeworks and all the volunteer helpers. There are very few other clubs in the South West that have a provision for Disability Tennis. These students need to learn the benefits of exercise, and we need to see them celebrating their successes, however small. You can see from the feedback below from staff and volunteers how beneficial this programme is. A huge shout out must go to our coach Tonia and the team of amazing volunteers. We are always looking to recruit more helpers so if you can spare an hour to volunteer from time to time please get in touch with John Callaway. This year John and the volunteers who have managed the special needs tennis programme, won the **Devon Tennis For All Award** for embracing diversity and inclusivity in tennis and were also shortlisted for the **Special Active Devon award**. A fantastic achievement and testament to the hard work of everyone involved.

Bidwell Brook feedback

"We have accessed the tennis sessions for a while now and the students and adults have got so much out of it. They have formed lovely relationships with each other and the students look forward to attending every week. The sessions are always planned fantastically and the volunteers interact with the students wonderfully. It has become one of the highlights of the week."

Richard Monaghan, class teacher, Bidwell Brook School

Lifeworks College Feedback

"We have, once again, had the opportunity to access tennis sessions at Totnes Community Tennis club. This is a fantastic opportunity for all students. Through the programme, expertly provided and delivered by wonderfully friendly and empathetic tennis coaches led by the brilliant Tonia, students from Lifeworks have learned new skills, embedded those skills, surpassed their expectations of themselves and surprised themselves in their own capabilities. Added to this is the sense of fun engendered by the staff that has enabled and encouraged greater levels of access for all students. For some students, tennis is not a natural bedfellow, but after some encouragement, all students now access the sessions in a variety of ways. Several reluctant students now engage for the whole hour and enjoy it. Lifeworks College regularly take 11/12 students to these sessions and all 11/12 are now fully engaged. The majority of students are developing great relationships and friendships with all coaches and know them on first name terms. This is testament to the approaches the coaches have adopted with the students and is a hugely beneficial offshoot from initial expectations of the project. Clearly all students are developing much improved body awareness, hand eye co-ordination and stamina. For many this is the only physical activity/skill development programme they receive. An additional aspect of the project has been students involvement and continued access to the development of the Sensory Garden. Both parts of our involvement with the tennis club have allowed a feeling of belonging and attachment for young people who struggle to develop these in their wider communities. From a staff perspective, it is the highlight of the week and very much appreciated. From a student perspective, it is very much something to look forward to and be engaged in. "

Steve Crowe, Learning Support Assistant / Tutor at Lifeworks College

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Volunteers' Feedback

“The iPlay30 sessions have gone from strength to strength (in my humble opinion). Personally it’s one of the best parts of my week and always leaves me feeling happy & uplifted.

There is an amazing team of volunteers & helpers, who play such an important role in working together, along with the students, creating an environment for them to hone the different skills taught by the fabulous Tonia. The young people who attend are great, some of whom have a natural flare for tennis! They are engaging, and I have seen them flourish as the months have literally flown by. “

“I have been involved in education throughout my working career. I’ve worked with students at a selective boys grammar and enjoyed the challenge. However, working as a volunteer at Totnes Community Tennis Club within the Disability Tennis Coaching Programme has been the most uplifting and rewarding connection with students I have ever experienced. All the students flourish within a fun but focused learning environment. They are determined and driven to succeed. Many achieve goals and success barely imaginable, the day they first set foot on our courts. While they work hard on the demanding techniques of modified tennis, they continue to acquire essential life skills. Developing both social competence and self-confidence. I meet many of them in the High Street, Totnes. Some at their work placement. I regard them all as my friends, always prepared to meet and greet you with a smile and start a conversation. It was so heartening to see one of the students booking a tennis court to play at a local indoor tennis centre with his family. Thanks must be given to the staff at Bidwell Brook and Lifeworks also to the coach and fellow volunteers at the club. Particularly thanks to club Chairman, Francis Porter and most of all to John Callaway who had the vision and determination to run with this project. To me the most ambitious and successful project the club has ever attempted.”

LTA Level 4 accredited tennis coach Tonia Gooderham’s feedback on the programme

“We have had another incredible year of tennis with the Lifeworks and Bidwell Brook students. They continue to bring such vibrancy to the club arriving each week full of smiles and energy. As the coach leading the sessions I have witnessed tremendous progress in the students on many levels. Their physical skills are improving, particularly the ability to control power and improve control. They are also able to work cooperatively with each other in a very supportive manner. The success they are achieving is really enhancing their enjoyment of the game. I personally continue to love working with the students and look forward to more fun on court in 2024. A big thank you to all the volunteers, teachers and particularly John Callaway for organising and making this programme possible.”

Community Garden Project



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This year saw the vision of our collaborative community garden come to fruition. A wonderful project that has empowered special educational needs students from Lifeworks College in Dartington. Managed by the club in collaboration with Parklife SW and supported by funds from Totnes Town Council, the Little Magic Grant local businesses and club members, the project has provided a platform for growth, education, and collaboration. This initiative aims to cultivate a sense of belonging and empowerment for students with diverse abilities at the same time as beginning a regeneration of this valuable green space at the heart of Totnes by creating a sensory garden with wheelchair access.

This garden has transformed an under utilised space within the park into a green haven, bursting with colourful flowers, aromatic herbs, and nourishing vegetables. The garden features wheelchair-accessible raised beds, sensory plants, seating and a place of calm and colour for local people to rest a moment. Our chair Francis said: "At a time when there is so much doom and gloom, it is inspiring and uplifting that a special education college, volunteers, environmental groups and local businesses can come together in a shared mission to enhance this important green space at the heart of our community."

Lifeworks College students were involved in planning and designing the space. Work began in the summer and the students were encouraged to contribute as much or as little as they wanted and to work at their own pace. There were numerous tasks such as painting planters, digging/moving materials, helping to build large planters, selecting plants and planting.

By the end of July the wonderful new garden was ready for the public and wildlife to enjoy. This is an ongoing project with more planting planned as the seasons come and go, with the students from Lifeworks involved with the weekly maintenance of the garden which has become part of their college curriculum and community work.

Testimonial from Lifeworks Learning Support Tutor

"Lifeworks College became involved in the development of a sensory garden at Totnes Community Tennis Club from the outset of the project. To this end students have assisted in the design, the planning, and the physical development of the plot of land in question.

Students were given a blank canvas onto which their individual ideas could be included. Those ideas that proved most prevalent in these plans were then incorporated into the completed plan. These included raised beds, paths accessible for all, scented areas, garden seating and areas for vegetable growing. This has proved to be an ideal and very purposeful project for our students. Having gained a clear plan of what was required and working alongside expert landscape gardeners and willing volunteers, the students really began to feel they belonged to a team, a group of people with a single goal and as the project progressed, they could see the plans become concrete and real. As visual learners, many of them gained motivation and confidence through practical tasks and visible developments. Students also came to feel that through their efforts and hard work, they were contributing to a community facility that all members of that community could benefit from. They became proud of the garden they were helping to create. The culmination of the students efforts looks very impressive. This has been witnessed by passerby's comments, newspaper clippings of the opening ceremony and continued involvement in the maintenance and upkeep of the garden, something the students are very keen to be involved in. Students have, as a direct result of the project, not only learned valuable skills such as working as part of a team, communicating with unknown people and using their initiative whilst working independently on tasks, they have also had fun, pushed their comfort zones back a few notches and created and maintained strong relationships with people associated with the project.

All students feel a great of pride in what they have achieved, and rightly so. They also see the need to continue to maintain and develop the garden in the long term, as so many people continue to benefit from this calming, tranquil and beautiful facility."

Steve Crowe, Learning Support Assistant / Tutor at Lifeworks College

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Social Events

Cricket Match with Harberton Cricket Club



The tennis club cricket team captained by Geoff Cornish were denied a famous victory once again. It was close and at one stage Harberton were looking worried as Jack and Greg hit a purple patch which saw them pile on the runs, hitting boundary after boundary. In the end the tail didn't wag, but it was a great sporting game enjoyed by a bumper crowd and boosted by the tennis club barmy army. What a wonderful spot to enjoy a picnic with friends and watch an exciting game of cricket.

Bowls Social Match



Over 16 Tennis Club Members joined our neighbours at the Bowls Club for a sedate afternoon of bowls on a sunny Sunday in September. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all with some of the tennis members showing off some silky skills with their woods. A big thanks to Mike Hannaford and the team at the Bowls Club for making us feel so welcome and opening the bar afterwards.

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The Great TCTC Pottery Throw Down



Another great TCTC social event and probably one that is unique to all LTA accredited clubs across the nation! A brilliantly entertaining night was enjoyed by all which involved a very competitive knock out doubles, pottery throw down. With little prior experience, those taking part had 5 minutes to produce a masterpiece. The results were mixed with some showing potential and others who got messy! As it was a knockout tournament the judges had to make some difficult decisions picking those who would go through to the next round or to see their work thrown in the bin, destined to be recycled in the pug mill- so harsh! Those making it through to the final had no idea what was coming next. Alison had added a little twist- the four finalists were to throw blindfolded! With the winner and runner-up taking the prize of having their artwork inscribed, fired and glazed to make the trophy for the Wood and Whites tournament in July, the pressure was really on. However congratulations went to Kate Medhurst who came out top in a fiercely competitive throw off with Marshall taking the runner up spot. A massive thanks to Alison at The Clay Yard for hosting this event. We are planning to run the event again this year with a tentative date being set for Friday 7th June 2024.

Christmas Party



Thanks to everyone in the club who supported a fantastic night at Things Happen Here. A big shout out to the Little Big Band, James G our club DJ and the staff at Pizzalogica and THH. We were also treated to what could be the launch of Paul Thomas's new career as a singer song writer.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the members of Totnes Community Tennis Club

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts, set out on page 16, of the above charity ("the club") for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the club's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Karen Williams ACA, ICEAW
Dorsley Barton
Harberton
Totnes

26th February 2024

Totnes Community Tennis Club

Receipts and Payment Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

| | No. | 2023 Unrestricted Funds £ | 2023 Restricted Funds £ | 2023 Total Funds £ | No. | 2022 Total Funds £ |
|------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| Receipts | | | | | | |
| Membership subscriptions | | | | | | |
| Adults – full year | 185 | 23,600 | - | 23,600 | 163 | 21,200 |
| Students / Juniors | 29 | 515 | - | 515 | 47 | 710 |
| Total Member subscriptions | | 24,115 | - | 24,115 | | 21,910 |
| Match fees | | - | - | - | | 28 |
| Court hire and lights | | 11,717 | - | 11,717 | | 11,118 |
| T-shirt sales | | - | - | - | | 287 |
| Event / tournament proceeds | | 552 | - | 552 | | 2,422 |
| Fundraising income | | 3,118 | 813 | 3,931 | | 2,821 |
| Grants & Sponsorship | | 1,500 | 1,300 | 2,800 | | 5,365 |
| Total receipts | | 41,002 | 2,113 | 43,115 | | 43,951 |
| Payments | | | | | | |
| Tennis balls | | 664 | 31 | 695 | | 616 |
| T-shirts | | - | - | - | | 212 |
| Event costs | | 701 | - | 701 | | 905 |
| Coaching iPlay 30 | | - | 1,365 | 1,365 | | 1,260 |
| South Devon League fees | | 56 | - | 56 | | 5 |
| Fundraising expenses | | 1,410 | - | 1,410 | | 1,385 |
| Garden project | | 2,242 | 3,703 | 5,945 | | - |
| Clubhouse repairs | | 509 | - | 509 | | 139 |
| Courts & grounds maintenance | | 3,150 | 107 | 3,257 | | 1,846 |
| Courts lights / resurfacing | | - | - | - | | 3,960 |
| New clubhouse | | - | 50 | 50 | | 8,100 |
| Office costs | | 68 | - | 68 | | 490 |
| Insurance | | 809 | - | 809 | | 673 |
| Rent refund (SHDC) | | (140) | - | (140) | | - |
| Bank/stripe charges | | 377 | - | 377 | | 383 |
| Subscription – LTA | | 540 | - | 540 | | 480 |
| Cleaning | | 577 | - | 577 | | 120 |
| Total payments | | 10,963 | 5,256 | 16,219 | | 20,584 |
| Surplus | | 30,039 | (3,143) | 26,896 | | 23,367 |
| Total funds brought forward | | 107,967 | 5,070 | 113,037 | | 89,670 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 138,006 | 1,927 | 139,933 | | 113,037 |
| Total funds held: | | | | | | |
| General fund | | 8,006 | | | | 7,967 |
| Restricted fund – I Play 30 | | 1,927 | | | | 3,070 |
| Restricted fund – Garden project | | - | | | | 2,000 |
| Designated – Sinking fund | | 40,000 | | | | 30,000 |
| Designated – Development fund | | 90,000 | | | | 70,000 |
| Total funds | | 139,933 | | | | 113,037 |

Totnes Community Tennis Club

England & Wales - Charity number 1169109

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Annual report and Accounts

for the year ended
31 December 2022

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Welcome from Francis Porter, Chair

It's with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Totnes Community Tennis Club's annual report for 2022.

It has been another wonderfully vibrant uplifting year at the club with so many highlights but just as we completed this annual report we became an award-winning tennis club that showcased everything that is great about our club! We have been awarded the Devon Tennis 2022 'Tennis For All' award in recognition of our outstanding disability programme with the local special education schools.

The vision for the special education programme started with, and has been driven by, the hard-working committee – they continue to guide the club so expertly in all aspects. Our location in Borough Park is very important for the students as it provides a safe, peaceful, welcoming space – something hopefully all our members and guests can also appreciate. The coaching sessions couldn't run without our wonderful members volunteering to help, and this year we have seen more and more members offering their help in the day-to-day running of the club – the club is so busy that we have needed support with maintenance, tennis events and other tasks. In speaking with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) and other clubs they are all surprised at how we manage to get such fantastic support from our members!

The coaching is run by the excellent Tonia who has coached so many members at the club and local families, and it is very special seeing how she cares for and guides the special needs students.

With such a great location, vibrant membership and facilities that are in excellent condition it is no surprise that we have seen a huge demand to join the club which brings its challenges but we are determined to keep providing tennis for everyone in the local community.

We have continued to have an excellent relationship with South Hams District Council who fully understand our vision to provide sport and well-being to the local community.

Looking ahead to 2023 we are excited to build on last year's very successful Club Championships and make this a summer celebration of the club. The landscaping project to enhance our club and Borough Park is now underway with Lifeworks College students and I trust that our club will continue to offer all its members and visitors a peaceful environment to exercise, socialise and 'take a break' from the challenging times we are all facing.

Thank you to everyone for helping to make Totnes Community Tennis Club the success that it is.



Francis Porter
Club Chair



Trustees

Francis Porter
Graham Hayman
Jackie Clayton

Sara Widdicombe
John Callaway
Paul Thomas

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Membership

Adults

Due to the amount of interest in joining the club, the membership capacity for the year was increased to 160, which meant that the club was able to accommodate those on the waiting list who were still interested in joining.

It was decided to maintain the 160 cap on numbers for the remainder of the 2022/2023 season, with a view to reviewing the situation prior to the start of the new tennis year in April 2023. All people expressing an interest in joining throughout the year have been added to a waiting list for decision at that time.

The annual fee for 2022/2023 was increased to £130 from £120. There was no winter membership or monthly reduction, as the club was full within the first month.

Due to the excellent maintenance and upkeep programme for the courts, the playing surface is still reported as being a huge attraction to potential members, as is the vibrant, friendly and helpful ambience among the membership and committee.

The membership figures for the 2022/2023 tennis year are as follows:

| | 2022/2023 | | | 2021/2022 | | |
|-----------------|-----------|------|-------|-----------|------|-------|
| | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total |
| Adults | 62 | 101 | 163 | 51 | 84 | 135 |
| Students | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| | | | | | | |

Teams, Club Tennis and Tournaments

Teams Overview

Representative teams traditionally compete in the South Devon Summer Tennis League. Following the disruption forced by the Covid restrictions the club again fielded 5 teams across the various divisions. There was healthy interest from our adult members to represent the club in competitive tennis.

Two men's teams, two mixed teams and a ladies team enjoyed the opportunity to take on traditional local rivals. Each team captain rotated their squads, once again allowing many members to take part, some for the first time.

Mens A: Played: 10; Points: 61; Won: 8; Drawn: 2; Lost: 0 – **Champions Division 1**

The strength of the Men's teams was evident throughout the season. The A team captained by Rud Sawers enjoyed an unbeaten run of 10 matches winning 8 and drawing 2 to claim the Division 1 championship. Their total of 61 sets was 15 above their closest opponents, Ipplepen.

Mens B: Played: 7; Points: 52; Won: 7; Drawn: 0; Lost: 0 – **Champions Division 2**

The excellent captaincy of Paul Clayton ensured that our B team ran away with the Division 2 title in another unbeaten season. The rotation of the squad demonstrated the genuine strength in depth with a 100% winning season. Next season will see men's A versus men's B competing in the same league following the B's promotion. Book early for tickets!

Ladies: Played: 6; Points: 29; Won: 3; Drawn: 0; Lost: 3 – **Runners Up Division 1**

Our ladies squad, once again captained by Della Joint was runner-up in the Ladies Division 1. Avon Vale winning the title in an unbeaten season. The ladies pushed Avon Vale to the final game decider, losing on the grass to the eventual champions.

Mixed A: Played: 12; Points: 30; Won: 2; Drawn: 1; Lost: 9

The Mixed A team captained by Kim Litchfield faced the prospect of a very competitive top division. Many opponents fielding experienced, regular pairings. It was a creditable performance to avoid relegation recording notable success later in the season.

Mixed B: Played: 11; Points: 41; Won: 4; Drawn: 2; Lost: 5

The Mixed B team captained by Jacqui Merrington fielded a blend of experienced veterans with relative newcomers. This resulted in a mid table finish reflecting some great wins alongside frustrating points dropped.

A big thank-you to all team captains for their selfless management of the squads and to all players who represented the club during the season.

Thanks also to Abi Hawman who has revived interest in the South Devon Winter league. The club is once again represented in this competition, bravely taking to the courts in all weathers.

Facebook

Many thanks to Abi Hawman who has been adding some excellent team reports on Facebook during the summer and winter leagues. These are an important addition to our club communications so: **please take a look at our club Facebook page: www.facebook.com/totnestennisclub**

Club Sessions

The ever-popular club sessions continue to run throughout the year. The 3 sessions organised weekly during the weekend, afternoon and evening are planned to maximize the opportunity for all adult members to attend. Timings have been extended on Thursday afternoon, likewise on Sunday mornings. This offsets the frustration of our limited court capacity.

The inclusive atmosphere warmly welcomes all adult members regardless of ability or experience. Sadly we cannot accommodate friends from other clubs. The convivial, but competitive tennis combines with a lovely social atmosphere off-court. Discussion frequently involves the quality of biscuits as much as the dodgy line-calls!

Thanks go to Peter Daly, Jackie Clayton, Barry Barber, Abi Hawman and Kim Litchfield for their willingness to manage these sessions. It is a considerable commitment and much valued by all at TCTC.

A special thank you to Jackie Clayton who is stepping down from Thursday sessions. Often seen with a racket in one hand and Henry the Hoover in the other, Jackie's contribution is always greatly appreciated.

Tournaments

Club Closed Tournament

The club organised its first-ever closed club tournament with an impressive number of adult members registering to compete. Unfortunately the ladies singles event was not contested. Played throughout September with a finals day in early October.

The doubles events caused much discussion over who would make the strongest pairings and take the various titles. The unseeded draw provoked even more debate on the various paths to the final. Whilst the more experienced team players tended to win through, it was fantastic to hear so many express their satisfaction at taking on the stronger players and learning from the experience.

As ever the autumn weather was a challenge with a series of very wet semi-finals. Nevertheless, finals day progressed as scheduled. Well supported by an enthusiastic crowd, enjoying a high standard of fantastic tennis. Nearly all matches were exciting and closely fought. The men's singles and ladies doubles requiring match tie breaks to decide the outcome.

It was agreed that the tournament was a great addition to our club calendar

Finals Day Results

MENS SINGLES

Rud Sawers bt Dave Hamilton 3-6, 6-3, 10-5

LADIES DOUBLES

Abi Hawman & Emma Croft bt Helen Paley & Jacqui Merrington 6-2, 4-6, 10-5

MIXED DOUBLES

Abi Hawman & Dave Hamilton bt Velma Smith & Sean Farris 6-2, 6-0

MENS DOUBLES

Jon Whiley & Francis Porter bt Rud Sawers & Sam Cook 6-4, 6-4



Rud Sawers



Jon Whiley & Francis Porter



Dave Hamilton & Abi Hawman

Wood And Whites Tournament

Following the enforced break the popular Wood And Whites tournament returned to our courts in the middle of Wimbledon fortnight. As always, it was fun and fashion combining with outdated technology to make for a great day. Wooden rackets and resplendent “Persil” white clothing allowed the ladies to rediscover their inner Evert’s, while the gentlemen became Bjorn again for a few hours!

In true SW19 tradition the weather gods favoured us, allowing play to begin on time for the 16 mixed pairings. Winners of each group progressing to semi-finals leading to a closely fought final between Jo Gibson and Rud Sawers v Abi Hawman and Miles Kevin. Jo and Rud taking the single set final 6-4.

The day was completed with a social BBQ.

Thanks to Don Chalcraft and Punate for their al fresco catering skills.



Jane Chalcraft Mixed Doubles Tournament

The annual mixed doubles tournament was originally scheduled for autumn. Sadly, the rain arrived as the 12 mixed pairs were warming up. The competition had to be abandoned and rescheduled for later in the year. Unfortunately, winter storms returned to force another postponement.

It is planned to run the 2022 tournament early in the new season.



Disability Programme

We are well into our second year of the disability programme and it continues to be a huge success for Bidwell Brook, Lifeworks and all the volunteer helpers. It is wonderful to see the progression from the children from the school, continuing through to when they move on to college. We are hoping the opportunity to play tennis can be extended this spring to young adults in the community who have left college. A huge thanks must go to Tonia who adapts her coaching to suit the varying needs and abilities and to the amazing volunteers without whom the programme would be impossible to run. Proof of its success and how rewarding it can be to be involved is reflected in the following:

Bidwell Brook feedback

“ We have accessed the tennis sessions for a while now and the students and adults have got so much out of it. They have formed lovely relationships with each other and the students look forward to attending every week. The sessions are always planned fantastically and the volunteers interact with the students wonderfully. It has become one of the highlights of the week.”

Richard Monaghan, class teacher, Bidwell Brook School

Lifeworks College Feedback

“ Students from Lifeworks College have been taking part in regular training sessions with Totnes Community Tennis Club. The students, all with special educational needs and disabilities, have had the opportunity to engage in targeted tennis sessions under the guidance of Tonia and the support of volunteers. The sessions are well planned and executed with high levels of participation. Volunteers have a friendly yet professional manner which puts the students at ease and helps to develop social skills. Activities are broken down into manageable chunks and differentiated according to the learners needs. In the short time students have attended, a significant difference has been noted in students’ ability to count, willingness to try new activities and communicate with others.

The students are excited to be able to collaborate with Totnes Community Tennis Club in renovating the garden outside of the centre. The students have been busy planning ways in which to create a calming, sensory space for the community to enjoy. Where possible, they will assist with the renovation and undertake regular maintenance work to ensure that the gardens continue to flourish in forthcoming months and years.”

Emma Pindard, Deputy Head of Lifeworks College

Volunteers feedback

- “It is a pleasure to assist the IPlay30 students and their mentors to play tennis. What I have noticed most was improvement in hand/eye coordination, dexterity, motivation and teamwork.”
- “I really enjoy helping out with teaching the children how to play tennis and all the other benefits they receive from the sessions...it's great to see the smiles on their faces every week”
- “It's just great fun for everyone involved and the time flies. Tonia always prepares really interesting sessions, everyone goes away smiling and pleased with their progress.”
- “Working as a volunteer on the disability tennis programme offers me a chance to give back to the club that is a valued part of my life, and utilise some of the skills I have acquired over the years in working with young people as well as learning new ones. I have enjoyed working as a team member coaching young people with additional needs. The key seems to be to have a flexible approach so that the coaching is appropriate to the varying abilities of the individuals. This is both challenging and rewarding! The structure and holding provided by the lead coach Tonia, results in a safe teaching environment and offers a baseline which can be adapted to each student's ability.”
- “I have enjoyed and found it satisfying to help Tonia and the Bidwell Brook students on a Wednesday afternoon to progress their tennis skills. It is interesting to watch them eagerly asking Tonia if they can demonstrate the next skill and make a good job of it. It is fascinating to see the boys and girls choose a partner to play with, work out how to execute the task and enjoy playing together co-operatively.”
- “I always come away from my Thursday IPlay30 sessions with a massive smile on my face and my spirits lifted. The energy and engagement from the young people who attend is infectious (in a good way!) not to mention a great excuse to be playful but hopefully improve my own game!”



LTA Level 4 accredited tennis coach Tonia Gooderham's feedback on the programme

“As the coach leading the TCTC IPlay30 initiative I have witnessed what a powerful and positive effect it has on the students' lives. They have brought an amazing energy to the club. From the moment they get out of the minibus many of the students race towards the courts. They are full of energy and enthusiasm as well as a high level of appreciation for the time they spend at the courts. I have seen great changes in their physical abilities, social skills and willingness to learn.

The IPlay30 programme has been made possible by a great team effort from the school, college, the club and all our volunteers. Personally, I love leading the sessions and feel very uplifted when teaching these students. I look forward to the continuation of the programme in 2023.”



Garden Project

One of the spin offs from the disability programme has been a collaborative garden project with Totnes Community Tennis Club and Lifeworks College. The short term plan is for the students to design and establish a sensory garden space with seating adjacent to court 4. The College are very excited about this project which they will be able to use as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award. Totnes Town Council have donated £2000 of funding to get the project started which we hope will be supported by community organisations ParkLife SW and Incredible Edibles. In the long term we hope that the college will be able to maintain the area as part of their horticulture work experience.

Coaching Report – Tonia Gooderham

Disability Programme Coaching

The students have brought an amazing energy to the club twice a week and to teach them is hugely rewarding – I have commented further in the IPlay 30 information on page 9 in this annual report.

Adult Groups

The small adult groups are proving to be very effective, all have seen great progress and had lots of fun! Many of the players at these groups are playing competitively either in club teams, the box leagues or club sessions – it's been very enjoyable helping with technical, tactical and mental factors relating to performance in matchplay. It's fantastic to see many players from the coached groups organising their own social sessions.

Totnes Junior Tennis Programme

The junior coaching programme continues to thrive.

I am seeing many students now reaping the rewards of their continuous efforts over their primary school years - our early teen players are looking particularly accomplished on court – it's a real joy to see the fun they're having on the court amidst ongoing new achievements.

New students continue to filter into the programme from 4-5 years old. We focus on improving the balance, agility and co-ordination of the younger players through fun games while learning the basics of the game.

The number of girls playing in our programme continues to be well above the national average. These girls are all great role models for prospective players and our younger players.

During the Summer term Rob and myself visited a number of primary schools establishing a club school link. These visits were well received and enjoyable.

A number of our students aged 10-16 have been helping out in groups with younger players –some do this as the voluntary section of their Duke of Edinburgh's (D of E) awards. Assistant coach volunteering helps students to build new skills and confidence and is very rewarding. The volunteer students have had a very positive impact on the classes – a big thank you to them all!

Congratulations to Amy and Finn who achieved their LTA Level 1 coaching qualification in 2022. Amy helps in a number of sessions during the week and Finn helps out on Saturday mornings as part of his D of E gold award. They both love helping out in the sessions, the juniors love working with them and we're very grateful to them!

| Category | Age (years) | 2022 | 2021 |
|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Blue | 3-7 | 52 | |
| Red | 5-8 | | 71 |
| Orange | 8-10 | 44 | 25 |
| Green | 9-11 | 54 | 12 |
| Yellow | 11+ | | 46 |
| Total | | 150 | 154 |

Individual Lessons

I'm working with a number of players of all ages and stages on their wide-ranging personal goals.

Coaching Conference 2023

I recently attended a coaching conference. Speakers amongst others included the head of LTA Coach Development and Emma Raducanu's strength and conditioning coach from when she was a junior. A number of fun and useful things were learnt and are now being introduced into the programme.

Thanks to...

- The **Totnes Community Tennis Club Committee** for management of the site, clubhouse, courts, court booking system, safeguarding, accounts and the many other factors that result in the club being a safe, welcoming place to play.
- A huge thank you to **Rob Mitchell** for his commitment to, and enthusiasm for, the coaching programme.
- **Paul Hailey, Head Tennis** for supporting the programme with equipment.
- **All of our players!**

I look forward to another great year on court in 2023!

Courts and Maintenance

Public Use Of Courts

We remain committed to keeping the courts open for public hire on a Pay & Play basis and feel it is important to encourage as many people as possible to play tennis. The health benefits of tennis are well known and it is gratifying to see the courts are being used by a wide range of people.

Income from public and non-member court hire was £3,846 in 2022 (2021: £5,259). The charge for the courts remains at £8 per hour.

Court bookings are made via the club's website using the ClubSpark booking system and access to the courts is controlled with combination locks. Thanks to Graham Hayman for changing this and communicating with the membership.

Court Surface

The artificial turf court surface on court numbers 1-3 remains popular and is in general wearing and playing very well. First Serve effected a repair on the advantage line of the near side of court 1 which was mentioned in last year's report. This has been effective.

Court 4 remains the principal coaching court and is wearing well.

Floodlights

The lights on court numbers 1-3 are excellent. We are grateful to South Hams District Council for the use of a cherrypicker and the expertise of the electrician team to replace the broken lighting unit on court 3.

We installed "Tweener" lights on court 4 during 2021. These are LED strip lights, mounted on the fencing on the sides of the court and therefore avoids the costly instalment of light bearing posts.

The Tweener lights have been repaired and we have come up with a solution to prevent players on the other courts being dazzled. The low tech solution of strategically placed banners works well and looks good too!!



South Hams District Council repairing LED floodlight

Maintenance

The maintenance team were kept busy during the year, carrying out both routine and improvement tasks:

- The artificial turf court surface requires regular maintenance. The courts are dressed with sand and need to be swept twice a week. We have a small tractor for this purpose.
- The problem of leaf litter still remains, so we asked for volunteers to join the maintenance team and sweep the courts in the autumn. Thank you to all the members who helped and we hope to call on your services again in the future. We are looking at a machine to gather leaf litter moving forward.

The committee has commissioned a three year maintenance arrangement with First Serve Ltd, the company who installed the courts, to cover maintenance issues beyond the scope of the maintenance team such as, power-washing, moss treatment and technical advice on matters such as surface repairs and optimum surface performance. This work was done in the late summer and we were commended on the condition of the courts by First Serve.

Storage remains a problem and we have acquired a lockable trunk that sits in the clubhouse to house coaching equipment.

A huge thank you to Maintenance Officer, Paul Thomas, and everyone who has helped with the numerous maintenance tasks during the year. Your help is massively appreciated and is reflected in the superb play and appearance of the courts.

If any members have the time and inclination to help with the weekly tractor drag and any maintenance tasks please contact Paul on paul.thomas2910@gmail.com



Paul Thomas and John Callaway digging a trench for the court 4 LED lights wiring

Fundraising and Sponsorship

Fundraising

Jackpot Club

Now in its 7th year, the Jackpot Club continues to be an integral part of the club's fund raising efforts. 50% of revenue generated is returned to Jackpot members in monthly cash prizes. 50% contributes to the club sinking fund for facilities upkeep and development. The Jackpot Club with over 50 members from TCTC, together with support from families and friends **raises over £1,000 annually and awards over £1,000 in prizes**. All members will be invited to join as the spring approaches. Entry remains at £1 per week.

Clubhouse Fundraising Event at Meadowbrook, Dartington

Thank you everyone who came along to our 'Let's Party' event – it was a huge success! Matt Harvey was fantastic performing some of his tennis writings – hilarious! The excellent Little Big Band 'rocked on' and got the audience dancing, DJ James played some brilliant sounds; and all backed up by the wonderful staff at New Lion Brewery and their magic fundraising brew – 'You Cannot Be Serious'!! – and Pizzalogica's super-tasty pizzas! Perfection!



Matt Harvey

Nearly £600 was raised for our new clubhouse, thanks everyone for making it such a memorable evening.

Totnes Town Council

TCTC was successful in its application for a Community Grant, being awarded the **maximum £2,000 funding**. This is directed towards expanding our community support for those with learning difficulties. Specifically focusing on a gardening project to enhance the aesthetics of the Borough Park within a valuable holistic project for the students.

Thanks are expressed to the Totnes Town Council.

Totnes & Dartington FC

Thanks are also expressed to the local football club for donating a **disability grant of £1,000** to support our growing disability tennis programme.



CHARTSEGE



THE COTT INN

Sponsorship

We are delighted to continue our relationship with Miles Kevin & Chartsedge, the independent estate agent based in Totnes, marketing homes in Devon and Cornwall.

Likewise, we are grateful for the continuing support provided by Mark Annear at The Cott Inn, Dartington.

We thank them both for their enthusiastic contribution to the club during these challenging times.

While the Cott Inn and Chartsedge remain our principle sponsors, TCTC would like to acknowledge the contribution made by club members who have sponsored the club via the advertising banners along courts 1, 2 & 3. These provide a useful screen to the court 4 lighting whilst highlighting these excellent local businesses.

Sara Edwards: **Arbow Garage**

Rud Sawers: **Rud Sawers Architects**

Paul Hailey: **Pro Shop: Racket Sales & Stringing Services**

Nigel Jones: **The East Gate Bookshop**



The East Gate
Bookshop

Social Events

Christmas Party

Over 80 members and friends danced the night away to the brilliant Little Big Band. A massive shout out to our hosts The New Lion Brewery and to Pizzalogica for turning out their delicious pizzas. Thanks again to all the members who supported the event which raised almost £300 towards funds.



Cricket Match with Harberton Cricket Club

The annual cricket match v Harberton Cricket Club took place on a beautiful late Friday afternoon. A stunning location at Harberton was witness to a wonderful match – our very part-time cricketers really excelled themselves as they very narrowly lost by just 6 runs - Harberton scored 134 and TCTC 129!! We had a perfect blend of youth and experience! Our ‘youngsters’ Ed O’Brien, Sam Miller and Josh Orell charged around the ground saving runs, taking wickets and then smashing boundaries! But they were brilliantly backed up by the rest of team who all contributed to really challenge HCC – our team was wonderfully marshalled by Captain Jeff Cornish.

Huge thanks to everyone involved – including the rowdy spectators! Unfortunately a chance to seek revenge with a return tennis match had to be cancelled due to bad weather.



Bowls Social Match

At the end of September our neighbours Totnes Bowls Club hosted a bowls taster session for the Tennis Club members. It was great to relax and enjoy the game and learn the rules and the skills involved. Hopefully we will be able to repeat this at the start of



their season in April.

Financial Review

The year ended 31 December 2022 resulted in a surplus of £23,367, (2021: £25,802).

Total income was £43,951 (2021: £48,841) and total expenditure £20,584 (2021: £23,039).

Main sources of income

- Membership £21,910, (2021:£16,870), accounted for 50% of total income (2021: 35%). The adult membership fee was £130 for the year (2021: £120)
- Court hire and lights £11,118 (2021: £10,960) accounted for 25% of total income (2021: 22%)
- Grants & sponsorship income £5,365 (2021: £16,071) accounted for 12% of total income (2021: 33%).

Details of the restricted grant income and donations received is as follows:

| Grant funder/Event | Purpose | Amount (£) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Totnes Town Council | Garden project | 2,000 |
| Totnes & Dartington Football Club | Disability tennis programme | 1,065 |
| LTA Open court initiative | Disability tennis programme | 300 |
| Club fundraising event | New Clubhouse | 778 |
| Total | | 4,143 |

In addition Sponsorship income of £2,000 was gratefully received from local businesses.

- Fundraising income £2,821, (2021: £2,487) from our main fundraising activity, the Jackpot Club, raised net £1,436 (2021: £1,137), after prize money and costs.

Expenditure

- The main expenditure items during the year were for the fees and planning of the new clubhouse, £8,100, and the final payment for the 'tweener' floodlights on court 4, £3,960.
- Routine costs of maintaining the court and clubhouse amounted to £1,985 (2021: £2,136)
- Restricted fund expenditure was for iPlay 30 and the new clubhouse

The surplus of £23,367 for the year, results in total club funds of £113,037 at 31 December 2022 (2021: £89,670).

Reserves policy

The committee have decided to hold a general fund at a level of 9-12 months operating expenditure, with the remaining funds held as a designated fund. The designated fund will be used for future refurbishment and improvements at the club, specifically the new clubhouse in the near future.

A sinking fund for the refurbishment of the courts and perimeter fencing currently stands at £30,000; with the development fund at £70,000.

Restricted funds

The restricted funds held at 31 December 2022 are for:

I Play 30 and will be used to fund this programme in 2023. I Play 30 are tennis activity sessions for children with learning, sensory and physical disabilities and for those experiencing ill-mental health and a

Garden project – working with Lifeworks College to create a garden adjacent to the tennis court 4.

The financial statements are shown on the last page of the report.

Independent Examiner's Report to the members of Totnes Community Tennis Club

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts, set out on page 20, of the above charity ("the club") for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the club's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Karen Williams ACA, ICEAW
Dorsley Barton
Harberton
Totnes

19 February 2023

Receipts and Payment Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

| | No. | 2022 Unrestricted Funds £ | 2022 Restricted Funds £ | 2022 Total Funds £ | No. | 2021 Total Funds £ |
|------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| Receipts | | | | | | |
| Membership subscriptions | | | | | | |
| Adults – full year | 163 | 21,200 | - | 21,200 | 135 | 16,110 |
| Students / Juniors | 47 | 710 | - | 710 | 66 | 760 |
| Total Member subscriptions | | 21,910 | - | 21,910 | | 16,870 |
| Visitors fees | | - | - | - | | 20 |
| Match fees | | 28 | - | 28 | | 123 |
| Court hire and lights | | 11,118 | - | 11,118 | | 10,960 |
| T-shirt / Ball sales | | 287 | - | 287 | | 801 |
| Event / tournament proceeds | | 1,644 | 778 | 2,422 | | 1,509 |
| Fundraising income | | 2,821 | - | 2,821 | | 2,487 |
| Grants & Sponsorship | | 2,000 | 3,365 | 5,365 | | 16,071 |
| Total receipts | | 39,808 | 4,143 | 43,951 | | 48,841 |
| Payments | | | | | | |
| Tennis balls / T-shirts | | 803 | 35 | 838 | | 1,175 |
| Event costs | | 705 | 200 | 905 | | 3,428 |
| Coaching | | - | 1,260 | 1,260 | | - |
| South Devon League fees | | 5 | - | 5 | | 25 |
| Fundraising expenses | | 1,385 | - | 1,385 | | 1,350 |
| Clubhouse repairs | | 139 | - | 139 | | 266 |
| Courts / outdoor area maintenance | | 1,846 | - | 1,846 | | 1,870 |
| Courts lights / resurfacing | | 3,960 | - | 3,960 | | 10,760 |
| New clubhouse | | 7,522 | 578 | 8,100 | | 1,102 |
| Office costs | | 490 | - | 490 | | 219 |
| Insurance | | 673 | - | 673 | | 504 |
| Rent arrears | | - | - | - | | 1,309 |
| Stripe charges | | 383 | - | 383 | | 483 |
| Subscription – LTA | | 480 | - | 480 | | 480 |
| Cleaning | | 120 | - | 120 | | 68 |
| Total payments | | 18,511 | 2,073 | 20,584 | | 23,039 |
| Surplus | | 21,297 | 2,070 | 23,367 | | 25,802 |
| Total funds brought forward | | 86,670 | 3,000 | 89,670 | | 63,868 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 107,967 | 5,070 | 113,037 | | 89,670 |
| Total funds held: | | | | | | |
| General fund | | 7,967 | | | | 8,670 |
| Restricted fund – I Play 30 | | 3,070 | | | | 3,000 |
| Restricted fund – Garden project | | 2,000 | | | | - |
| Designated – Sinking fund | | 30,000 | | | | 20,000 |
| Designated – Development fund | | 70,000 | | | | 58,000 |
| Total funds | | 113,037 | | | | 89,670 |

Totnes Community Tennis Club

England & Wales - Charity number 1169109

Accounts



Annual report and financial statement

for the year ended
31 December 2021

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Welcome from Francis Porter, Chair

It's with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Totnes Community Tennis Club's annual report for 2021

And what a year it has been. In my mind it has possibly been one of the most vibrant, positive, uplifting years in the club's history – a bold statement I know!

Our club had been wonderfully resilient and valuable to the local community during the numerous lockdowns and once fully open again the club has continued to be a fantastic location for sport in Totnes.

In 2020 we had to cancel our 50th anniversary plans but we 'altered' our birthday and in August 2021 we created the biggest event ever run at the club - a wonderful weekend celebration of tennis and our community. And how often would a club be visited by a paralympic athlete? Bright Ideas for Tennis, run by ex-Davis Cup player Danny Sapsford, brought along Lucy Shuker the top UK women's tennis player. We had vibrant tennis coaching, amazing food, a beautiful yurt and so much more. The support and energy of everyone involved in the club's celebration was deeply moving - the day was a success far beyond our wildest dreams. We raised a staggering £6,674 for Lifeworks – the greatest ever fundraising event the club has run.

The club is passionate about supporting the community's special education needs establishments to ensure that we can bring the wonderful game of tennis to everyone; and the training that our coaches and volunteers received on the day was a wonderful start to our exciting vision for tennis in the community.

And so began an exciting new initiative of weekly coaching sessions for special needs students from Bidwell Brook School and Lifeworks College. Huge thanks to Tonia and our excellent group of volunteers for running these sessions so brilliantly. The students and teachers are overjoyed with the positive impact these sessions are having.

On court a great new addition to our activities this year has been the new singles ladder. The level of interest has been amazing with 45 members playing competitive singles – this was unheard of before this year! One of the great benefits is that members have widened their network of players and met members they might not normally have come across. It has been a big effort to run and organise, so many thanks to Shaun Blair and Rud Sawers for all their hard work.



The coaching programme run so expertly by Tonia continues to grow and grow, offering expert guidance from 4 year olds up to 80 year olds!!

The committee are never keen to sit back and rest, so this year we started our biggest 'adventure' yet – to build a brand new clubhouse to match our fantastic on-court facilities. Club member Rud Sawers designed a wonderful vision for a new clubhouse and guided us expertly through the planning application process. We submitted our application this year and received news of approval just as 2022 started. There is a long way to go but it was a fantastic end to the year.



We have also received excellent support from South Hams District Council who fully understand our vision to bring sport and wellbeing to the wider community.

The club may appear to progress serenely onwards week by week but I think you would be staggered at the amount of hard work that goes on behind the scenes! As the club becomes busier and busier so the amount of work required to run the club increases – it really is like running a 7 days a week business. The hard-working members of the committee never cease to amaze me at their dedication and professionalism – we are all deeply indebted to their huge efforts. But this year more than ever, members have put their hand up to support the club – whether in the administration of the club, maintenance or with special needs coaching. This extra support is extremely uplifting for me, as sharing the load is so important.

Which leads me on to all of our members – the wonderful, friendly, welcoming atmosphere at the club is down to each and every one of you. The club is vibrant, happy and the standard of tennis continues to improve – thank you everyone for making the club what it is today.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis Porter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Francis Porter
Club Chair

Trustees

Francis Porter
Graham Hayman
Jackie Clayton

Sara Widdicombe
John Callaway
Paul Thomas

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Membership

Adults

There has been a huge interest in membership of the club this year, leading to the decision to cap the numbers at 135 adults in order to ensure all members have the best experience, especially at club sessions.

Initially, people applying after the 135 cap had been reached, were put onto a waiting list. However, as the list rapidly lengthened and there were no membership places, the list was discontinued. The waiting list “members” were informed of the change and offered the chance to set up their own email group to facilitate non-member play on the courts. After that time new applicants were advised to contact the club after 1st April 2022, at which time any available places would be offered on a ‘first come, first serve’ basis.

The 2021/2022 membership year was adjusted after the 2020 ‘lockdown’ year to run from 1st April to 31st March, with the annual fee maintained at £120. There was no winter membership or monthly reduction, as the club was full within the first month.

The interest in the club that started in 2020 has not only been maintained but is increasing, with weekly applications from interested players. Not only is the fantastic court surface a huge draw, but many newcomers have commented on the friendly atmosphere and the fact that they are made to feel very welcome.

The membership figures for the 2021/2022 tennis year are as follows:

| | 2021 | | | 2020 | | |
|-----------------|--------|------|-------|--------|------|-------|
| | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total |
| Adults | 51 | 84 | 135 | 46 | 88 | 134 |
| Winter | - | - | - | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Students | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 7 |

Juniors

The majority of junior members have come to the club via Tonia Gooderham’s coaching programme. This year we have seen an increasing number of juniors and parents playing together which has been fantastic to see and really adds to the vibrancy of the club – plus some competitive family doubles taking place!

To boost the parents/juniors involvement in the club, we created a Junior/Parent Coordinator role with parent Will Blake offering to help communicate with, and involve the parent body in, the club. We hope to build on this in the coming year with possible family social events at the club.

Teams, Club Tennis and Tournaments

Teams Overview

Representative teams traditionally compete in the South Devon Tennis League.

Following a year when our men's, ladies and mixed teams missed out on match-play owing to Covid restrictions, inter-club competition returned with the club fielding 5 teams across the various divisions.

There was considerable interest from our adult members to take up the challenge of competitive tennis and team captains rotated large squads so that record numbers of members enjoyed playing league tennis, many for the first time.

The Men's A team captained by James Glanville was heading towards the top spot in Division 1. However, apathy amongst opponents prevented them from completing all their fixtures. With only 7 matches played the final position of 3rd does not reflect the strength in depth of the men's A squad.

The men's B team managed by club stalwart Peter Daly performed well to finish 3rd in a very competitive Division 2. New partnerships were established and impressive performances recorded.

Our ladies team returned to competition against traditional South Hams rivals. Della Joint's squad achieved an impressive runner's-up spot but proved no match for run away winners Dartmouth in ladies Division 1.

Our Mixed A team achieved a creditable mid-table finish against stiff opposition throughout the season. Captain Kim Lichfield was able to field many new pairings enjoying a full season of top quality tennis.

Jacqui Merrington took on her new role of captaining the Mixed B squad.

Unfortunately, the team was deprived of the runner's-up spot when a weather postponement prevented them completing all fixtures. Excellent hospitality was a feature of all home matches.

Particular thanks to all team captains for their selfless management of the squads and to all players who represented the club during the season.

Singles Box Leagues

In summer 2021 club members Shaun Blair and Rud Sawers volunteered to introduce and manage a Singles Box League competition. We are now in the third round of the box league matches and the interest and enthusiasm they have generated have surpassed all expectations.

We were amazed when 45 members came forward to participate in the first round of matches. Due to the winter season and covid restrictions the leagues were understandably quieter during the current round.

The leagues have been a great success with many players being introduced to singles match play and others reigniting their singles careers.

We would like to thank Shaun and Rud for the excellent organisation and everyone who has supported the leagues and hope you have enjoyed meeting and getting to know each other on court.

Club sessions

Following a disjointed start to the year with Covid restrictions, our much-loved club sessions returned in full for the start of the summer season.

It was a pleasant reminder that these occasions really do bring out the best in our club. Convivial, but competitive tennis combines with a great social atmosphere off-court. Members are frequently pampered with goodies and the occasional beer on a special birthday celebration.

The opportunity to offer 3 club sessions throughout each week of the year, allows us to provide organised tennis for as many members as possible.

Our limited 4-court capacity remains a frustration at times, however the extended sessions really help.

The enthusiasm of regular organisers, Peter Daly, Jackie Clayton and Barry Barber supported by Kim Lichfield and Abi Hawman is much valued. Their skill in matching partnerships contributes greatly to the quality and popularity of these sessions.

Tournaments

In the autumn Peter Daly kindly organised the Jane Chalcraft Mixed Doubles Shield tournament.

12 pairs entered the tournament. Pairings were selected randomly with round-robin matches contested on our 3 synthetic grass courts.

A closely contested final saw Barry Smith and Emma Croft overcome Jerry Hawley and Heather Nicholson to win the trophy for the first time.

Many thanks to Peter Daly for organising the tournament.



Individual success

Congratulations to James Glanville who won the Devon County closed tournament over 40 singles title.

Congratulations to Kolo Blake on winning the U16 boys title on the Nexus Junior Tour at Exeter Golf and Country Club

Coaching Report – Tonia Gooderham

2021 has been a very busy and highly enjoyable time on court. The programme has grown continually throughout the year requiring a constant increase in the number of classes. The numbers of juniors now playing are as follows :

| Category | Age (years) | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Blue | 3-7 | | 30 |
| Red | 5-8 | 71 | |
| Orange | 8-10 | 25 | 26 |
| Green | 9-11 | 12 | 29 |
| Yellow | 11+ | 46 | 22 |
| Total | | 154 | 107 |

As well as our regular coaching classes we have also visited primary schools. This has resulted in a number of children joining our coaching programme.

A very positive development this year has been the number of children including tennis as their physical activity or volunteering section in their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Having these children to help the younger juniors has been wonderful to witness.

Following the club's 50th birthday celebration the I Play 30 is now up and running. The sessions with Bidwell Brook special needs school have been wonderful. The pupils have been amazing, full of energy and appreciation. A big thank you to John Callaway for organising the sessions and to the great volunteers; Pete Nuttall, Heather Nicholson, Graham Hayman, Paul Mukerji and Geoff Powell.

The adult coaching programme has continued to be well received. The small group coaching is still very popular and there has been an influx of many of the junior's parents learning to play.

We are continuing to support our juniors in competitions. Special congratulations to Kolo Blake for winning his first title in 2021 – U16 boys title on the Nexus Junior Tour at Exeter Golf and Country Club. We have also arranged some successful matchplay events at the club and are planning to do more.

I have continued to keep my Coach Accreditation + status up to date, renewing my safeguarding and First Aid certification in Autumn 2021.

Overall, it has been a very enjoyable and positive year on court. I would like to say a big thank you to Rob Mitchell for his help on all aspects of the programme and to the committee for their continued support. I am looking forward to another great year.

Courts and Maintenance

Public Use Of Courts

We remain committed to keeping the courts open for public hire on a Pay & Play basis and feel it is important to encourage as many people as possible to play tennis. The health benefits of tennis are well known and we are in early discussions with the local Social Prescribing Team to add tennis to the range of options for referral. The courts remain busy and it is pleasing to see so many people enjoying tennis on the Borough Park.



Income from public and non-member court hire was £5,259 in 2021, 36% more than 2020 (£3,863). The charge for the courts remains at £4 per hour per person.

Court bookings are made via the club's website using the ClubSpark booking system and access to the courts is controlled with combination locks. We looked at an LTA scheme for automated court access but decided against it on the grounds of ongoing maintenance costs.

Court Surface

The artificial turf court surface on court numbers 1-3 remains popular and is in general wearing and playing very well. First Serve effected a repair on the deuce service line of the far side of court 1 which has been effective. A similar repair is required on the advantage court service line nearest the clubhouse and this will be scheduled for the spring/summer as the courts need to be dry and warm.

Floodlights

The lights on court numbers 1-3 are excellent. Unfortunately, we have had a recent problem with a light on court 3, however we have obtained a replacement unit under warranty and have commissioned local electricians to replace the unit.

We installed "Tweener" lights on court 4 during 2021. These are LED strip lights, mounted on the fencing on the sides of the court and therefore avoids the costly instalment of light bearing posts.

The Tweener lights offer a good playing and coaching experience, although we have had teething problems with occasional failure of the lighting and intermittent flickering of the lights on the side of the court nearest the clubhouse. We are in discussion with the company that installed the lights to achieve a resolution.

The other problem that we had not fully appreciated, until the lights were installed on court 4, is the distracting effect of the Tweener lights on players on courts 1-3. We have put up temporary screens to mitigate the effect of the lights and are looking for a definitive solution moving forward.

Maintenance

The maintenance team were kept busy during the year, carrying out both routine and improvement tasks:

- the artificial turf court surface requires regular maintenance. The courts are dressed with sand and need to be swept twice a week. We have a small tractor for this purpose.
- the problem of leaf litter still remains, so we asked for volunteers to join the maintenance team and sweep the courts in the autumn. Thank you to all the members who helped and we hope to call on your services again in the future.
- we have installed signage on the back fence of court 2 that celebrates the Totnes Community Tennis Club.

The committee has commissioned a three year maintenance arrangement with First Serve Ltd, the company who installed the courts, to cover maintenance issues beyond the scope of the maintenance team such as, power-washing, moss treatment and technical advice on matters such as surface repairs and optimum surface performance. This work was done in the late summer and we were commended on the condition of the courts by First Serve.

Storage remains a problem and we have acquired a lockable trunk that sits in the clubhouse to house coaching equipment.

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped with the numerous maintenance tasks during the year. Your help is massively appreciated and is reflected in the superb play and appearance of the courts.



Financial Review

The year ended 31 December 2021 resulted in a surplus of £25,802, (2020: £26,363). Total income was £48,841 (2020: £33,993) and total expenditure £23,039 (2020: £7,630).

Main sources of income

- Membership £16,870, (2020:£12,828), accounted for 35% of total income (2020: 38%). The adult membership fee was £120 for the year, compared to £100 for 10 months in 2020 due to Covid restrictions closing the club.
- Grants & Sponsorship income £16,071 (2020: £10,500) accounted for 33% of total income (2020: 31%).

Details of the restricted grant income and donations received is as follows:

| Grant funder | Purpose | Amount (£) |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Sport England | Tweener light installation court 4 | 10,000 |
| Wiltshire Community Foundation | I Play 30 | 2,021 |
| Allianz Sport | I Play 30 | 3,000 |
| Individual donation | Clubhouse | 50 |
| Total | | 15,071 |

In addition we were delighted to continue to receive sponsorship income from Chartsedge

- Court hire and lights income £10,960, (2020: £7,737). This includes public court hire, booked via the club's website of £5,259 (2020: £3,863).
- Fundraising income £2,487, (2020: £2,658) from our main fundraising activity, the Jackpot Club raised net £1,137 (2020: £1,201), after prize money and costs.

Expenditure

- The main expenditure item during the year was the installation of the Tweener lights on court 4, £10,760. There is a further invoice of £3,960 to pay for the lights installation, but as mentioned in the maintenance report above, this will not be paid until all teething problems have been sorted. The club was fortunate to receive a grant of £10,000 from Sport England towards this project.
- The first costs for the new clubhouse were incurred, £1,102. These costs related to the submission of the successful planning application.
- Other routine costs of maintaining the court and clubhouse amounted to £2,136 (2020: £2,606).
- Event costs of £3,428, include expenses relating to the 50th anniversary celebrations and Bright Ideas for tennis day where the club launched and received coaching for the I Play 30 coaching sessions. Wiltshire Community Foundation granted the club £2,021 for the launch and set up of I Play 30.

The surplus of £25,802 for the year, results in total club funds of £89,670 at 31 December 2021 (2020: £63,868).

Commitments

At 31 December 2021, the club owed Outdoor Carpets £3,960 for the balance of the Tweener light installation on court 4. This amount will be paid from general funds.

Reserves policy

The committee have decided to hold a general fund at a level of 9-12 months operating expenditure, with the remaining funds held as a designated fund. The designated fund will be used for future refurbishment and improvements at the club. A sinking fund for the refurbishment of the courts and perimeter fencing currently stands at £20,000, with the development fund at £58,000.

Restricted funds

The restricted funds held at 31 December 2021 are for 1 Play 30 and will be used to fund this programme in 2022. 1 Play 30 are tennis activity sessions for children with learning, sensory and physical disabilities and for those experiencing ill-mental health.

The financial statements are shown on the last page of the report.

Fundraising and Sponsorship

Fundraising – Jackpot Club

Now in its sixth consecutive year the jackpot club continues to be the club's primary means of fundraising. 50% of revenue generated is returned to jackpot members in a range of monthly cash prizes while the other 50% contributes to the club's funds, supporting facilities upkeep and development.

Annually the jackpot club generates over £1,000 for the club and awards over £1,000 in cash prizes.

All members will be invited to join as the new season approaches. Entry remains at £1 per week.

The 2021 bumper Christmas draw, with £500 first prize, was planned to be held at the Sunday club session on 18th December. The draw and tennis went ahead, but unfortunately omicron put a stop to the planned mulled wine, mince pies and social gathering.

Sponsorship and Support

We are delighted to continue our relationship with **Miles Kevin and Chartsedge**, the independent estate agent based in Totnes, marketing homes in Devon and Cornwall.

Likewise, we are grateful for the continuing support provided by **Mark Anear at The Cott Inn**, Dartington.



Time to Celebrate!

50th Anniversary Celebration : 7- 8 August 2021

Sadly due to Covid restrictions we were unable to hold our regular social events – the Christmas Party at the Cott Inn, the annual cricket match with Harberton Cricket Club or to continue our collaborative racketball sessions with Dartington Squash Club.

However, we were able to hold the club's 50th anniversary celebration which had been postponed from 2020. It was well worth the wait as the club hosted a fabulous weekend of tennis coaching and activities, exhibitions and partying. With a stunning yurt (provided by Yurts For Life) as our centerpiece in the park, the extravaganza kicked off on Saturday evening with a members' social evening of fish and chips, music, dancing and a fundraising auction.

On Sunday the charity 'Bright Ideas For Tennis' provided a day of tennis activities led by ex-Davis Cup player, Danny Sapsford and top UK wheelchair tennis player, Lucy Shuker. Bright Ideas for Tennis aims to provide tennis clubs with a means to generate funds in order to develop their coaching programmes and focuses on providing opportunities for people with disabilities or those experiencing mental ill health to play tennis.

More than 50 club members and juniors took part in coaching sessions on the day. Club members Sarah Gaisford and James Glanville played a thrilling exhibition match with Danny Sapsford and Lucy Shuker. Followed by juniors Kolo Blake and Rose Bruynseels taking on Danny and Lucy in a fun tie-break match.

The event reinforced our club's commitment to provide tennis for all in the community and concluded with a training session for coaches and volunteers in the unique I Play 30 coaching programme. This has enabled the club to deliver specialised coaching to local special needs establishments

After the training, Danny Sapsford said,

You've proved just how inclusive tennis can be. You are a shining example of exactly what can be done.

Star of the day was player Lucy Shuker, who took part in several exhibition matches and coaching sessions just days before she headed to Tokyo for her fourth Paralympic Games, where she won a silver medal in the women's wheelchair doubles.

In addition to the tennis, there was an exhibition of photographs in the yurt showcasing tennis in Totnes and the surrounding area over the years. The club also unveiled its vision for the future, with a scale model and drawings for a fantastic new clubhouse designed by Rud Sawers Architects. This gave members an opportunity to see the proposal and to provide feedback and make suggestions for the new clubhouse.

Due to the amazing support from everyone who attended and donated to the event, we raised £6,674 for Lifeworks, the learning disability charity based at Dartington.

Special thanks go to Mark Annear and his team at The Cott Inn, for providing a delicious lunchtime tagine.



THANK YOU... to our generous local sponsors who supported the whole event:

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 Totnes and South Hams Tyre Services
 Inter-Line Building Supplies
 Morrisons Totnes Community Champions
 Windeatts Solicitors
 Yurts For Life
 Grow Edge



Opening up tennis for special needs children

The covid pandemic made us all realise how important tennis is to our health and well-being. As a club we believe it is essential that all sectors of the community are given access to tennis. In discussions with two local special needs establishments, Bidwell Brook School and Lifeworks, we realised that we could make a real difference and so for several months have been working hard to bring tennis to this sector of our community.

On Wednesday 3 November, after lots of hard work, we held our first I Play 30 coaching session, led by our coach, Tonia Gooderham and assisted by volunteers from the club. Ten excited students from Bidwell Brook, including one boy in a wheelchair, embarked on a range of fun exercises designed to boost their coordination, fitness and mental focus. The exercises are set to give small challenges and goals and even in the few sessions so far, we can see small improvements and the huge benefits that sport can bring to people's wellbeing.

The sessions have now been extended to Lifeworks who have started I Play 30 coaching sessions on Thursday afternoons. A big thanks to all the volunteers who have supported this new venture, without them we wouldn't be able to run the sessions.

Richard Monaghan, Bidwell Brook Class Teacher, said:

The children are getting such a lot out of working with a new set of people and developing new skills that they will be able to use in other contexts.

Some quotes from the Bidwell Students:

I enjoy our tennis sessions because I enjoy playing tennis and learning new things

I enjoy our tennis sessions because I like playing the different games

I enjoy our tennis sessions because I get to play with new people

Independent Examiner's Report to the members of Totnes Community Tennis Club

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts, set out on page 16, of the above charity ("the club") for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the club's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Karen Williams ACA, ICEAW
Dorsley Barton
Harberton
Totnes

21 February 2022

Receipts and Payment Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

| | No. | 2021 Unrestricted Funds £ | 2021 Restricted Funds £ | 2021 Total Funds £ | No. | 2020 Total Funds £ |
|------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| Receipts | | | | | | |
| Membership subscriptions | | | | | | |
| Adults – full year | 135 | 16,110 | - | 16,110 | 134 | 12,441 |
| Students / Juniors | 66 | 760 | - | 760 | 125 | 210 |
| Winter membership (2020) | - | - | - | - | 4 | 177 |
| Total Member subscriptions | | 16,870 | | 16,870 | | 12,828 |
| Visitors fees | | 20 | - | 20 | | 182 |
| Match fees | | 123 | - | 123 | | 25 |
| Court hire and lights | | 10,960 | - | 10,960 | | 7,737 |
| Ball / T-shirt sales | | 801 | - | 801 | | 63 |
| Event / tournament proceeds | | 1,509 | - | 1,509 | | - |
| Fundraising income | | 2,487 | - | 2,487 | | 2,658 |
| Grants & Sponsorship | | 1,000 | 15,071 | 16,071 | | 10,500 |
| Total receipts | | 33,770 | 15,071 | 48,841 | | 33,993 |
| Payments | | | | | | |
| Tennis balls / T-shirts | | 1,175 | - | 1,175 | | 129 |
| Event costs | | 1,407 | 2,021 | 3,428 | | - |
| South Devon League fees | | 25 | - | 25 | | - |
| Fundraising expenses | | 1,350 | - | 1,350 | | 1,457 |
| Clubhouse repairs | | 266 | - | 266 | | 912 |
| Courts & outdoor area maintenance | | 1,870 | - | 1,870 | | 1,694 |
| Courts lights / resurfacing | | 760 | 10,000 | 10,760 | | 2,160 |
| New clubhouse | | 1,052 | 50 | 1,102 | | - |
| Office costs | | 219 | - | 219 | | 395 |
| Insurance | | 504 | - | 504 | | 479 |
| Rent arrears | | 1,309 | - | 1,309 | | - |
| Stripe charges | | 483 | - | 483 | | 262 |
| Subscription – LTA | | 480 | - | 480 | | 40 |
| Cleaning | | 68 | - | 68 | | 102 |
| Total payments | | 10,968 | 12,071 | 23,039 | | 7,630 |
| Surplus | | 22,802 | 3,000 | 25,802 | | 26,363 |
| Total funds brought forward | | 63,868 | - | 63,868 | | 37,505 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 86,670 | 3,000 | 89,670 | | 63,868 |
| Total funds held: | | | | | | |
| General fund | | 8,670 | | | | 5,868 |
| Restricted fund – I Play 30 | | 3,000 | | | | - |
| Designated – Sinking fund | | 20,000 | | | | 10,000 |
| Designated – Development fund | | 58,000 | | | | 48,000 |
| Total funds | | 89,670 | | | | 63,868 |

Totnes Community Tennis Club

England & Wales - Charity number 1169109

Accounts



Annual report and financial statement

for the year ended
31 December 2020

WELCOME from Francis Porter, Chair

It's with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Totnes Community Tennis Club's annual report for 2020

As I sat down to sum up this past year I really was at a loss as to what to say about this depressing, challenging year.

I re-read last year's report and this time last year we were looking forward to a glorious spring and summer of tennis on our new courts and celebrating our 50th anniversary – and then of course the whole world changed!

It's very easy and understandable to sink into despair and gloom as we are still deeply immersed in this grim pandemic; however, I have found throughout this long year that three things have kept me positive and 'sane' – my family, my friends and tennis.

I started playing tennis at a small London park with my mum when I was about 6 – gritty, shale courts that always got into my knees when I fell over desperately trying to hit the ball. From that time onwards I fell in love with the game – but never imagined it would come to have such importance as in this past year! Tennis has provided me with wonderful exercise and essential social interaction – two benefits I'm sure you can all relate to.

Despite three lockdowns where we have had to close the club we have actually been incredibly fortunate both in playing a naturally socially distanced sport and being here in the south west. So many community sport facilities have been closed but whenever possible we have opened the club and it has been an incredible hive of activity. Our club has been a shining beacon in an otherwise subdued Borough Park.

The courts have never been so busy with bookings starting at 8.00 going through to 21.00 on all four courts. We have had members, juniors and their parents, Tonia's coaching sessions and many pay & play bookings from local people desperate for some form of exercise.

I want to offer a very big thank you to everyone who has played at the club this past year and enabled our wonderful club to remain open and run safely – the atmosphere has been as friendly as ever and you could really sense the joy and relief from everyone at just being able to play tennis and laugh! Without your cooperation and good nature the club would have been a very different place.



With the club being so popular it has of course meant that the hard working committee has been kept incredibly busy – the club really would not function without their incredible dedication. The club is now so complex that it has to be run like a business and that takes a lot of effort on top of their busy lives.

Jackie, (Membership Secretary) dealt with a constant stream of enquiries and the annual renewals (she can also be found at the wheel of the tractor on court sweeping duty!); Sara (Treasurer) keeps a wonderfully professional grip on our finances; John (Social secretary) has sadly only had two social events to organise but he is also a brilliant handyman and has been kept busy with numerous essential tasks around the club; Paul (Maintenance Officer) has almost taken up permanent residence at the club he has been so dedicated to maintaining the courts, cutting the grass, mending the fences; finally Graham (Club Secretary) who is vying with Paul for the coveted club residency is also Paul's ever-present assistant and throughout the year can be seen at the club dealing with any issues and also running the Jackpot Club so well for us.

Many thanks to them all – it really is an honour and a pleasure to be working with them.

One of the outstanding sights at the club this past year has been seeing the number of children playing at the club under the expert guidance of LTA coach Tonia Gooderham. At a time when children's organised exercise has been devastated, Tonia has consistently provided fun, high quality coaching for a range of ages and I'm sure many local families are incredibly grateful for all her efforts.

We are very grateful to Jon Parkinson at South Hams District Council for his advice and ongoing support during the year as we develop the club.

And so, what will the next year bring.... I dare not make any predictions but one thing that I am sure of is that with everyone's help the amazing Totnes Community Tennis Club, once open again, will continue to be a vibrant, happy club embracing anyone who wants to play tennis.



Francis Porter
Club Chair

Trustees

Francis Porter
Graham Hayman
Jackie Clayton
Paul Thomas

Sara Widdicombe
John Callaway
Keith Reay (resigned 9 March 2020)
Peter Daly (resigned 17 June 2020)

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

None of us could have predicted what would happen in 2020. Covid-19 presented many challenges to everyone and restricted when and how tennis could be played. In spite of this, the club can report another successful year. Please read on for the full report....

Membership

Adults

The club's membership year normally runs from May to April. With lockdown and uncertainty as to when play could recommence, the start date was delayed to June, with a 10 month membership period to March. Membership was set at £100, with a monthly rolling programme of renewals. The fee was adjusted down by £10 each month, so members could join when they felt comfortable to return to play. There was no separate winter 2020 membership.

The availability of tennis when most indoor sporting activities were closed, super weather and the fantastic reaction to the new court surface, meant that the interest in the club was greater than ever. The club welcomed many new members and the result was a record 134 members.

The membership figures for 2020/2021 tennis year are as follows:

| | 2020 | | | 2019 | | | % change |
|----------|--------|------|-------|--------|------|-------|----------|
| | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total | |
| Adults | 46 | 88 | 134 | 29 | 60 | 89 | 50.6 |
| Winter | 2 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 11 | (45.5) |
| Students | 2 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 133.0 |

Juniors

The majority of junior members have come to the club via Tonia Gooderham's coaching programme. Their membership year officially ended in September, but was extended free of charge until April 2021, in order to bring the period of membership in line with the adults.

The membership offer for juniors is currently being reviewed, due to be finalised ready for an April to March membership.

Teams, Club Tennis and Tournaments

Totnes Teams Overview

Representative teams traditionally compete in the South Devon Tennis League. Sadly, competitive doubles for our men's, ladies and mixed teams fell victim to the Covid regulations with the 2020 Summer and Winter League disbanded before a single ball was hit in anger.

With the easing of Government restrictions in mid-summer the Devon County LTA piloted a countywide Over 55s friendly, doubles competition. Club member, Heather Nicholson took responsibility for fielding an enthusiastic squad with a fine blend of experience and even more experience! It was a good opportunity to travel to new venues and to host visiting teams on our new courts.

Many thanks to Heather for organising this.

Informal, friendly fixtures were also arranged by club members against old adversaries at nearby clubs in order to enjoy some competitive tennis.

Club Sessions

In spite of the challenges imposed by Covid restrictions our Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday club sessions continued to thrive when they were able to go ahead. The greater number of adult club members increased the popularity and enhanced the quality of club play.

Court hours have been extended and timings modified to provide maximum opportunity for as many players as possible to enjoy club tennis.

This increased popularity presented an organisational challenge as we remain limited by our four court capacity and Covid protocols. Unfortunately, but understandably while our membership is full we cannot currently invite visitors to these sessions.

We are indebted to the contribution from Pete Daly, Barry Barber and Jackie Clayton to ensure that these club sessions retain their special atmosphere and members enjoy great, competitive tennis.

Tournaments

The internal club tournaments traditionally organised through the season were also cancelled as a result of the virus. Unfortunately this included the wooden racket tournament planned to run alongside the clubs 50th anniversary celebrations.

Coaching Report – Tonia Gooderham

The 2020 coaching programme has been full of positive energy and we have seen some great improvement in all the players.

I restructured the coaching programme during the year. All of my sessions are now either small groups or 1-to-1 lessons. I am very pleased with these changes as it means:

1. I am able to get to know each pupil individually
2. Coaching is player-centred. Pupils are given specific teaching points relating to the performance factors – technical, tactical, physical and mental
3. The groups have become small social units, so pupils are progressing together and working as a team

During 2020 I attended 2 LTA Youth courses. These courses introduced the new LTA junior coaching structure.

The juniors are now organised into 5 categories, by age. The categories and numbers of Juniors I am now coaching are shown below:

| Category | Age (years) | Number of Juniors |
|----------|-------------|-------------------|
| Blue | 3-7 | 30 |
| Red | 5-8 | |
| Orange | 8-10 | 26 |
| Green | 9-11 | 29 |
| Yellow | 11+ | 22 |
| Total | | 107 |

In addition, I have a number of juniors taking individual lessons. I am very pleased to see a high number of girls playing, way above the national average. Going forward I intend to incorporate more games/matchplay into the sessions and hope to restart regular matchplay for the juniors, including an annual tournament. I will also continue to encourage those, who are keen, to enter local competitions.

LTA Accreditation+

I have achieved the required professional development points for LTA Accreditation+. This included the following qualifications :

- BTCA Mental health
- BTCA Mental First Aid Certificate
- LTA Youth (2x)

The adult coaching programme is going very well. I am offering both individual lessons and small group sessions. There are some 30-40 adults playing with me each week.

Overall, it has been a very enjoyable and positive year on court. I would like to say a big thank you to Rob Mitchell for his help on all aspects of the programme and to the committee for their continued support. I am looking forward to another great year.

Courts and Maintenance

Public Use Of Courts

We are committed to keeping the courts open for public hire on a Pay & Play basis and feel it is important to encourage as many people as possible to play tennis. There was an unprecedented demand for public court hire during 2020 as tennis proved to be a popular and accessible form of exercise. Bookings are made via the club's website using the ClubSpark booking system and access to the courts controlled with combination locks. In previous years, some court hire bookings came via the Pavillion Leisure Centre, but with their facilities closed, this wasn't an option during 2020. Income from public and non-member court hire was £3,863 150% more than 2019 £1,542. The charge for the courts is £4 per hour per person.



Court Surface

This was the first full year of playing on the new artificial turf court surface on courts 1-3 and using the LED lights, both of which were installed in Autumn 2019. By popular consent both have been very successful.

At the beginning of 2020 the committee decided to improve the surface of court 4, by applying a "powder coating" that extends the life of the court surface by 50%.

At the same time it was agreed with the coach, Tonia Gooderham, that the court would be equipped with additional markings for coaching purposes. As a result court 4 is now, by mutual agreement, the preferred court for coaching activities. This court is limited by the lack of lighting, but the committee is currently exploring a lighting solution for the court.



Maintenance Report

The maintenance team kept busy during the year, carrying out both routine and improvement tasks:

- the artificial turf court surface requires regular maintenance. The courts are dressed with sand and need to be swept twice a week. We have a small tractor for this purpose and thankfully a willing team of volunteer drivers.
- the on-going problem with leaf litter on court has improved with:
- the removal of some of the trees on the boundary between the park and the railway station. Thanks to SHDC for completing this work.
- the construction of a physical barrier to stop vegetation being blown onto the courts, (particularly court 3) has been successfully created. Phil Atkins generously gave his time to carry out this work and we are very grateful to him.
- although greatly reduced, the problem of leaf litter still remains, so we asked for volunteers to join the maintenance team and sweep the courts in the Autumn. Thank you to all of the members who helped – we hope this will be a regular event!
- the artificial turf backstop to courts 2 and 3 was extended to include court 1

The committee has commissioned a three year maintenance arrangement with First Serve Ltd, the company who installed the courts, to cover maintenance issues beyond the scope of the maintenance team such as, power-washing, moss treatment and technical advice on matters such as surface repairs and optimum surface performance.

Facilities in and around the clubhouse have also been enhanced during the year, with the installation of a hot water system in the clubhouse, security lighting outside the clubhouse and lights room and improved locks.

A huge thanks to everyone who has helped with the numerous maintenance tasks during the year. Your help is massively appreciated and is reflected in the superb play and appearance of the courts.



Financial Review

The year ended 31 December 2020 resulted in a surplus of £26,363, (2019: deficit (£17,486), which is a very encouraging result in such a difficult year.

It illustrates the importance of tennis as a means of physical exercise, social interaction and general wellbeing during such challenging times.

Total income for 2020 was £33,993 (2019: £62,534) and total expenditure £7,630 (2019: £80,020, when £75,313 was spent on resurfacing courts and upgrading lights)

The main sources of income were:

- Membership £12,828, a 20% increase on 2019 (£10,655), accounted for 38% of total income (2019: 17%). The adult membership fee was £100 for 10 months in 2020 (2019: £110 for 12 months).
- Grants & Sponsorship income £10,500 (2019: £42,500) accounted for 31% of total income. £10,000 of this was a Covid-19 Business Support Grant received from South Hams District Council. In addition we were delighted to continue to receive sponsorship income from Chartsedge
- Court hire/lighting income £7,737, (2019: £5,776). The 34% increase on 2019 illustrates the popularity of the use of the courts during the year. The public court hire, booked via the club's website amounted to £3,863, an increase of 150% on 2019, £1,542.
- Fundraising income £2,658, (2019: £2,457) from our main fundraising activity, the Jackpot Club raised net £1,201 (2019: £1,107), after prize money and costs.

The main expenditure items relate to court and clubhouse maintenance, £2,606, and court 4 improvements £2,160. General expenditure is increasing as the club takes full responsibility for the courts from the council. This is the first year the club had to take out insurance, at a cost of £479, due to the change in court responsibilities.

The surplus of £26,363 for the year, results in **total club funds of £63,868** at 31 December 2020 (2019: £37,505). This is a healthy balance at the end of a year which has seen restrictions on play and challenges all round.

Commitments – at 31 December 2020, the club owed South Hams District Council £1,120 for ground rent . This rent had been withheld while the lease was negotiated and will be paid from general funds.

Reserves policy

The committee have decided to hold a general fund at a level of 9-12 months operating expenditure, with the remaining funds held as a designated fund. The designated fund will be used for future refurbishment and improvements at the club. A sinking fund for the refurbishment of the courts and perimeter fencing currently stands at £10,000, with the development fund at £48,000.

The financial statements are shown on the last page of the report.

Fundraising and Sponsorship

Fundraising

Now in its 5th year, the Jackpot Club continues to be the club's primary means of fund raising. 50% of revenue generated is returned to jackpot members in monthly cash prizes. 50% contributes to the club sinking fund for facilities upkeep and development. The Jackpot club raises over £1,000 annually and awards over £1,000 in prizes. All members will be invited to join as the spring approaches.

Entry remains at £1 per week.

Sponsorship and Support

We are delighted to continue our relationship with **Miles Kevin and Chartsedge**, the independent estate agent based in Totnes, marketing homes in Devon and Cornwall.

Likewise, we are grateful for the continuing support provided by **Mark Annear at The Cott Inn**, Dartington.

We thank them both for their enthusiastic contribution to the club during these challenging times.



The
Cott Inn

Charity Fundraising

During the year, we found an outlet for used tennis balls. The tennis balls were taken for recycling and we received £62, which was an unexpected bonus. Rather than retain these funds, the committee decided it would instead, donate the funds to a local charity of the committee's choice. Our Chairman, Francis Porter, chose the charity this time and the donation was made to Sirona Therapeutic Horsemanship, based at Dartington. We are pleased to be able to help this worthwhile charity in this small way.

Social Events

Last year saw the majority of the club's social events decimated. The purpose of these has always been to create opportunities for club members and their families to get together and have fun. Sadly due to Covid restrictions we were unable to hold our usual Summer BBQ, Christmas Bash at the Cott Inn or continue our collaborative racketball sessions with Dartington Squash Club.

2020 was also the 50th anniversary of the club and we had hoped to celebrate this with a fun day at the club with a BBQ. Research had already been done on both the history of the club and tennis in the area. With help from the Totnes Image Bank some amazing photographs were unearthed from the past. Let's hope that during 2021 we will be able to celebrate the club's 51st anniversary and share some of this memorabilia. Plans are already in progress to make this celebration happen.

We still managed to hold our skittles evening at Meadowbrook on 5th March for members, families and friends. It was great fun and those who came were lucky enough to sample the amazing pizzas at the new Pizzaside restaurant.

The annual cricket bash at Harberton Cricket Club in August was the only other social event to go ahead and once again the weather was perfect and the setting idyllic. With a dazzling display of batting Harberton scored 135 from 20 overs. In reply the TCTC team put on a sterling display of batting and fielding but just fell short with 109 runs. Instead of the customary curry and a pint at the Church House Inn, players and supporters enjoyed a picnic and were treated to a spectacular sunset instead. Unfortunately we couldn't go ahead with a planned return match with Harberton on the tennis courts, but hopefully it won't be too long before this can go ahead.



Independent Examiner's Report to the members of Totnes Community Tennis Club

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the club") for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

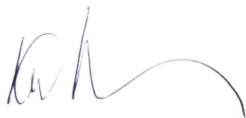
I report in respect of my examination of the club's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Karen Williams ACA, ICEAW
Dorsley Barton
Harberton
Totnes

17 February 2020

Receipts and Payment Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

| | 2020 | | 2019 | |
|---------------------------------------|------|---------------|------|-----------------|
| | No. | £ | No. | £ |
| Receipts | | | | |
| Membership subscriptions | | | | |
| Adults | 134 | 12,441 | 89 | 9,677 |
| Students / Juniors | 125 | 210 | 123 | 258 |
| Winter membership Jan-Mar / part year | 4 | 177 | 14 | 720 |
| Total Membership subscriptions | | 12,828 | | 10,655 |
| Visitors fees | | 182 | | 444 |
| Match fees | | 25 | | 148 |
| Court hire and lights | | 7,737 | | 5,756 |
| Ball sales | | 63 | | 5 |
| Event / Tournament proceeds | | - | | 109 |
| Fundraising income | | 2,658 | | 2,457 |
| Grants & Sponsorship | | 10,500 | | 42,500 |
| Interest | | - | | 460 |
| Total receipts | | 33,993 | | 62,534 |
| Payments | | | | |
| Tennis balls | | 129 | | 238 |
| Event costs | | - | | 43 |
| South Devon League fees | | - | | 20 |
| Fundraising expenses | | 1,457 | | 1,350 |
| Clubhouse repairs and renewals | | 912 | | 361 |
| Courts and outdoor area maintenance | | 1,694 | | 1,801 |
| Courts resurfacing and lights | | 2,160 | | 75,313 |
| Office costs | | 395 | | 371 |
| Insurance | | 479 | | - |
| Stripe charges | | 262 | | - |
| Subscription – LTA | | 40 | | 490 |
| Cleaning | | 102 | | 33 |
| Total payments | | 7,630 | | 80,020 |
| Surplus / (Deficit) | | 26,363 | | (17,486) |
| Total funds brought forward | | 37,505 | | 54,991 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 63,868 | | 37,505 |
| Total funds held: | | | | |
| General Fund | | 5,868 | | 37,505 |
| Designated – Sinking fund | | 10,000 | | - |
| Designated – Development fund | | 48,000 | | - |
| Total funds | | 63,868 | | 37,505 |