

Year ended 31 March 2025

The club has had another busy and successful year, which is detailed below in the Annual Report and accounts.

Objective

Our objective is to promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for playing tennis to the benefit of the public in Saltford and the surrounding area.

Overview

The club has three outdoor all weather floodlit courts with a clubhouse. The club is an open, friendly, and inclusive community club which is run by volunteers. There were no paid staff during the year as we contract with our coach on an hourly basis.

We have 15 (2024: 15) main volunteers who are either committee members or hold specific roles within the club. They have volunteered time and skills across a wide range of activities including organising an in-house tournament, managing club sessions, holding Open Days at the club, supporting the local Primary School fair, supporting the coach with the weekly inclusive tennis sessions, organising fundraising events, managing the membership database, financial record keeping, social media, project management, safety and welfare, maintenance and clubhouse cleaning. These members have been supported by a further 63 members. We are very grateful to all members who volunteer and have enabled the club to have another successful year both on and off court. One of the highlights of the year was in April 2024 when Sandi Proctor, the LTA President visited our club to see what we have achieved with public hirings, walking and inclusive tennis sessions. A further highlight was when our Head Coach Andy Gray was awarded Coach of the Year for Avon Tennis and then went on to be a National LTA Finalist.

The Club Committee has continued to work closely with the Bath & North East Somerset (BANES) Council through our Business Plan, Partnership Agreement and Lease - all of which were established as part of a Community Asset Transfer in 2020. The Club completes an annual report to BANES to demonstrate compliance with the provisions of these documents; in particular reporting on the performance measures and targets contained in the Business Plan. As at 31 March 2024, we met all requirements and surpassed many of the agreed targets.

On Court activities

On 31 March 2025 we had a record 198 members (2024: 164). Improved facilities and a wider range of coaching classes has boosted membership. We continued to discount first year membership for adults and families as this gives a low-cost entry point to encourage more people to access tennis and has been a good way to attract new members. Membership allows free court booking, discounts on group coaching sessions, participation in the five club social sessions weekly and the annual in-house tournament.

Court Hire

Courts are available to hire by the public through our website and the mobile Clubspark Booker App using the LTA Smart Gate facility. All three courts are available to the public. Court hire per hour is £6 or £11 with floodlights. We had a record 340 hours of Public Hire (2024: 306) which brought in £2,645 (2024: £2,102) demonstrating that we are an open community club. We are registered with LTA Rally which increases our profile as non-members can find and book local courts.

Open Days

We held one LTA open day in June which was a great success with approximately 50 attending in total.

League

We fielded three Men's and three Ladies teams in the Summer League and two mixed teams in the Winter League and welcomed new players into the teams.

Fundraising Tournaments

A number of tournaments were arranged over the year including a mixed doubles fundraising event. Raising more than £750 for hearing aids for a deaf school in Tanzania.

On World Suicide Day we had a Men's doubles tournament in memory of a former coach Russ Simmons which raised £600 for a prevent suicide charity.

In House Tournaments

Our annual in-house tournament attracted many members to participate, and the finals day was attended by a large number of spectators. In addition, several Senior Tournaments have been held across the year and for the first time a very successful fun Christmas Triples 'Tinsel' Tennis fundraising tournament was held.

The start of 2025 saw a series of 6 singles box ladders for men and women of all abilities to promote competitive singles play.

Coaching

We aim to offer a wide variety of coaching sessions, which proved to be a very successful strategy attracting our highest programme capacity of 120 weekly participants. The group courses cater for ages ranging from 4 to over 80 years old, which are run throughout the year. In January we were delighted to hear that our Head Coach Andy Gray, had been awarded Avon Tennis Coach of the Year, and he later became a finalist in the National LTA awards. A terrific achievement for him and the club.

Walking tennis has remained as our most popular part of the programme with three sessions weekly each term which includes a Parkinson's Tennis group. We also hosted our first walking tennis tournament with 15 participants and will continue to run these in between coaching terms.

Our inclusive sessions for children with special educational needs have continued throughout the year with 8 regular players. These sessions are supported by a group of amazing volunteers.

In school holidays we organised tennis camps and tournaments for children aged 7 to 16 and plan to expand this to younger children including toddlers.

Charitable Activities

We supported the village Primary school fundraising fair, providing free tennis for families at the school using mini nets. It was run by volunteering members and was very busy throughout the afternoon.

We supported the village community association with a stand at their Open Morning to talk tennis to the public and we also held a fundraising quiz raising £1,545 with funds split 50/50 with the community association

The village Sports club had a fun day, and we contributed by providing an afternoon of free tennis, which was very popular and run by volunteer members.

We also provided Vouchers for free family membership for three local school raffles.

Off Court Activities

The Off Court Committee has overseen a number of improvements to club facilities in recent years with the building of a new clubhouse, replacing old fencing and upgrading our floodlights to LED. This is now being rewarded with increases in membership and coaching as well as an increased hirings by the public.

We continue to monitor monthly accounts and mitigate identified risks to ensure that the club remains a going concern and provides both members and the public with a great

tennis experience. In January 2025, we decided to streamline the Committee Structure and have just two Committees: the club Committee and the Playing Committee.

The Trustees completed an annual risk assessment and continue to mitigate the identified risks as well as improving the club's facilities and processes.

Review of Financial Results

A total of £24,648 was spent on completing the improvement projects including upgrading the floodlights from halogen to LED and replacing a further section of fencing. This project was supported by the receipt of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) money from BANES Council at the end of the last financial year. Following the considerable improvements to the club facilities the club is now thriving, and we have been able to repay our loan early, so we are now debt free. Membership Fees and Coaching are bringing in greater funds, and we have updated our five-year financial plan. We have a Sinking Fund, in accordance with LTA guidelines, and are adding £6,000 per year and on 31 March the balance is £40,770.

At the year end, we had £54,309 in cash reserves (2024: £66,387). The cash levels have reduced in 2025 as result of the completion of the LED floodlight and fencing upgrade this year. It is vital that the club has a good level of cash reserves to cover the future maintenance and replacement of assets including the courts and clubhouse.

Both Membership income of £15,845 (2024: £14,765) and Coaching income of £29,916 (2024: £21,751) were record highs for the club.

Court Hire and use of Floodlights amounted to £2,645 (2024: £2,102).

The club has demonstrated that good management by the Committees and improving club facilities has given us a well-utilised courts and a popular community club. In addition, the expansion of the coaching programme has helped to make the club financially sound and a going concern.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Salford Lawn Tennis Club

1183060

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/04/2023

To

31/03/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership income	14,765	-	-	14,765	13,205
Visitor/Guest Fees	79	-	-	79	66
Public Court Hire	2,103	-	-	2,103	1,062
Miscellaneous	13	-	-	13	686
Bank interest	405	-	-	405	98
Fundraising Events	1,612	-	-	1,612	3,064
Grants	38,250	-	-	38,250	31,250
Loans	0	-	-	-	0
Club Coaching	21,751	-	-	21,751	1,734
Match Fees	675	-	-	675	751
Lights	0	-	-	-	70
Bath University coaching	0	-	-	-	9,586
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	79,652	-	-	79,652	61,572
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	79,652	-	-	79,652	61,572
A3 Payments					
Avon LTA	545	-	-	545	500
Tennis Balls	994	-	-	994	362
Gate	751	-	-	751	-
Insurance	1,091	-	-	1,091	1,327
Electricity	1,797	-	-	1,797	853
Miscellaneous	2,577	-	-	2,577	1,567
Additional Court Hire	756	-	-	756	468
Salford Memberships	316	-	-	316	530
Club Maintenance	8,484	-	-	8,484	687
Loan Repayment	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,750
Payment Processing fees	1,265	-	-	1,265	498
Project Work	15,720	-	-	15,720	84,357
Club Coaching	14,051	-	-	14,051	850
Water	277	-	-	277	182
Marketing	547	-	-	547	166
Bath University Coaching	0	-	-	-	9,416
Sub total	50,170	-	-	50,170	103,513
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	50,170	-	-	50,170	103,513
Net of receipts/(payments)	29,482	-	-	29,482	- 41,941
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	36,906	-	-	36,906	78,847
Cash funds this year end	66,387	-	-	66,387	36,906

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Current Account	5,720	-	-
	Lloyds Regual Savings Account	26,341	-	-
	Lloyds Instant Saver Account	34,326	-	-
	Total cash funds	66,387	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Clubhouse	69,363	-	-
	Fencing & Gate	26,709	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	LTA Clubhouse Loan	8,250	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>R L Tonkin</i>	RACHAEL TONKIN	12/1/25
<i>PDM</i>	PETER MAY	12/1/25

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Saltford Lawn Tennis Club

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1183060

Set out on pages

N/a.

(remember to exclude the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2025.

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 Trust'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.

Signed:



Date:

20 November 2025

Name:

Andrew G Brooks

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

None

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.