

Sutton Churches Tennis Club

Charity Number 1195245

Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

21 July 2021 to 30 September 2022

Objectives and Activities

Our objectives

The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation and the advancement of amateur sport in particular but not exclusively by providing facilities and coaching for participation in the sport of tennis. Further, through the provision of tennis facilities, the CIO shall ensure continuity with the manner in which the former Gander Green Trust performed its object in respect of the property which it administered and whose Charity Deed stated 'To and For the General Purposes of the Religious Work carried on at Trinity Methodist Church Sutton, Surrey (now known as Trinity URC/Methodist Church, Sutton).'

Our Activities

New member courses

Throughout the year the club holds a series of New Member Courses. These are six-weekly introductory courses for adults which are particularly suitable for those wishing to try tennis for the first time or to return to the sport after a break. The course teaches the basics of tennis and introduces the participants to other club members.

Children's courses

There are also various courses for children from the age of three upwards to learn the basics of tennis in a fun and friendly environment. These courses help to build a child's love for tennis and sport in general and help to improve coordination, balance and agility.

Social tennis sessions

The club holds six club sessions each week. One session is aimed at beginners or "rusty" players, another is for those who would like to play singles and the rest are for doubles matchplay. A peg-board system is used to ensure a fair and easy rotation of players and the balls are provided by the club.

Surrey LTA league tennis

The club has 5 ladies', 5 men's and 4 mixed teams in the Surrey LTA leagues where matches are played against other clubs in the area. The teams cover a wide range of standards and everyone is welcome to put themselves forward.

Internal tournaments and leagues for both adults and junior members

An annual tournament is held every summer with singles competitions for ladies, men, girls and boys. There are also ladies' doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles events. All doubles events have a plate competition for first round losers to ensure every pair plays at least two matches. The events are open to all members.

Two box league competitions are held during the year for mixed doubles and singles where matches are played against other club members and trophies are awarded at the end of each season.

Cardio tennis sessions

Group based tennis sessions set to music offering a full-body cardiovascular workout. Suitable for all abilities and particularly good for those wishing to improve their fitness, though all participants are encouraged to go at their own pace.

Coaching

A wide range of group coaching courses or private lessons are available from the club's qualified and experienced coaches.

Social activities

There are regular social activities where members and guests can socialise in a non-tennis setting. Recent events include a quiz night, bingo, bowling and the annual Christmas Dinner.

Public benefit

All Trustees are aware of the guidance issued by the Charities Commission with regard to public benefit and have adhered to the guidance throughout the year.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of main achievements

The club came into existence as a CIO on 21 July 2021, so this first Trustees Annual Report covers the period from then until 30 September 2022. Prior to that, the club had been an unincorporated organisation.

By the end of September 2022 activity at SCTC had returned to a more normal level from the earlier days of lockdowns and social distancing. During the lockdowns there had been an influx of new members as playing tennis outdoors was regarded as an activity that could be carried on safely and in relative normality. The courts were very busy and club session numbers very high. Then as other areas gradually opened up and people were able to participate in their old sporting and social activities again, things began to return to a more normal level. Membership numbers have continued to remain high but many of us are not playing as often as before.

One area of playing activity that has been busier than ever is that of organised competitions. Overall there has probably never been so much organised competition at the club, with the annual Club Championships, the twice-yearly Box Leagues, the Surrey League teams, Jake's "Fast4" tournaments, the half-term junior tournaments as well as a couple of fun social tournaments organised by Social Secretary Becci Tucker.

The annual Club Championships once again had excellent numbers of members competing together including, for the first time, more ladies' doubles pairs than men's. New tournament software developed by our Webmasters, Jo and Matt Shovelton, made organising the event far easier. Everyone could follow the progress online, including seeing when matches were scheduled, which led to more people watching and feeling involved by knowing when they could go and watch matches.

Finals Day, during the summer heatwave, was enjoyed by dozens of members, friends and family as usual. With its large and diverse entries, the annual Championships are one of the ways in which the club really comes together, with members meeting and competing against people with whom they otherwise might not cross paths. There was also the usual coming together for the Finals Day barbecue party, the club's biggest social event of the year.

As usual we entered five ladies' and five men's teams in both the winter and summer Surrey Leagues and four teams in the summer mixed league. In summer 2021 our men's

first team won promotion to Division 8, the highest level our men have ever reached. The team reports competing reasonably well in that division but unfortunately will be dropping back a division or two for next summer. They did however achieve promotion in the winter league from Division 11 to 10. We have also seen the introduction of regular veterans teams entering the Surrey Leagues, with the club entering both Ladies Over-50s and Men's Over-55s teams for the first time. It's fair to say that, results-wise, we haven't struck gold yet, but there is certainly no lack of enthusiasm – to the extent that we have started a Men's Over-55s 2nd team to meet the demand from members wanting to play.

Of the other tournaments, special mention should go to the U-14s yellow-ball "Play your way to Wimbledon" tournament in May, which saw several of our juniors compete in doubles for the first time. The coaches report that it was a really good standard and seven kids represented SCTC at the regional finals on grass courts at the All-England facility in Raynes Park. They played really well by all accounts and loved the experience. This has led to our Junior Box Leagues having a doubles competition for the first time.

Many of our yellow-ball juniors are now used to playing doubles thanks to the Friday afternoon Junior Club Session, which has been thriving again this summer thanks to a local businessman's sponsorship allowing us to offer this supervised session free of charge.

The coaching team have been working hard -

A total of 71 adults have been introduced or re-introduced to tennis through attending one of the 9 New Member courses that have been run since the club became a CIO.

Junior weekly numbers have increased from 215 participants weekly to currently 265 weekly participants (including our schools programmes). We now have 17 sessions available weekly for junior players. Our tennis camps programmes have also been very successful.

We have managed to establish links with five different schools on a weekly basis which has been really successful. The goal for next year is to expand the schools and community outreach programmes which will be a really exciting challenge.

The adult coaching programme has been very successful with over 150 adults taking part in our group coaching.

There were a number of social activities during the period -

The Annual Christmas Dinner and Club awards ceremony at the California Pub where, despite heightened fears of a Covid revival, around 35 of us had an excellent evening, including the Annual Club Awards Ceremony.

Other social activities included - trips to horse racing at Kempton Park and Epsom Downs, an Easter Monday Madness fun mixed doubles tournament, a Jubilee Tea and Tennis tournament including a special "Bake-off" competition and an Outdoor Bingo evening.

The sociable Cardio Tennis participants also enjoyed a "Fireween" Special in November, the usual Christmas Cardio high jinks and a Jubilee Barbecue Special on the Thursday of that Bank Holiday weekend.

Financial Review for the period 21 July 2021 to 30 September 2022

Financial position at the end of the period

Total receipts (gross income) for the period were £65,271 and total payments £33,156, giving rise to a net increase in cash and bank account balances of £32,115 to £223,651.

Membership numbers have remained high after the surge experienced during lockdown. This is reflected in the subscription income of £57,861 which, together with the floodlight money of £5,043, were the largest sources of income.

Repairs and maintenance was the highest item of expenditure at £13,109. The improvement to the steps and patio area by the hard courts cost £6,240, cleaning the hard courts and infill for the artificial clay courts cost £1,668 and replacement lamps for the floodlights £1,330.

Professional fees of £2,500 were for legal advice relating to the site the club occupies.

Reserves

At 30 September 2022 the club's reserves totalled £255,158.

Cash and bank accounts	223,651
Fixed assets	51,668
Stock and debtors	1,843
less: Liabilities	(22,004)

	255,158

This was an increase of £30,519 on the position at 21 July 2021.

Cash and bank accounts increased by £32,115 from £191,536 to £223,651.

Other assets and liabilities reduced by £1,596

As well as the general fund, the club has a designated repairs reserve fund. This is money set aside to pay for future maintenance work such as court resurfacing, repainting and floodlight maintenance that is essential to keep the club's facilities in good condition.

£15,719 was added to the repairs reserve during the period leaving a balance of £67,436 at the end.

This left the undesignated funds balance in the general fund at £187,722.

The main objective for the medium term is to replace the wooden clubhouse which is old and rather run-down so the club is building up funds in preparation for this venture.

Structure, Governance and Management

- The charity's constitution is its governing document.
- The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) based on the Charity Commission's association model.
- Trustees are selected in accordance with the constitution.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name – Sutton Churches Tennis Club

Registered charity number – 1195245

Address – 99 Gander Green Lane, Sutton, SM1 2ES

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(Dates are shown where trustees acted for part of the period)

Richard Garrett (Captain)

Carolyn Graham (Vice Captain)

Annabel Faulkner (Secretary)

Tony Farrell (Treasurer)

Dominique Delhalle (Membership Secretary)

David Garrett (Grounds Secretary)

Rebecca Tucker (Social Secretary) appointed 11/11/2021

Helen Parnell

Peter Hickson resigned 05/07/2022

Pauline Martin

Greg Allen-Hirst

Ross Gorbett appointed 11/11/2021

Justin Meiland appointed 11/11/2021

Joan Sillery appointed 11/11/2021

Atul Agarwal resigned 11/11/2021

Danny Brickwood resigned 11/11/2021



Andrea Hooper resigned 11/11/2021

James Bryan resigned 11/11/2021

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Signature		
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Full name	Richard Garrett	Anthony Farrell
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Position	Captain	Treasurer
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Date	7 December 2022	7 December 2022
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

21/07/21

To

30/09/22

Section A Receipts and payments

	Undesignated funds to the nearest £	Designated funds to the nearest £		Total funds to the nearest £	
A1 Receipts					
Members subscriptions	57,861	-	-	57,861	
Income from floodlights	5,043	-	-	5,043	
Visitor fees	970	-	-	970	
Court hire fees	642	-	-	642	
Fund raising	153	-	-	153	
Sale of tennis balls	167	-	-	167	
Teas	150	-	-	150	
Interest received	285	-	-	285	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	65,271	-	-	65,271	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	65,271	-	-	65,271	-
A3 Payments					
Rates	684	-	-	684	
Water & Sewerage	348	-	-	348	
Electricity	2,085	-	-	2,085	
Building insurance	2,052	-	-	2,052	
Repairs & Maintenance	13,109	-	-	13,109	
Cleaning	3,133	-	-	3,133	
Tennis balls	2,266	-	-	2,266	
Coaching	3,865	-	-	3,865	
LTA fees	1,565	-	-	1,565	
Music licences	456	-	-	456	
Professional Fees	2,500	-	-	2,500	
Account charges	411	-	-	411	
Phone	84	-	-	84	
Sundries	598	-	-	598	
Sub total	33,156	-	-	33,156	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	33,156	-	-	33,156	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	32,115	-	-	32,115	-
A5 Transfers between funds	(15719)	15,719	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	139,819	51,717	-	191,536	
Cash funds this year end	156,215	67,436	-	223,651	-

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

Categories	Details	Undesignated funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank savings accounts	152,411	67,436	-
	Bank current account	3,246	-	-
	Stripe account	129	-	-
	Groundsman's petty cash float	429	-	-
	Total cash funds	156,215	67,436	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

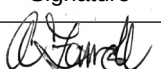
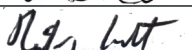
	Details	Undesignated funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Clay courts	Undesignated funds		14,294
	Clay court lights	Undesignated funds		37,374
	Stock	Undesignated funds		537
	Debtors & prepayments	Undesignated funds		1,306

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Advanced subscription income	Undesignated funds	21,998	
	Creditors	Undesignated funds	6	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Anthony Farrell	01/12/22
	Richard Garrett	01/12/22



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Sutton Churches Tennis Club

On accounts for the period

21 July 2021 to 30 September 2022

Charity no 1195245

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period from 21/07/2021 to 30/09/2022

Responsibilities and basis
of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date:

04/12/2022

Name:

Peter Stewart

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

N/a

Address:

41 Warren Road,
Banstead, Surrey, SM7 1LG

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.