

Sutton Churches Tennis Club

Charity Number 1195245

Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025

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.

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 seven 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 new session has been started for junior members to introduce them to playing social tennis. 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, 4 mixed and 3 veterans' 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 wine tasting, art sessions, chocolate tasting and country walks.

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

Last year the club completed the purchase of the clay-side land from the Methodist church and since then a sub-Committee has been hard at work looking at building a new clubhouse. We are now at a stage where we have hired a firm of Architects, who are in the process of designing the new clubhouse and our hope is that the plans will be submitted for Planning Permission by the end of the year. We will then need to approach funding bodies to raise the money needed and hope to build it in 2027.

This year our Grounds Secretary, David Garrett is stepping down after an incredible 27 years in the role. We are all familiar with David's innovations over the years from draggers to score-boards and his ability to fix pretty much everything! I hope that David doesn't step away from this area entirely (there is certainly no shortage of things needing fixing at SCTC) but that he can concentrate on the things he likes doing without having the responsibility of having to do the whole lot! Thanks also to the Gardening gang who do a fantastic job every year.

Another person stepping down this year after three years of highly impressive innovations and contribution is our Hon Secretary Carolyn Jones. Carolyn has had a fantastic three years, from ending up on telly thanks to her leading the club's Pledgeball involvement to reformatting the club's Committee Summary into the Bulletin.

This year also saw the start of the SCTC WhatsApp Community. This is partly thanks to a new member who casually mentioned this concept to me and with CJ at the helm we set one up for SCTC. Now members aren't reliant on other members inviting them onto individual groups, once on the Community they can come and go from most of the club's groups as they please. It is much more transparent for members to see what the club has to offer from a WhatsApp point of view and easy to come and go. If you aren't on it then let me know and I'll add you.

Other initiatives from this year have included a birdwatching survey, a bug hunt and collecting blankets for a local hedgehog charity.

Last year the club created a fund to be used to provide free tennis coaching for local SEN children. On Wednesdays throughout the year the Head Coach and a team of volunteers have been working with SEN children from a local school.

Our junior programme continues to flourish, the Summer camps this year were one of the busiest ever and we had a good Open Day in April, thank you to all the coaches and members that volunteered at that.

Membership

Membership is booming! We passed the 500 member mark a couple of weeks ago, with 280 juniors and 325 adults we are doing brilliantly! We are continuing to attract new members and the majority of these members are engaging with club events such as Club Sessions, group coaching and tournaments. The New Members' Tournament held on Sunday 12th October was a success with 12 new members playing and another 8 members playing in the Blackberry Gin Fizz tournament which enabled new members and existing members to meet each other. This was a great success that we will look to repeat next year. We also had LTA President Sandi Procter visit us on that day and she awarded the winners with their prizes. Sandi was really impressed with how sociable and welcoming the club is. She said of all the clubs she had ever visited she had never heard of a New Members' Tournament before and was impressed with that.

Ball machine membership has now lapsed and we are currently trying to sell the ball machine on eBay. Thanks to those of you who tried to make it work, especially those of you who kept going to fix it when it hit difficulty but in the end it was just too much trouble.

Player Development Highlights

Several of our older juniors have gained permission to play in with adult events over the last year, and some have also taken their Level 1 LTA coaching qualification.

Competitions and Tournaments

The various internal competitions at the club continued to attract high numbers of entrants, from all ages and standards. For adults there are mixed doubles box leagues from January to April and September to December; the singles box leagues January to April, and the singles ladder August to December; and the annual knockout tournament running from May to July. We've had quite a few requests now for a Ladies Doubles and Mens Doubles Box league and this will feature in the tournament programme in 2026!

For younger juniors we offered Mini Red, Orange and Green tournaments in Easter and October half term. These are part of the LTA's Team Challenge.

Once again both adults and juniors entered the LTA's Play Your Way to Wimbledon competition. There were Girls Singles, Boys Singles, Ladies Doubles and Mens Doubles events held in May at the club. One of the junior members went on to win the next stage of the event at AELTC in Raynes Park and actually did get to play at Wimbledon.

As usual the Annual Tournament saw a huge number of entrants across the various singles and doubles events, I'm pretty sure it is one of the biggest club champs in the country! It's so brilliant to have so many players taking part and being part of it. Thanks go to the organizers....and also to the BBQ team who then feed what has become the biggest social event of the year with around 100 people staying to celebrate.

Results for all our Annual Tournament matches, including the Plate events, can be found on the club website under the Competitions tab, and past winners of main events are listed on the online Honours Board (under the Information tag).

Wilson Surrey League Teams

Each summer and winter we enter five ladies' and five men's teams in the Surrey Leagues, a ladies' team in the midweek league and in Winter 24/25 we entered a Men's Over-55 team and a Men's midweek team but in Summer 2025 we entered two men's Over-55s teams (due to the Men's O55s league being more competitive than the Midweek one) and each summer four teams in the mixed league. It's all very confusing! Especially as now the LTA have decided to change from splitting the county by East and West to Group 1 and Group 2 with no obvious logic.

You can follow all our teams' progress throughout the year via the link on our website: from the home page click on the Competitions tag, then the Wilson Surrey Leagues links.

Many thanks to all our team captains for all your work and patience this year, it is very much appreciated.

Social

SCTC continues to be a very sociable place, we even had James Bond at our Christmas Party last year! And we will all remember the SCTC Annual Awards (which this year included Best WhatApper!). Among the club's social events this year were country walks, curry nights, wine tasting, cider tasting, art sessions and a chocolate tasting event.

Well, I'm looking forward to seeing what the next 12 months brings, we've been nominated for the LTA Club of the Year Award and have a grant pending for a new Walking Tennis group, as well as the new Clubhouse project so it should be a good one. Thank you to everyone who makes SCTC so special, I'm sure you agree, it is a great place to be.

Financial Review for the period 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025

Financial position at the end of the period

Total receipts (gross income) for the period were £72,784 and total payments were £31,096. Overall cash and bank account balances increased by £41,688.

Membership subscriptions increased by 13.6% from £50,986 last year to £57,957. Although annual membership fees were increased in May 2025, the bulk of the subscriptions increase was due to an increase in membership numbers.

The Club Session for Junior members is available free of charge. This is thanks to the sponsorship of £1,040 from a local business.

The Sustainability Project Award of £500 was a prize from the LTA Pledgeball competition which will be used for sustainability projects at the club.

The largest item of expenditure this year was £9,524 for Professional Fees. These mostly relate to the plans for building the new clubhouse.

Feasibility Report	5,400
Measured Survey	3,060
Cost Planning	1,200
Refund of solicitors fees relating to land purchase	(136)

	9,524

The transfer of £720 from coaching costs to Designated Funds (The Charity Fund) relates to costs for providing free coaching to local SEN youngsters.

Reserves

At 30 September 2025 the club's reserves totalled £327,743.

Cash and bank accounts	256,559
Fixed assets	98,641
Stock and debtors	4,662
less: Liabilities	(32,119)

	327,743

This was an increase of £27,397 on the position at 30 September 2024.

Cash and bank accounts increased by £41,688 from £214,871 to £256,559.
Other assets and liabilities decreased by £14,291.

As well as the general undesignated fund, the club has a designated repairs reserve fund, a charity fund, a sustainability projects fund and now a new clubhouse fund. The repairs reserve fund 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. The charity fund of £1,608 is money that has been raised to provide free tennis lessons for local children with special educational needs and the sustainability projects fund of £1000 is the result of two prizes from the LTA Pledgeball competition which will be used for sustainability projects at the club.

£10,712 was added to the repairs reserve during the period leaving a balance of £93,502 at the end set aside for planned future maintenance.

The balance of £160,365 in the Clubhouse Fund is money that has been transferred from the general fund to be used for costs relating to the design and build of the new clubhouse.

This leaves the total undesignated funds balance in the general fund at £71,268.

The next major project the club needs to undertake is the replacement of the wooden clubhouse. A subcommittee has been formed to oversee this task. Once plans are agreed and planning permission has been approved then the club will begin the process of applying for grants to assist with funding the cost.

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)

Kirsty Garrett (Captain)

Carolyn Graham (Vice Captain)

Andrew Foulkes (Secretary)

appointed 12/11/2025

Tony Farrell (Treasurer)

Dominique Delhalle (Membership Secretary)

David Garrett (Grounds Secretary)

James Bryan (Social Secretary)

appointed 13/11/2024

Helen Parnell

Joan Sillery

Richard Garrett

Gerald Barry

Jeffrey Rogers

Ana Schanda

appointed 12/11/2025

Deborah Hedges

appointed 12/11/2025

Jacqueline Halls

resigned 13/11/2024

Nasir Sulery

resigned 12/03/2025

Carolyn Jones

resigned 12/11/2025



Gill Nolan

resigned 12/11/2025

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	Kirsty Garrett	Anthony Farrell
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Position	Captain	Treasurer
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Date	28/01/2026	28/01/2026
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/10/24

To

30/09/25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Undesignated funds	Designated Repairs Rsrve	Designated Funds-Other (1)	Total funds	Previous 12 Months
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	
A1 Receipts					
Members subscriptions	57,957	-	-	57,957	50,986
Income from floodlights	4,434	-	-	4,434	3,985
Sponsorship	1,040	-	-	1,040	1,040
Visitor fees	1,626	-	-	1,626	1,914
Court hire fees	180	-	-	180	360
Fund raising	365	-	-	365	2,894
Sale of tennis balls	225	-	-	225	245
Teas	300	-	-	300	293
Sustainability Project Award	500	-	-	500	-
Social Events	500	-	-	500	(500)
Sundry Income	328	-	-	328	-
Tournament	-	-	-	-	72
Interest received	5,329	-	-	5,329	3,448
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	72,784	-	-	72,784	64,737
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	72,784	-	-	72,784	64,737
A3 Payments					
Rates	542	-	-	542	481
Water & Sewerage	1,145	-	-	1,145	725
Electricity	3,253	-	-	3,253	2,638
Building insurance	1,429	-	-	1,429	1,325
Repairs & Maintenance	2,535	-	-	2,535	10,177
Cleaning	2,738	-	-	2,738	2,356
Tennis balls	1,783	-	-	1,783	1,974
Coaching	2,967	-	720	3,687	3,650
LTA fees	1,955	-	-	1,955	1,770
Music licences	417	-	-	417	401
Professional Fees	9,524	-	-	9,524	2,748
Account charges	514	-	-	514	403
Phone	72	-	-	72	72
Social Events	400	-	-	400	33
Sundries	352	-	-	352	1,045
Sub total	29,626	-	720	30,346	29,798
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Ball Machine	750	-	-	750	60,001
Sub total	750	-	-	750	60,001
Total payments	30,376	-	720	31,096	89,799
Net of receipts/(payments)	42,408	-	(720)	41,688	(25,062)
A5 Transfers between funds	(171,577)	10,712	160,865	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	129,253	82,790	2,828	214,871	239,933
Cash funds this year end	84	93,502	162,973	256,559	214,871

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

Categories	Details	Undesignated funds to nearest £	Designated Repairs Rsrve to nearest £	Designated Funds-Other to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank savings accounts	-	93,502	157,965
	Bank current account	84	-	4,616
	Stripe account	-	-	70
	GoCardless account	-	-	72
	Groundsman's petty cash float	-	-	250
	Total cash funds	84	93,502	162,973
	(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	Land	Undesignated funds		60,001
	Clay courts	Undesignated funds		9,530
	Clay court lights	Undesignated funds		28,548
	Ball Machine	Undesignated funds		562
	Stock	Undesignated funds		108
	Debtors & prepayments	Undesignated funds		4,554

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Advanced subscription income	Undesignated funds	31,791	
	Sundry Creditors	Undesignated funds	328	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Anthony Farrell	28/02/2026
	Kirsty Garrett	28/02/2026

Notes -

(1) Designated Funds-Other are the Charity Fund £1,608. Sustainability Projects Fund £1,000 and the Clubhouse Fund £160,365

(2) One of the trustees, Kirsty Garrett, was paid £240 for new member fees from new members only doing cardio or walking tennis and was allowed to use the club's facilities for coaching and other events she organised. Payments for coaching and other events were made directly by members on an "arms-length" basis.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the
Trustees/Members of**

Sutton Churches Tennis Club

On accounts for the period

1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025

Charity no

1195245

Set out on pages

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**Responsibilities and basis
of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025.

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:

S. Cabras

Date:

19/2/26

Name:

Stefano Cabras

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

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Section B

Disclosure

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.

N/A.