

City Of Derry Tennis Club

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108211

Details

Status Received

Registered 2021-08-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The club shall exist for the advancement of amateur tennis in the local community.

What the charity does: The advancement of amateur sport

How the charity works: Community development, Cross-border/cross-community, Playgroup/after schools, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Ethnic minorities, General public, Interface communities, Mental health, Older people, Physical disabilities, Unemployed/low income, Volunteers, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-24	£19,516	£20,884	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Adrian Ford		
Mr Kevin Thomas Cleary		
Mr Mark Joseph Moroney		
Mrs Teresa Sweidan		
Peter Fryer		

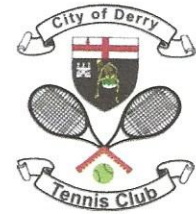
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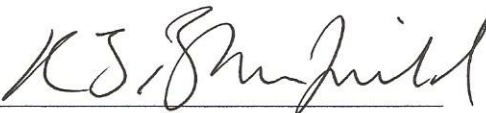
CITY OF DERRY TENNIS CLUB


Statement of accounts year ended 31 March 2025



	£	2023/24
Income		
Members' subscriptions	11,946	21,303
Coaching, lessons	6,363	7,144
Guest fees	100	337
Tournament and function fees	868	805
Sundry	239	444
Total income	19,516	30,033
Expenditure		
Court rental, lights	13,623	14,174
Coaching fees	3,032	3,203
Insurance	241	731
Tennis Ireland affiliation fee	1,124	3,352
Equipment	260	382
Software	770	524
Miscellaneous	1,386	1,111
Transaction fees	443	250
Charitable donations	5	-25
Total expenditure	20,884	23,701
Operating deficit	-£1,368	£ 6,332
Financial assets at period end		
Santander Business account	22,712	21,444
Santander Investment account	1,979	1,979
PayPal account	3,911	6,502
Petty cash	0	46
Total assets	£ 28,603	£ 29,971

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 Keith Bloomfield (Treasurer)


 Dated

City Of Derry Tennis Club

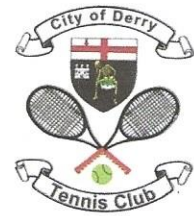
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Statement of accounts period ended 31 March 2024



	<u>£</u>	<u>2022/23</u>
Income		
Members' subscriptions	21,303	12,836
Coaching, lessons	7,144	5,182
Guest fees	337	435
Tournament and function fees	805	-
Sundry (e.g. balls)	444	40
Total income	30,033	18,493
Expenditure		
Court rental, lights	14,174	11,909
Coaching fees	3,203	2,210
Insurance	731	455
Tennis Ireland affiliation fee	3,352	-
Equipment	382	456
Software	524	-
Miscellaneous	1,111	1,377
Transaction fees	250	-
Charitable donations	-25	150
Total expenditure	23,701	16,557
Operating surplus	£ 6,332	£ 1,936

Financial assets at period end

Santander Business account	21,444	21,633
Santander Investment account	1,979	1,979
PayPal account	6,502	-
Petty cash	45	27
Total assets	£ 29,971	£ 23,639

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Keith Bloomfield (Assistant treasurer)

24.04.2024

Dated

Projections for subscription year 2024/25

Projected subscription income	13,600	Working assumptions: 1 Membership set at 80 adults 2 Subscription fees reflect the £5 uplift e.g. £170 adult 3 Overheads (such as affiliation fees and insurance) total £3000 for the year 4 Court-hire projections based on current charging rates (courts plus lights)
Overheads	3,000	
Funds available for court hire	£ 10,600	

Court-hire scenarios (including estimates of lighting charges)

	Annual cost	Annual court hours		Comments
		Foyle hrs	WSV hrs	
a Prior year basis	£ 13,300	2,400	918	Play split between Foyle and WSV as for season 2023-24. Creates a projected operating deficit; on this booking pattern, we need 96 adult members to break even.
b As adopted 1st April	£ 12,100	1,800	1,734	Reflecting the Thursday switch from Foyle to WSV; other slots unchanged (as for scenario (a) above). Total hours increased, but now split equally between the two locations. Now we need 89 adult members to break even.
c All WSV, like-for-like	£ 9,900	-	3,162	Switch our current play pattern entirely to WSV (reduced annual hours here versus scenario (a) above reflect four courts at WSV versus five at Foyle).
d All WSV, all hours	£ 18,900	-	6,426	Seven days a week at WSV, three courts for all available hours: 1600 to 2200 weekdays; 1100 to 1700 weekends
e All WSV, trimmed hours	£ 14,300	-	4,896	As for (d) above, but weeknights play restricted: 1700 to 2100
f All WSV, target 4000 hours	£ 11,700	-	3,978	Seven days a week at WSV: three courts for combinations of two, four or six hours per day. Requires 86 adult members.
g Hybrid: break-even	£ 10,600	1,800	1,275	Retain current play at Foyle (Mon & Sat); our budget (with 80 members) then restricts play at WSV - say two courts for two hours (four days) and three courts for three hours (Thur). Still allowing play seven days per week.

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Trustees' report for the year ended March 2024

Aims and constitution:

As stated in our constitution document (2021), the club exists for the advancement of amateur tennis. Specifically, we aim to promote the sport of tennis in a manner that provides equal opportunities for all in the local community. The club rents court space at two venues: Foyle College, 67 Limavady Road and Waterside Shared Village (WSV), 61 Irish Street.

Public benefit

The club's main activities and achievements during the subscription year 2023/24 are discussed below. We hereby confirm that through those activities the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Notable activities

This year saw a number of initiatives designed to allow easier access to tennis and embrace the benefits offered by new technologies. The club created a website (www.cityofderrytennisclub.com) providing details about how to join the club, book a court, arrange lessons etc. This has become the main point of contact for potential new players and includes a section on Frequently Asked Questions. In tandem, the club opened an on-line banking facility with PayPal to facilitate transactions (subscriptions, guest fees, lesson fees) linked through the website. In May, an on-line survey was circulated to members to canvass opinion on matters such as court availability, preference of venue (Foyle College or WSV), opportunities for social tennis, coaching needs. Results then guided committee decisions and policies.

For those players new to the club, or without regular playing partners, the club continued to set aside 'green courts' - pot-luck slots where members can enter their name without the need for pre-arranging a playing partner. These slots help new members to integrate into the wider club. The timing and number of these 'green courts' was a key topic in the survey. 'Social-tennis' evenings were added to the weekly roster and all members were free to turn up and play without any prior booking; the emphasis on mixing ages and abilities and having fun.

There were 20 junior members for the year and their development is vital to the club's future success and viability. In November, the club commenced weekly junior coaching with a trained Level 1 Tennis Ireland Coach. It was recognised that some juniors attending lessons find the progression to club membership difficult; progression requires that juniors should be capable of playing a full set i.e. able to serve, rally, keep score. To encourage this, we began match-play sessions, both singles and doubles, for juniors. Six of our junior members went on to represent the club in junior tennis tournaments throughout the North West region. The club organised and hosted a Safeguarding Children and Young People Workshop in November for our and Strabane Tennis Club's committee members and volunteers. This workshop was run by the Development Officer and the Safeguarding Lead Officer for Ulster Tennis. The trustees are very appreciative of the time and commitment invested by committee members in supervising and organising the junior development programmes. The club also ran adult coaching sessions over the summer months; there were around 12 new attendees with 18 intermediate players from the existing membership also participating in the lessons.

One of our coaches ran a number of outreach sessions at Foyle College; the sessions for different age groups ran two afternoons per week. In September, we held a well-publicised open-day event at WSV designed to promote the club and encourage members of the public to come along and give tennis a go with the option to book lessons and become a member. Later the same month, we held our first week-long, internal tournament at WSV offering a choice of

singles and doubles for multiple categories: open, senior and junior. Over 50 members took part and enjoyed fine weather throughout, culminating in finals and a prize-giving on the Saturday. Doubles pairings made up of juniors won the Ladies' A category and were runners up in the Ladies' B category.

Periodic fun events included a one-day tournament in June that raised £600 from the members for donation to Action Cancer. And Christmas was celebrated with a one-day indoor tournament and an evening party at a venue in town – complete with games, a quiz and dancing.

Achievements

In the reporting year 2023-24, and after marked growth post-pandemic, the club membership remained stable at around 110. Our club is one of the most cosmopolitan in the city with members drawn from over 15 different nationalities. The club recognises that tennis is an important means for people to improve their fitness levels, but more importantly provides a social outlet which benefits mental as well as physical health.

In an early competition, our Ladies' C team won the North West of Ireland Spring League. Our best young player enjoyed success throughout 2023 and won the Men's Singles and Doubles titles at the Cavan Senior Open in May, reaching a National Irish ranking of 13 (adults). One senior player competed in numerous tournaments around the province, progressing from C to B class events, and won the Men's Singles Over-55 years title at the County Antrim Championships in August.

Financial position

The club remains in a strong financial position and closed the year to March 2024 with £30k in the bank accounts after achieving a surplus for the reporting period. This year's surplus of £6k is somewhat inflated by members' advance payments in March of subscriptions for the new playing season. The bank balance, built up over numerous years, represents the club's only financial asset (small amounts of training equipment aside) and we continue to rent court space in the city. Billing delays meant that three months of court hire at WSV were unpaid at 31 March, but those amounts were settled in full post year-end. There were no other material creditors (or other deficits) unpaid at year end.

Governance

The club's trustees during the reporting period were: Kevin Cleary, Adrian Ford, Peter Fryer, Mark Moroney and Teresa Sweidan.

The club's committee, appointed at Annual General Meeting, meets monthly to manage affairs; since the COVID pandemic those meetings have been conducted via video link.



Teresa Sweidan, Chair



Dated

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Annual return



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Date: 20th January 2025

**Independent Examiner's Report To The Charity Trustees Of
City of Derry Tennis Club Charity no. 108211**

I report on the accounts of the above for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's statement

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept as required by section 63 of the Charities Act;
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4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed



Name: W O J McLaughlin

Relevant professional qualification if any: F.C.A.

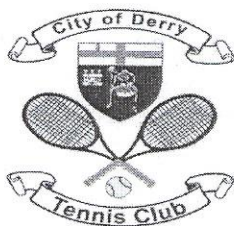
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CITY OF DERRY TENNIS CLUB
Registered Charity NIC 108211
Statement of Accounts 2022/23 Season

Opening balances 9th March 2022.

Current account --Santander Building Society	£19,699.31
Investment ~ Instant Access Account ~ Santander	£1,979.12
Cash on Hand	£25.02
	<u>£21703.45</u>

INCOME

Members Subscriptions 2022 / 23 Season	£ 12,836.40
Green Fees	£ 435.00
Tennis balls	£ 40.00
Coaching at club (adult and junior)	£5,182.21

£18,493.61

EXPENDITURE

Club Insurance (Protectivity Insurance)	£455.07
Affiliation fees 2023	£TBC
Court Rental (Foyle College- up to end of Feb 23)	£11908.91
Court Rental St. Columb's Park	£TBC
Purchase of Tennis Balls and Equipment	£ 56.46
Coaching Fees	£ 2,210.00
PTA Course	£ 1,170.85
Laptop	£ 399.99
Charitable Donation	£ 150.00
Gifts	£ 134.00
Sundry	£ 72.39
	<u>£ 16,557.67</u>

Closing balances 11 March 2023.

Current account --Santander Building Society	£21,633.35
Investment ~ Instant Access Account ~ Santander	£1,979.12
Cash on Hand	£26.92
	<u>£23,639.39</u>

Tennis Balls 6 tubes , 7 doz. soft junior tennis balls (4 dozs. Yellow / orange and 3 dozs. yellow / red).

6 permanent mini nets, net targets, skipping ropes, cones, speaker, tennis hopper, 3 x multi racket bags and racquets, kettle, cups, microwave.

I hereby certify that this is a true and accurate account of income and expenditure in respect of City of Derry Tennis Club as at 11th March 2023.

Signed :

Teresa Sweidan Treasurer : Date : 11th March 2023.

Certified a true copy.
Kevin T. Cleary F.C.A.

MEMBER NO. 1894764

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This year saw a number of initiatives designed to allow easier access to tennis. First, the membership fee structure was amended to include a sliding scale as the year progressed to ensure those joining later paid a fee proportionate to the playing time remaining. The club also provided a reduced rate of £5 per month for those unemployed and for refugees from Ukraine who had relocated to the area and had expressed an interest in playing tennis again.

For those players new to the club, or without regular playing partners, the club established 'green courts' - pot-luck slots where members can enter their name without the need for pre-arranging a playing partner. These slots proved popular and allowed new members to integrate into the wider club.

In order to further develop tennis in the community, the club ran adult coaching sessions from May until October 2022. Over 120 people of 7 different nationalities attended and developed their tennis skills. Many of these attendees then joined the club and became active playing members. The coaching sessions finished at Halloween with refreshments and cupcakes for all the participants and coaches.

The club also assisted St. Joseph's Secondary School, Creggan at their annual summer event and held a taster session encouraging the pupils to try out tennis as a new sport. Club members were interviewed by a local radio station on the day to help promote tennis and the local club.

The club organised several internal tournaments and fun events throughout the year to encourage participation and mixing within the club. These were mainly outdoor events, but included an indoor fun Christmas tournament. The club recognises that tennis is an important means for people to improve their fitness levels, but more importantly provides a social outlet which benefits mental as well as physical health.

Achievements

In the reporting year 2022-23, the club increased its membership by 70% finishing with around 120 members – adults and juniors. This is the largest the club has ever been and those members were drawn from over 15 different nationalities.

We recognise that developing juniors within the club is vital to its future success and viability. To this end, the club organised with Tennis Fundamentals (Lisburn) to provide a coaching course (Tennis Fundamentals Foundation Coaching Course) to 10 of our members, 8 of whom were juniors. All participants successfully completed the course and are now qualified coaches; and some have then used this qualification to help with coaching sessions within the club and as organised by the local council in community facilities and schools.

One of our members represented Ulster in junior provincial competitions and was supported by the club with a donation to contribute towards fuel costs and accommodation for the event. Other members were encouraged to develop their competitive tennis by taking part in tournaments organised by neighbouring clubs including at Letterkenny, Limavady and Omagh.

Financial position

The club remains in a strong financial position and closed the year to March 2023 with over £23k in the bank account after achieving a modest surplus for the reporting period. That bank balance, built up over numerous years, represents the club's only financial asset (small amounts of training equipment aside) and we continue to rent court space in the city. There were no outstanding creditors (or other deficits) unpaid at year end; affiliation fees payable to Tennis Ireland for calendar year 2023 were settled in April of that year after a query on the sums due was resolved.

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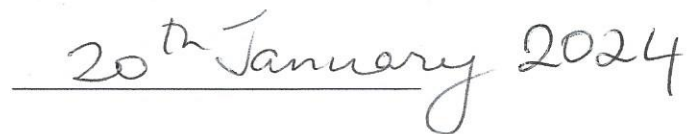
Kevin Cleary, Adrian Ford, Peter Fryer, Eugene Moore, Mark Moroney and Teresa Sweidan.

Eugene Moore has subsequently resigned from the club's governing committee; all other trustees remain in post.

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