

SUPPORTING TENNIS ACROSS OUR COUNTY



ESSEX TENNIS

Our Goals

We are a voluntary 'not for profit' organisation run by a team of 60 plus volunteers from clubs around the County.

Our aim is to support and safeguard tennis from the grass roots/recreational level to development and performance/elite standards.

We do this by working with clubs, venues, tennis providers, coaches, players, parents and any person who is involved in the game.

WHERE MONEY RAISED IS SPENT

Our annual income is circa £250k:

- 35% from Club registrations raised to support the LTA's 'Core Activities'.
- 65% from corporate Sponsors, private Donors and other commercial activity.

This is spent approx. as follows:

- Volunteering 8% - Safeguarding, Governance, LTA Awards and Volunteers Week.
- Participation 29% - Club support, queries, Coach support, Disability development (4% of total).
- Performance 44% - County Leagues, County Cups, County Championships, Seniors' National League, LTA National League, LTA Youth Schools, Play Your Way to Wimbledon.
- Competition 19% - County training, Regional camps, 10U Performance programme.

Supporting Clubs and Tennis Volunteers in Essex

We support over 120 clubs across Essex.

Providing recognition of our tennis volunteers across the County, including promotion of the LTA Awards and National Volunteer Week

Our 'Advantage Essex' scheme provides clubs with access to Grants and Loans, with loans outstanding normally in the range £400k-£500k

This allows Clubs to develop or improve their tennis offering and/or facilities. For example:

- new floodlights;
- conversion to LED;
- resurface or build new courts, including Mini and Padel courts;
- clubhouse improvements;
- installation of a defibrillator; and
- new tennis equipment



Essex Tennis supported Thaxted LTC in relaying 2 courts and replacing all fencing through our Advantage Essex Loan Scheme.

We recognised 35 club volunteers for their extensive contributions to tennis.

The 3 lucky winners of our prize draw each received a box of Dunlop tennis balls for their club:

- Pat Cronin, Aldersbrook (picture)
- June Snellin, Theydon Bois
- Steph Holt, Mountnessing



An Essex Tennis Grant allowed Thorpe Bay LTC to purchase two defibrillators for their main Clubhouse and Junior/Coaching Pavilion



Supporting our Coaches

- Providing over 20 courses and a Coach Forum per year across the county, with Level 3 run by Stuart Twigg (Level 5).
- Our target numbers met for Level 1 courses.
- Level 3 Courses now all include a half day on disability.
- Two Level 4 coaches being supported through the programme to help grow the overall standard of coaching in the county through targeted selective support.
- Second Amazon Prime initiative for Girls starting soon.
- Padel Tennis coaching courses now available in Essex.



Encouraging Openness, Diversity and Inclusion

Multiple & Pan Disability

- London Borough Parks teams engaged and events planned for 2024.
- Wimx Programme commenced in conjunction with Access Sports for young people at Ridgeway Park.

Learning Disability

- SEN Schools programme now in full swing.
- LTA LD competition, from orange to yellow ball in April 2024 at Redbridge.
- Essex LD Performance group commenced October 2023 under Coach Dave Wright.
- Bright Ideas for Tennis initiatives to be run in Essex by Mark Bullock – co-ordinating with Essex Tennis.

Deaf and Wheelchair Tennis – initiatives targeted for 2024.

Walking Tennis & Impaired Mobility – Great success at 2 clubs & more to join.

Eastern Counties Working Group – Essex is leading the way in encouraging cross County initiatives for LD programmes and competition.

Supporting Adult Players

- We support the costs involved for our Men's and Women's Adult teams at the Summer & Winter LTA Inter-county Cup Competitions.
- We support Adult County age-group teams from 35 plus to 80 plus.
- We link up players with teams/venues through our 'Find a Club' scheme, which helps players new to the sport or moving into the area to find an appropriate place to play.
- We run summer and winter leagues for Clubs around the County, both Open and Vets, with over 150 Club teams participating
- We also run summer and winter Cup competitions for Clubs, each culminating in a Finals Day.



Supporting Junior Players

- We support the costs of our teams playing in tournaments or competitions, including team kit
- We liaise and support the Essex Tennis Parents & Friends Association (ETPFA) which provides a direct link between Essex Tennis and parents
- County training is held regularly and allows the County coaches to develop player skills, match tactics and team spirit among our age-group teams
- Inter County events give Junior players the opportunity to represent Essex in team competition at Regional and National levels
- We support LTA sanctioned tournaments across the County, including the Essex Junior Closed and Open events plus Play Your Way to Wimbledon

