

WILTSHIRE FIGURES

- **Number of Registered venues – 47**
- **Number of LTA coaches – 27 (Accredited) and 34 (Accredited+) = 61**
- **Number of Registered Courts - 176**
- **Number of adults playing once a month - 9,906**
- **Number of adults playing once a year - 35,942**
- **Number of children playing once a month - 13,908**
- **Number of LTA Youth Start courses uploaded to ClubSpark – 45 (9 venues)**

LTA Youth Start is a fun starter course for kids aged 4 – 11, who are new to tennis or have played very little. There are 6 group coaching lessons full of fun games, designed to get kids active, confident, and more skilled.

- **Number of teachers trained on LTA Youth Programme (primary and secondary) – 72**

- **Number of padel courts – 3**

New Padel Centre opened up at Bassett Down near Swindon.

- **Number of active Open Court venues – 9**

The LTA have developed a package of equipment and support that will enable venues to increase opportunities for disabled people to get involved in tennis through being a part of our Open Court programme. An Open Court Network plan is in place in Wiltshire and sessions and activity continues to grow.



- **Number of venues adopting LTA Rally – 19**

LTA Rally makes it easier for people to find and book a court

- **Number of Wiltshire coaches on the Wiltshire Tennis Coach Network - 40**

The Wiltshire Tennis coach network continues to grow and enables the County and the coaches, to engage with each other either via meetings and the whats app messaging group.

- **Over 100 of players were selected for our Junior County Training programme in 2020-2021**

The programme was impacted again by the covid restrictions, and 6 camps were held during the year. 125 players have been selected for the 2021-2022 County Training programme. Monthly camps are held for 8U, 9U, 10U, 12U and 14U and joint camps are planned for the 18U and Adult teams. A big thank you to our Squad Captains who coach and support our county players– Neil Watts, Becky Watts, Lewis Fletcher, Catherine Fletcher, Will Baillie, Lauren Prince, Matt Rutland, Neil Little.

- The Wiltshire Tennis clothing shop which is available for all junior, adult and senior county players continues to be well received and is a great opportunity for players to purchase County clothing.

- Wiltshire Tennis are pleased to confirm that Babolat are again the Official Tennis Ball of Wiltshire Tennis and all Registered tennis venues within the county of Wiltshire can access a Club ball offer. More details available at www.wiltshiretennis.org.uk



WILTSHIRE PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS 2021

LEWIS FLETCHER

Lewis Fletcher, Ramsbury TC and County Coach, won a fourth successive National title with his partner, Esah Hayat over the weekend of 6th/7th November.

Lewis and Esah have developed a highly successful doubles partnership and led Great Britain to the silver medal in the 2018 Dresse Cup, deaf tennis's World Team Championship for male players and the deaf tennis equivalent of the Davis Cup, while a year later they were also silver medallists at the World Deaf Championships in Turkey.

However, their latest success brought a fourth successive National title as the top seeds won all three of their men's doubles round-robin matches in straight sets, beating runners-up Dan Tunstall, who coaches at Trowbridge Westbourne TC and Peter Willcox 6-2, 6-3 in the decisive match of the weekend.



WILTSHIRE PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS 2021

GILES HUSSEY

Giles has had his most successful year to date. Going into his last year of eligibility he transferred to Tennessee. Individually Giles reached a NCAA singles ranking of 80.

Tennessee won the Southern Eastern Conference which enabled them to qualify for the NCAA championships. At this event they reached the semi finals which is an incredible achievement.

Upon leaving College in America, Giles has embarked on a professional tennis career. In a short period of time, he has achieved so much already. He gained his first ATP ranking in June

at a tournament in Greece and he has gone on to win his first professional title in Mexico and currently has a career high world ranking of 875. Giles also competed in the UK pro league and finished 4th in the grand final event which he qualified for due to his performances in the earlier events.



AMELIA BISSETT

Amelia started off the year in January/February travelling to Egypt for 4 weeks to compete in ITF Women's 15K tournaments. Her start on the road to a Professional Career. She gained her first ITF Women's points in week 3 and has now a professional ranking. Amelia also got to the Quarter finals in doubles in Egypt. Therefore, she now has a singles ranking and a separate doubles ranking for the Women's Tour.

In March, Amelia travelled to the Dominican Republic to compete in the Junior U18 ITF grade 2 tournament where she won the Doubles partnering a Swedish girl.

Amelia then competed in June in the Grade 1 Junior ITF tournament at Roehampton just before Wimbledon and made it to the quarterfinals in doubles partnering Matilda Mutavdzic. Unfortunately, Amelia struggled during the summer with injuries and did not compete at Junior Wimbledon in singles and doubles, after only being on court for 2 weeks trying to get fit.

Once she was up and running again Amelia competed at the Pro League in Aldershot in July and lost in the semi-final and then competed at the British Tour at the NTC in the same month and won her group.

In August, Amelia competed in the British Tour in Newcastle and was runner-up. In October she won the British Tour in Taunton.

Amelia is currently competing in Mexico for 4 weeks trying to gain valuable experience and hopefully success on the women's tour.

Amelia has had a very frustrating year due to injuries but hopefully 2022 will bring more success on the Women's tour as she leaves the junior's behind.



DAN HOPKINS

Wanborough's Dan Hopkins is another Wiltshire National Champion.

Dan is coached by Becky Watts at Wanborough and has had a great year. Dan recently competed at the LTA's Visually Impaired National Finals and won the B2 Mens Singles Event.

Visually Impaired Tennis (known as VI Tennis) is one of the leading sports for blind and partially sighted people in the UK.

This format of the game is different to traditional tennis – it's played on a smaller court with a lower net. Courts also have tactile lines (so players can touch them) and players also use an audible tennis ball that makes noise so they can hear it bounce and being hit.



LTA YOUTH SCHOOLS YEAR 7&8 & YEAR 9&10 COMPETITION WILTSHIRE 2021

AGE GROUP	WINNERS	RUNNER-UP
Year 7&8 Boys Div 2	Trafalgar School Downton	Bishops Wordsworth's School
Year 7&8 Girls Div 1	Godolphin School	South Wilts Grammar School
Year 7&8 Girls Div 2	South Wilts Grammar School	Godolphin School
Year 9&10 Boys Div 2	Bishops Wordsworth's School	Marlborough College
Year 9&10 Girls Div 1	Marlborough College	Godolphin School
Year 9&10 Girls Div 2	Godolphin School	South Wilts Grammar School

SUMMER WILTSHIRE NATIONAL LEAGUE 2021

AGE GROUP	WINNERS	RUNNER-UP
9U Div 1	Ramsbury	Salisbury
12U Boys Div 1	Riverside	Salisbury
12U Girls Div 1	Ramsbury	Salisbury
14U Boys Div 1	Riverside	Salisbury
16U Boys Div 1	Riverside	Salisbury
14U Girls	Riverside	Salisbury
Open Mens	Salisbury	Riverside

NEW PADEL CENTRE OPENS AT BASSETT DOWN NEAR SWINDON

Monday 13th September 2021 marked the opening of the first padel tennis courts in Wiltshire, courtesy of Padel4all who have built a three-court, canopy-covered centre at Bassett Down, near Swindon. The focus of the brand new centre will be to encourage the nearby and surrounding communities to participate in an active lifestyle and to offer a positive playing experience for all ages and abilities on the highest quality courts.

The sport of padel is often referred to as a mix of tennis and squash because it is played on an enclosed court which combines the net element of tennis with the walls of squash. It is played in doubles, making it a highly sociable sport, with tactics and guile/finesse more important than strength and power.



In October the county held a Wiltshire Tennis Venue and Coach network event at the complex and attendees enjoyed trying Padel Tennis for the first time and hearing more about the venue.

More information about Padel can be found at : <https://www.lta.org.uk/play-compete/getting-started/padel/>

To keep informed on all the news at the Padel4all centre at Bassett Down head to <http://www.padel4all.com>

JUNIOR COUNTY CUPS 2021

9U COUNTY CUP (16TH MAY 2021)			
GIRLS GROUP – DELTA TC SWINDON		BOYS - GROUP – DELTA TC SWINDON	
CAPTAINS: CATHERINE FLETCHER		CAPTAINS: MATT RUTLAND	
OTHER COUNTIES: MIDDLESEX, ESSEX & BERKSHIRE		OTHER COUNTIES: MIDDLESEX, ESSEX & BERKSHIRE	
RESULT: 4TH IN GROUP		RESULT: 4TH IN GROUP	
PLAYER	CLUB	PLAYER	CLUB
Eliza Gill	Ramsbury	Reuben Beck	Ramsbury
Daisy Bryant	Delta	Adhrit Praveen Kumar	Delta
Alice Saunders	Delta	Alexander Brodie	Pewsey
Amelie Dawe	Salisbury	Jack Hannon	Ramsbury

10U COUNTY CUP (22ND & 23RD MAY 2021)			
GIRLS - GROUP K – TAUNTON		BOYS - GROUP K – BURNHAM ON SEA	
CAPTAINS: BECKY WATTS		CAPTAINS: NEIL WATTS	
OTHER COUNTIES: SOUTH WALES, GLOS, SOMERSET		OTHER COUNTIES: SOUTH WALES, GLOS, SOMERSET	
RESULT: 1ST IN GROUP		RESULT: 2ND IN GROUP	
PLAYER	CLUB	PLAYER	CLUB
Matilda Carey	Bath	Ted Perry	Royal Wootton Bassett
Mia Hughes	Delta	Pierre Sabatier	Delta
Daisy Napp	Bath	Reuben Beck	Ramsbury
Phoebe Clarke	Delta	Adhrit Praveen Kumar	Delta

11U COUNTY CUP (19TH & 20TH JUNE 2021)			
GIRLS - GROUP C – SALISBURY		BOYS - GROUP F - SUSSEX	
CAPTAINS: LEWIS FLETCHER		CAPTAINS: NEIL WATTS	
OTHER COUNTIES: AVON, DEVON. CORNWALL, SOUTH WALES		OTHER COUNTIES: SUSSEX, HAMPSHIRE & IOW, MIDDLESEX, KENT	
RESULT: 2ND IN GROUP		RESULT: 5TH IN GROUP	
PLAYER	CLUB	PLAYER	CLUB
Matilda Carey	Bath	Andrew Luo	Ramsbury
Mia Hughes	Delta	Joel Brewer	Bath
Daisy Napp	Bath	Sam Brewer	Bath
Phoebe Clarke	Delta	Pierre Sabatier	Delta
Nicole Read	David Lloyd		

12U COUNTY CUP (24TH & 25TH APRIL 2021)			
GIRLS - GROUP K – ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT		BOYS - GROUP K - BRIDGEND	
CAPTAINS: BECKY WATTS		CAPTAINS: NEIL WATTS	
OTHER COUNTIES: SOUTH WALES, GLOS, AVON		OTHER COUNTIES: SOUTH WALES, GLOS, AVON	
RESULT: 3RD IN GROUP		RESULT: 4TH IN GROUP	
PLAYER	CLUB	PLAYER	CLUB
Sophie Napp	Bath	Alex Greenouff	Delta
Madi Ambrose	Delta	Refus Blount	Ramsbury/Delta
Emily Kirwan	Delta	Harry Mitchell	Delta
Anya Holdsworth	Ramsbury	Carlos Bratosin	Riverside

JUNIOR COUNTY CUPS 2021

14U COUNTY CUP (1 ST & 2 ND MAY 2021)			
GIRLS - GROUP K – BURNHAM ON SEA		BOYS - GROUP K - TAUNTON	
CAPTAINS: BECKY WATTS & NEIL WATTS		CAPTAINS: LEWIS FLETCHER	
OTHER COUNTIES: SOUTH WALES, GLOS, SOMERSET		OTHER COUNTIES: SOUTH WALES, GLOS, SOMERSET	
RESULT: 4TH IN GROUP		RESULT: 2ND IN GROUP	
PLAYER	CLUB	PLAYER	CLUB
Flossie Watts		Michael Mitchell	Delta
Macy May Kilford	Delta	Sam Clague	Ramsbury
Olivia Adkins	Delta	Joshua Knight	Bath
Erin Neesham	Bath	Louis Tutcher	

There was no 18U County Cup event in February 2021 due to Covid restrictions

WILTSHIRE TENNIS SAFEGUARDING 2021

Report from Liz Lewis – Wiltshire Tennis Safeguarding Officer Email: Safeguarding@wiltshiretennis.org.uk

General

We continue to work closely with the LTA to support high standards of safeguarding and event/activity management throughout the county. The county committees have participated in the LTA's mandatory safeguarding training for committees, and all LTA Registered venues should have scheduled the same training.

Documents on the Wiltshire Tennis website

Our policies and guidelines, including Safeguarding, Diversity and Inclusion.
WhatsApp guidance for coaches, venues, volunteers and associates.
Forms for players, coaches and county teams.

LTA Venue Safeguarding Support Visits (previously Safeguarding Audits)

Since their inauguration by the LTA, 226 LTA Registered Venues in the SW region have been audited/visited by Stuart Parsons, LTA Regional Safeguarding Manager – South West. For Wiltshire, 26 venues have been visited, four since April 2021. Thanks to all your sterling efforts, all of the Wiltshire venues referred to above have, at the time of writing (4 November), achieved or exceeded the minimum standards. A further four venues were due to be visited by 30 November.

Regional and National Context: Reported Concerns

From January 2020 to 4 November 2021 (a period which included lockdowns), a total of 60 concerns were reported from the SW region, 6 of which were from Wiltshire. Nine of the original sixty were categorised non-safeguarding; the remaining fifty-one concerns fall into one of nineteen other categories, all with a safeguarding element. During 2021, for the LTA as a whole, 233 concerns were raised to 4 November. None of the figures referenced above are related to any of the historical cases which are also being investigated by the LTA.

Management of Individual Venues

Congratulations to those venues which carry/publish up to date policies, especially their 'Safeguarding' and 'Diversity and Inclusion' policies signed and dated by the Chair and Welfare Officer. It is easy to let these slip, as time does indeed fly, but venues using the LTA's Venue Self-Assessment Form find this, and much more, easier to manage.

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. If you see something, say something.

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SENIORS REPORTS – LADIES 2021

WILTSHIRE SENIORS LADIES TEAM CAPTAIN REPORT

Wiltshire Ladies had representation in Over 35s, 40s, 50s, 55s, 60s and 65s.

With the groups regionalised this year due to Covid and the postponement of the normal promotion/relegation, it was an opportunity to introduce new players into Inter County Tennis competitions.

The Over 35's enjoyed their weekend in Eastbourne which included a walk over the S Downs on an unexpected 'free' day following the withdrawal of one of the Counties in their Group. A good win against Oxfordshire on the final day reversed their initial result against Notts earlier in the weekend.

The O40s had a reduced schedule playing matches against S Wales and Somerset.

Meanwhile the O50s enjoyed excellent, competitive tennis against Cornwall, Devon, Avon, Somerset and S Wales and the Over 55s had fixtures v Devon, S Wales, Cornwall and Gloucestershire.

The Over 60s had a lesson in winning tie breaks and also realised that trying to play in 33 degree heat wasn't conducive to players physical health!! The 65s have also been active, captained by Suzanne Bullimore.

Wiltshire Ladies Vets continue to thrive, and we have an ever-increasing number of players which is inevitably creating keen competition for places.

Thanks to all the Captains who have ensured their players were in the right place at the right time which included persuading someone really did want an overnight stay in Cornwall the following day!

A huge thanks too to the Clubs who hosted matches in particular Marlborough who were so accommodating. The view at the latter was likened to Tuscany through the heat haze on that 33-degree day!

Squad - 35s

Karina Weedon (Capt), Karen Nelson, Fiona O'Sullivan, Helen Denton, Sarah Hosking and Ginny Dalrymple

Squad - 40s

Karina Weedon (Capt), Karen Nelson, Fiona O'Sullivan and Helen Denton

Squad - 50s

Angie Baldock (Capt), Jo Adams, Jane Bullus, Lucy Bushby, Amabel Harvey Evers, Sarah Hoskins, Heidi Marvin, Katharine more and Jo Williams

Squad - 55s

Liz White (Capt), Eila Barron, Liz Crossley, Mary Elliott, Kath More, Alison Plummer, Alyson Shephard and Janet Smith

Squad - 60s

Liz Crossley, Mary Elliott, Janey Melhuish, Kath More and Liz White

We would also say thanks and farewell to Karen Nelson who has represented Wiltshire for a number of years at Senior, Over 35 and 40s. Karen is returning to her native Oxfordshire and we wish her well.

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SENIORS REPORTS – MEN 2021

WILTSHIRE SENIORS MENS TEAM CAPTAIN REPORT– MIKE POWELL E: angelaandmikepowell@talktalk.net

A year ago in November 2020, we were in the grip of the Coronavirus pandemic and had just gone into our second Lockdown, with Government restrictions forcing the LTA to review its plans for 2021. In view of all the uncertainties ahead, it was decided to run the 2021 Seniors County Cup on a more-localised regional basis to reduce travelling, overnight stays and hospitality. The regional Leagues would still be competitive but would be a one-off competition for 2021 without promotion & relegation rather than continue the previous sequential leagues run annually with promotion & relegation. In effect the 2021 matches would be friendly competition played on outdoor courts amongst neighbouring counties. As Coronavirus came under more control with vaccinations, Government restrictions were gradually eased, permitting easier travelling with overnight stays if necessary, hospitality and indoor play – almost back to normal!

Wiltshire Men chose to enter 4 teams only, as there were probably insufficient players available to field an M75 side. The 4 Team Captains: Hans Monahan (M55), Gavin Gibson (M60), James Sinclair (M65) and myself (M70) duly arranged fixture dates and venues, team selections and travelling for the scheduled matches, some home some away, from May onwards until end October.

The M55's first match at end May was rained off but rearranged for early June outdoors on a very hot Sunday at Marshfield TC against a strong Avon side, the team of Hans Monahan, Livio Pavone, Charles Faye & Nick Hewens losing 0-5, 0-10, 23-61. A stronger team of Gavin Gibson, Nick Breeds, Charles Faye & Nick Goddard was fielded in July away at West Hants against Dorset, winning one doubles rubber but losing the match 1-4, 2-8, 28-52. Devon was unfortunately unable to raise a team for the September match at Delta, so Wilts finished third of the 4 teams.

The M60's first outing in June had to be conceded at the last minute against Devon at Exeter Golf & Country Club owing to a late injury, but the team defeated Cornwall at Chippenham TC on another hot day in July, being restricted by agreement to doubles only, 3-1, 7-3, 43-27. There followed a narrow loss to Avon at Westbury-on-Trym by 2-3, 4-7, 37-51 in August and then a narrow win against Somerset at Riverside, Salisbury by 3-2, 7-4, 48-29 to finish 3rd out of 5 teams.

The M65 team of Paul Denyer, Andy Smith, James Sinclair, Glynn Stevens, Glen d'Mello & Colin Thomas, won all of their 5 matches with a great team effort. 4 of the 5 matches were won closely by **3-2**: Somerset at Delta 7-4, 54-37; Devon at Delta 6-5, 44-38 ; Dorset at East Dorset TC 7-7, 44-52; Avon at Westbury-on-Trym 6-6, 45-46. The fifth match was won convincingly v South Wales 5-0, 10-0, 60-15, so Wiltshire finished top of the group undefeated!!

The M70 team of Paul Denyer, James Sinclair, Glen d'Mello, Peter Cooper, Colin Gratton, & Matt Holland also had a remarkable run, winning 4 out of 5 matches **on games only**: Somerset at Burnham-on-Sea 2-2, 4-4, **40-37**; Avon at Westbury-on-Trym 2-2, 5-5, **37-35**; Glos at Delta 2-2, 4-4, **37-32**; Devon at Delta 2-2, 4-4, **34-31**. Their only loss was to the strong South Wales side at Delta, whose captain was David Stillman, younger brother of John, who was Wiltshire Mens Captain for many years. Wiltshire are likely to finish 2nd to South Wales.



In all the 4 Men's teams played 15 matches, winning 11 of them – certainly the best results achieved in many years. Decisions will now have to be made as to whether Wilts can enter an additional M75 side for 2022 without jeopardising the numbers available for the other teams, as the 2022 rules will revert to being more restrictive about playing down in a lower age group.

Mike Powell

Wilts LTA Seniors Mens Tennis Organiser 16th November 2021

Wiltshire Tennis AGM Report 2021

AWARDS

Wiltshire Tennis were delighted to announce back in January 2021, the local heroes who were honoured as part of the LTA Tennis Awards.

The awards are an initiative by the LTA and champion the people who deliver tennis.



- Volunteer of the Year Award – Mark Tyrrell (Marshfield TC)
- Coach of the Year Award – Craig Loxton (Swindon Tennis Centre)
- Club of the Year Award – Riverside TC
- Communities and Parks Award – Swindon Tennis Centre
- Education Award – St Mary's Calne Tennis Academy

All the winners went through to a regional judging panel and Riverside TC and St Marys Calne Tennis Academy were then successful in winning their respective Regional Award! Many congratulations on this great achievement!

To find out more about the LTA Tennis Awards, visit www.lta.org.uk/awards

Nominations for this year's Awards have now closed and the winners will be announced at the Wiltshire Tennis AGM in December.



Mark Tyrrell Presentation



Riverside Presentation



Craig Loxton Presentation



Swindon Tennis Centre Presentation

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SWINDON & DISTRICT TENNIS LEAGUE REPORT 2021

Due to the national lockdown only a third of the Winter 2020/21 matches were played and it was subsequently abandoned.

The 2021 Summer League was played in full, and the winners are as below. The league saw 23 clubs entering 113 teams with 7 withdrawing, down from pre-COVID figures of 25 clubs and 130 team in 2019. It is hoped that the numbers will return once the pandemic is completely behind us.

Division	Men's	Ladies	Mixed
1	Pewsey A	Swindon A	Swindon Mxd A
2	Faringdon A	Pewsey A	Minety Mxd
3	RW Bassett B	Marlborough B	Wanborough Mxd
4	Marlborough A	Marlborough C	Pewsey Mxd C
5	Pewsey D		
6	PAKT		
7	Pewsey G		

The Winter 2021/22 league is currently underway with 19 clubs competing with a total of 39 teams, down from 24 clubs and 44 teams in the previous abandoned season.

At the recent AGM the league agreed to be fully compliant with the World Tennis Number and from the 2022 Summer League all players will need to be registered with LTA Advantage. The league has also introduced a levy to go some way to off-set the emissions produced as a result of travelling to away matches and in playing matches under floodlights. All monies raised through the levy will be passed to a recognised emissions off-setting body.

After 24 years of service as a committee member, the last 5 years which were as Chair, Neil Allen will be retiring from the committee in 2022. The league thanks Neil for all his years of dedicated service. The league is therefore seeking a replacement to take over the role from November 2022.

Andy Dickinson Swindon & District League

CHIPPENHAM & DISTRICT TENNIS LEAGUE REPORT 2021

The Chippenham and District Tennis League was smaller this year mainly due to the continuing concerns about Covid.

SUMMER LEAGUE

22 Clubs;
109 Teams comprising 39 Mens, 30 Ladies and 30 Mixed;
6 Mens, 4 Ladies and 4 Mixed Divisions;
624 scheduled fixtures comprising 246 Mens, 182 Ladies and 196 Mixed.

WINTER LEAGUE 2021/2022

18 Teams in 3 Divisions of 6 each all playing Mixed (a match is 2 sets of Mens, 2 sets of Ladies and 4 sets of Mixed) and there are 30 scheduled fixtures in each Division, so a total of 90.

Eddy Watts Chippenham & District League

SARUM LEAGUE

The Sarum League fixtures and results can be found at <http://www.thesarumleague.com/>

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