



Southbourne Tennis Club

2025 AGM





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Competition

Match
Organisation Club
Tournaments Club
Championships

Committee Leads

Celia B
Kirsty H

Facilities

Maintenance
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Interactive
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Events

Committee Leads

Vacant

Participation

Club Sessions
Membership
Open Days

Committee Leads

Colin G
Claire M

Coaching

Club Tournaments
Coaching Program

Committee Leads

Dave S

Communications / Social

Revamp Website
Review use of
social media
profiles
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Brand

Committee Leads

Lloyd H

Development Project

Project Plan for Top
Court Resurfacing
Sourcing Funding

Committee Leads

Richard H
Rachel G

Carolyn D (Treasurer)

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Chairperson's Report



It is a great pleasure to present the Chairman's and Vice Chairman's Report for this year's AGM of Southbourne Tennis Club. Over the past 12 months, our club has not only sustained its position as one of Dorset's most welcoming and inclusive tennis venues; we have also made great strides on and off the court in terms of participation, performance, and community impact.

-  **Membership & Community Engagement**
-  **LTA Open Court Programme**
-  **Adult League Achievements – Summer & Winter**
-  **Coaching Programme**
-  **Court Maintenance – Resurfacing Courts 4 to 6**
-  **Volunteers – The Heart of Southbourne Tennis Club**

Aims for 2025-26

-  Secure funding and complete resurfacing of Courts 4 to 6.
-  Grow the Open Court & inclusive tennis offering even further.
-  Continue to develop our junior & school outreach programmes.
-  Deliver further clubhouse improvements and improve member communications.
-  Maintain our strong presence in Dorset LTA leagues.

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Treasurers Report



Cash Flow Budget 2025	Budget Yr to 31/12/25	Actual Yr to 31/12/24	Variance
Total Income	68,936	66,788	2,148
Total Direct Expenses	16,550	16,183	367
Total Overheads	26,737	14,756	11,979
Total Exceptional Items	7,500	5,660	1840
Net Income or (Outflow)	18,151	30,189	12,038
Bank Balance (exclu disability)	124,792	106,641	18,151



STC 2024
Accounts



Independent
Examiners Report



Budget 2025



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Competition Report



Teams Update

Once again it has been a very busy year for matches & competitions, with 12 teams being entered into the summer & winter Dorset Leagues, and our own Club Championships during the Summer. We also entered a newly formed Mens 60s+ team for both seasons.

TEAM	Division	Summer 24	Winter 24-25
Mens 1	1	6 th	7 th (rel)
Mens 2	3	5 th	6 th
Mens 3	5	3 rd	2 nd (Promoted)
Mens 45s	1	2 nd	1 st
Mens 60s	1 div only	3 rd	1 st
Ladies 1	1	2 nd	3 rd
Ladies 2	2	2 nd (promoted)	2 nd (promoted)
Ladies 3	2 (W) 3(S)	7 th	3 rd
Ladies 60s	1 div only	3 rd	1 st
Mixed 1	1	6 th	5 th
Mixed 2	2	5 th	6 th
Mixed 3	4	4 th	2 nd (not promoted due to w/o given)

Team Practice Night

During the Summer of 2024, the Committee received a request for a regular organised team practice night for club team players to have sole access to courts one night a week. It was proved to us that it would greatly benefit team players and would be strictly organised on a weekly basis with all teams having equal court access. The request was granted with a structure that for the 1st part (6-7.30pm) players would practice within squads & the 2nd part (7.30 – 9pm) to be mix- in (as per normal club sessions). We believe that a) sessions have been extremely popular & b) been very well-organised.

Ladies 4

We received a proposal for a Ladies 4th team to be introduced as there could be more Ladies interested in playing in matches. We explored the idea in detail, but currently the logistics of having another team is extremely difficult (court availability etc) & the number of interested players reduced when checking their availability. An alternative solution of another Ladies 60s+ team was put forward and will be considered again in September (matches are daytime, thus avoiding court availability issues).

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Facilities Report



Vacant Role:

If you are interested in the Facilities role on the Committee, please register your interest by sending an email to club@southbournetennisclub.com.

Maintenance List:

If you are interested in helping with odd jobs and ongoing maintenance at the club, the committee have created a dynamic list at the below link which is live and is updated by the committee as jobs are identified or completed: [STC Facilities To Do List](#)

If you can pickup any of these jobs or identify any jobs that need doing around the club, please let us know.

Recent Jobs Completed:



Big thanks to Colin G, who recently arranged for a strong new fence in February, which not only enhances safety but also improves the club's appearance from the street.

Big thanks to Dave & Matt who recently re-sanded Courts 1-3, I think we can all agree this has been greatly beneficial and is also key to prolong the life of the court surface.



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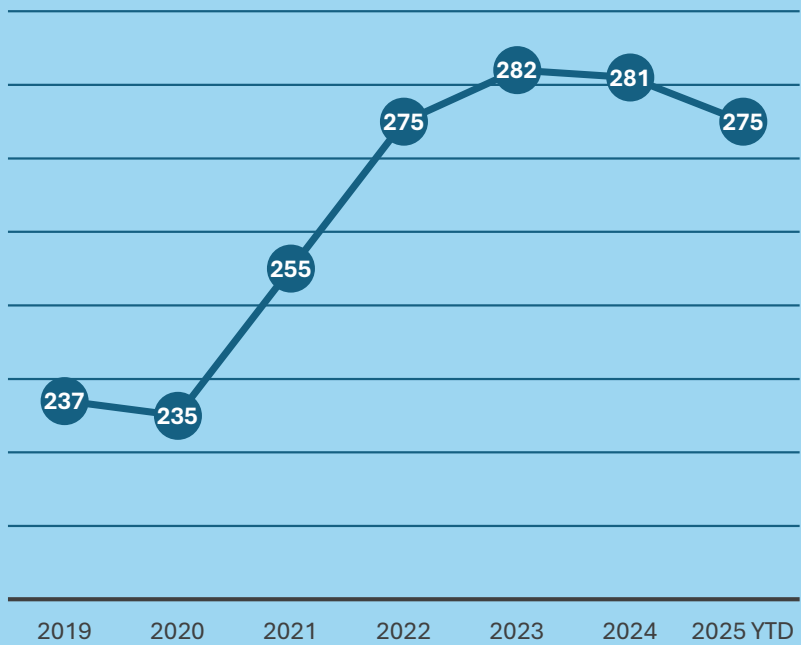


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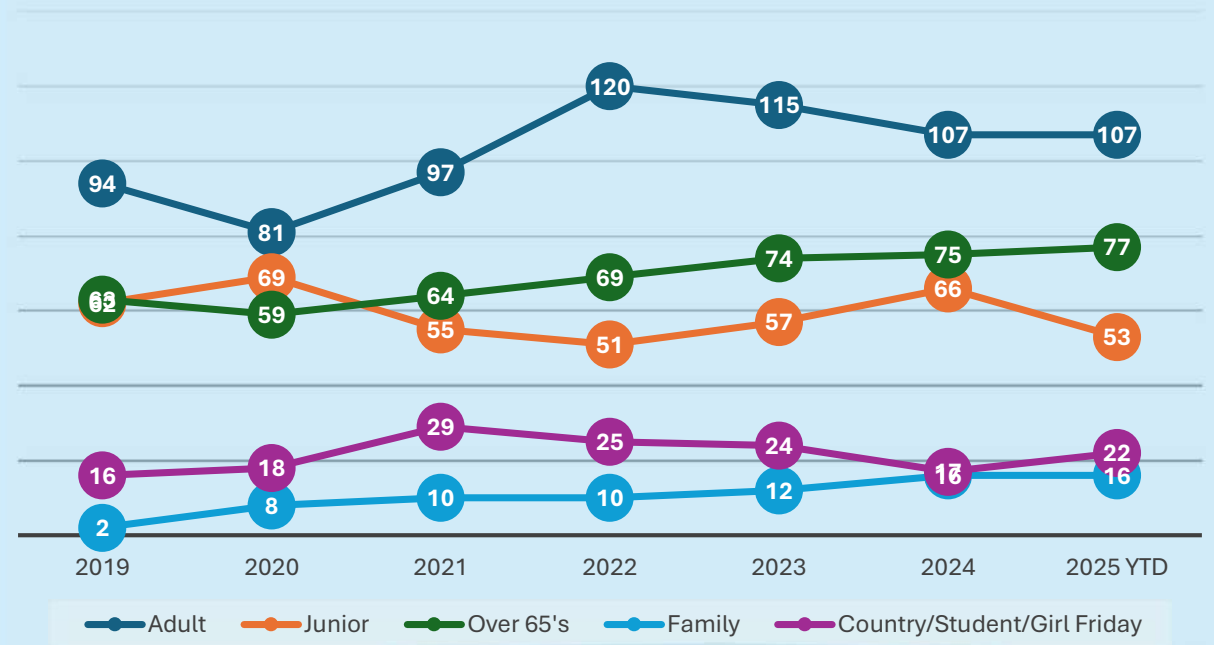
Participation Report – This Year



Paid Membership by Year



Breakdown By Category



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Participation Report – Looking Ahead



What	Why?
<p>Streamlining STC membership to accept solely Stripe and GoCardless automated payment systems.</p>	<p>Make the membership process smoother, easier and more current.</p> <p>Reduce the reliance of volunteer committee members time to administer manual payments and queries.</p>
<p>SumUp to collect guest fees at source in the clubhouse OR scan QR code on your smartphone and pay online.</p>	<p>Collect a higher percentage of guest fees.</p> <p>Reduce the reliance of volunteer committee members time to administer manual payments and queries</p>
<p>Investigating the practicality of monthly memberships by projecting cashflow and working with other clubs who have transitioned already.</p>	<p>Explore a shift toward monthly membership options that align with current social trends taking us away from fixed contracts and appeal more strongly to the 20–40 age group.</p> <p>This will only be considered if the research backed forecast, shows the clubs cashflow remains stable and projects an increase in membership uptake overall.</p>



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Coaching Review 2025



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Children U10's;120 || 10-18yrs;64 || Schools Tennis;40
Tennis at local Primary schools and Secondary schools
Lots of Juniors doing tennis for Duke of Edinburgh
Good numbers at Girls only session for 10yrs +
2x School Games had 140 children attend from Local schools



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Adult Coaching- Approx 80 participants
Cardio tennis on a Mon/Sat 9am, Beginners, Intermediate, Ladies only sessions, Individual coaching,
Scala Box League
Sessions are well attended



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[Open Court – Click Here](#)



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Disability/Inclusive Programme
100 Participants monthly

Wheelchair tennis, Walking Tennis, Day Centre groups, DS Active, LD sessions, Autism Tennis sessions, SEND Schools Portfield/Linwood/Victoria/The Stable school, Diverse Abilities session, Children's/Adult Charities.



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LD Tennis Tournament 2024 sponsored by Southbourne & Boscombe Rotary
Run since 2014, Had 24 competitors, the Mayor attended,



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Parent Review



My tennis-crazy son's Head Coach picked up on how wonderful it would be for both brothers to be able to enjoy tennis at the same setting, and he crafted a new inclusive weekly tennis session for a small group of children with learning and other disabilities to attend. The children play tennis-themed games, undertake drills and skills, and have a lovely and relaxed tennis session with one of the inclusive coaches. I suspect that the club makes a loss on this session, due to the low number of participants, but despite this they appear committed to the cause and all families involved are truly grateful.



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Funding for Disability Programme



Funding support raised for Disability and Community funds £5000

- Local Giving £500
- Tesco £500
- Christchurch Rotary club £500 & matched by Primrose Trust £500 Kelvin
- LTA £1500



- Boscombe and Southbourne Rotary £200 for medals for LD tournament
- £500 Bright Ideas funding to cover 10 sessions for The Stable School
- £500 donated from Lloyds Bank via a funding application by Paul Grogan, big thank you to him.

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Paralympian Day with Jack Eyers
& Chiropractor Talk



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Coaching Report – Programme Overview



Current Highlights:

- Mini Tennis 19 sessions per week
- Junior Tennis 10 sessions per week
- Adult Tennis 9 sessions per week
- Disability Tennis 10 sessions per week
- Schools Tennis 4 sessions per week
- Self employed Tennis Coaches 3 full time, 2 part time
- Coaches Pay Court rental & Visitor fees to Club
- Plus, many new members have joined via coaching

Future Events / Developments:

- Adult Rusty Rackets Course added Thurs 6.30pm
- Development of Tennis with Schools/Scout groups
 - Other sessions on request
- Dorset Volunteers Day Sat 14th June to showcase Open Court & Disability tennis
- Sessions with AP & Connie Rothman School Children with SEND/Autism

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Thank you
Any questions



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Communications Report



Monthly Newsletter

Updated content & layout.
37 positive feedbacks!
Key updates & events.
Email your ideas to us.
February STC Newsletter.
March STC Newsletter.



Re-Branding

SOBO:TENNIS
Trademark received
Club merchandise including team kit being sourced.



New Website

Ongoing review of website to refresh, modernise formatting and update content to enhance usability.



Risk Management

Creation of Risk Register.
Review and enhancement of club email processes.
Creation of shared drive for club related documentation and to enhance resiliency.



Social Sub-committees

Creation of Social Sub-Committee.

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Development Project Report



Things are really moving along with the Courts 4–6 renovation! We've had several sports ground construction companies visit the club (and crossed a fair few off the list too). The good news is we've now received all the quotes in for levelling and resurfacing and narrowed them down to a final shortlist. Exciting times ahead!

As part of this project, we've taken the opportunity to take a fresh look at different surfaces and decided that the Matchplay II surface on courts 1-3 is the still best choice for our club. Matchplay II is an all weather, British manufactured, high performance tennis surface that offers maximum comfort underfoot.



Our beautiful Matchplay II courts 1-3 at sunset

There are two things remaining before we can press the go button. These are:

- Finding the remaining funding needed. The expected and planned costs were doubled when the sub-structure was examined and shown to require refurbishment. This means we have approximately one quarter of the funding still to find.
- We need to decide the best time of year to start the works.

If you have any experience of this type of project and/or funding options using community grants etc., then please do get in touch.

Rachel Gillingham is leading the charge on this one, you can contact her via club@southbournetennisclub.co.uk

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