

## Examples of Advantage Yorkshire Grant and Loans Applications – Pre Covid

### **Doncaster Tennis Club**

Applied for: Interest Free Loan: £20,000. Grant: £5,000.

Doncaster is a large market town in South Yorkshire with a population of just over 300,000 people. Doncaster LTC is a thriving club and the premier tennis club in Doncaster and one of the larger and most successful clubs in South Yorkshire. The club currently has 6 artificial grass courts which are all floodlit and 6 American Clay courts of which two are floodlit. These American Clay courts are usually out of action between November and March each year due to weather conditions. This means that for 5 months of the year the club has only 6 available courts. In addition, they require significant daily work by the club groundsman to maintain them to an adequate playing standard. They also cost the club around £7,000 per year to maintain. The project is to replace all 6 American Clay courts with 6 macadam courts and to include an additional set of lights on one court thus making 3 of the new courts floodlit. Doncaster LTC has had two successive years of significant membership growth and is now concerned that the current facilities will impede further rises in membership and growth in participation. In particular, the club junior coaching programme and the family atmosphere that it has helped to engender wishes to expand its programme. However, the club does not currently have the facilities to allow this expansion. With the completion of this project the club will be able to expand the club coaching programme and consequently attract a significant number of new members to the club. In addition, it will allow significantly more court time for current members both during the winter period and into the evenings during the winter months. The club is part of the 2017 LTA Summer Membership Scheme. The club already runs a significant number of competitive teams both adult and junior. The court expansion will also allow the club to enter more competitive teams into the local leagues which will give more opportunity for better juniors to play in adult tennis. This would be especially true in the case of the better junior girl players.

**Goal Outcome:** After 5 years the club is projecting: that the number adult members will increase from 275 to 340; the number of junior members will increase from 179 to 222; the number of LTA qualified and registered coaches will increase from 3 to 5; the number of schools linked to the club will increase from 10 to 17



## **Skipton Tennis Club**

Applied for: Grant: £3,800.

3 courts upgraded to working LED lighting. The courts have lighting posts and electrical ground works + cables but no working lights. 8 lamps will be placed over 4 posts giving us 3 floodlit courts.

Skipton Tennis Club have nearly 200 players per week that will rely on lights for winter play in their coaching programme 2 x adult social nights (Tuesday + Thursday) will also rely on these nights as well as team practice and community hire.

**Goal Outcome:** This Project will allow 3 courts to be floodlit between October - April and when needed on summer evenings. It will allow the following to continue over the winter months 1: Coaching programme with 200 players 2: team practice session for adults (Approx. 40 players over 6 sessions 3: adult social tennis with a regular turnout of 20+ players playing short sets over 3 courts 4: Club members and the community will be able to continue using the courts.



## **Ackworth Tennis Club**

Applied for: Grant: £5,000.

In conjunction with Ackworth Tennis Club, Ackworth School is going to employ a suitably qualified tennis coach to actively promote tennis within this community by delivering a curriculum through coaching at primary schools in West Yorkshire. This will increase the participation levels and help Ackworth Tennis Club to flourish and will also increase the baseline of players within our community. Laura Lattimore and Gavin Sutcliffe will be involved in the recruitment process and there will be on-going mentoring to help with a coach PDP.

The funding from Yorkshire Tennis (along with funding from LTA) will act as kick-start funding to facilitate the plan with a view to the P&P coaching income /additional membership and court income contributing to the role in Years 2-3 to making it sustainable long-term.

Additionally, the school is committed to increasing the number of courts at the School, providing portable floodlights to extend playing hours and improving access to and facilities for members of the Ackworth Tennis Club and children. The school has secured some funding for portable lights and will apply for match funding from an interested partner.

**Goal Outcome:** Ackworth are looking to double the number of school children playing regularly and the conversion of infrequently playing adults to play more often as a return on our investments. Coaching at primary schools will provide aspirational opportunities for young children, many of whom are disadvantaged. The coach will work with all schools but will be encouraged to prioritise primary schools with a high pupil premium.