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OUR STORY IN 2024



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The information contained in this report comes from a diverse range of sources. We try to pull it all together as best we can, but if there are any omissions or inaccuracies, please accept our apologies. Please make us aware of any such errors.



**YORKSHIRE TENNIS**

■ Elena Bompieri and Sarah Copley, Women's Winter County Cup

# OUR STORY IN 2024

## THE TEAM

### Board of Directors in 2024

Chair	Steve Jones
Vice Chair	Chris Day
Finance Director	Bob Lockwood
Board Member	Angela Wood
Board Member	Karen Mitchell
Board Member	Adrian Waite

### Board Attendees

Nick Fitzpatrick	Helen Longstaff
Chris French	Rosie Nicholl
Stephen Plant	Alison Steel
Jane Reed-Thomas	Nat Wright
Peter Vann	

Yorkshire Tennis is most grateful for the support of our Presidents and Vice-Presidents.

Please follow the links here for a list of their names:

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# INTRODUCTION



**Steve Jones**  
Chair, Yorkshire Tennis

**I'm delighted to welcome you to the Yorkshire Tennis 2024 annual review which showcases our new look and feel. This also aims to recognise that whilst tennis and padel are both part of Yorkshire Tennis Ltd, they are different sports.**

I invite you to learn more about the truly tremendous achievements and successes from across Yorkshire. It's humbling to remember that this has been largely achieved by people willingly volunteering their time and energy – the great Yorkshire spirit in action. Thank you for the part you have played in

delivering this rich tapestry of opportunities we have created in our county!

We have delivered well against the annual plan (found on our website [www.yorkshiretennis.org.uk](http://www.yorkshiretennis.org.uk)) which we set out for the county. This has included attracting more partnership and sponsorship income which enables us to deliver more and better programs.

We are very grateful to all of our supporters, highlighted in this review, and we encourage additional organisations and individuals with a love of tennis and padel to engage with us.

You can read more about our main areas of focus, be that supporting clubs and communities or enabling performance and competition. The breadth and quality of delivery is quite outstanding.

We are not complacent, however, and remain keen to be transparent in our approach. Equally, you may have some better ideas about what can be done and we would welcome you joining our small team of volunteers to

make tennis and padel even better in Yorkshire.

You can find out more on our website or Facebook, Instagram or X/Twitter sites and can always email me directly should you wish via [chair@yorkshiretennis.org.uk](mailto:chair@yorkshiretennis.org.uk).

Enjoy this short review of 2024.

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**What an outstanding year, delivering immediate change whilst building firm foundations for the future**”





# PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



**Karen Mitchell**  
President, Yorkshire  
Tennis

**A memorable awards evening was held in February to celebrate the dedication, achievements, and spirit of our tennis and padel community.**

It was a pleasure to honour those who have made outstanding contributions to the sport in Yorkshire, recognising both individual and team success.

The opening of the new Yorkshire Regional Player Development Centre (RPDC) has been a significant milestone at Leeds Beckett University (LBU). This collaboration of LBU, Yorkshire Tennis and the LTA ensured an RPDC returned to Yorkshire. This facility will undoubtedly help nurture the next generation of players, providing them with the best resources and coaching team, headed by Richard Crabtree.

The inaugural Yorkshire Tennis Day at Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club in June was a tremendous success, bringing together players in tennis and padel, communities and volunteers to say thank you to everyone who contributes to these sports in Yorkshire.

Unfortunately, the unpredictable weather made its mark and, whilst it was disappointing not to see any matches, it also highlighted the resilience of our organisers and volunteers who worked

hard to ensure the event continued as smoothly as possible. Thank you very much to all our sponsors, particularly Redmayne Bentley, who will kindly be sponsoring this event for the next three years.

Yorkshire continues to show its strength in tennis and padel with several teams and individuals advancing to impressive positions. These successes demonstrate the talent and commitment present across the county, taking Yorkshire to third place in the County Cup Race for 2024. It was fantastic to see the first Yorkshire County Padel Leagues and Championships taking place. Congratulations to all the organisers and players who contributed to this achievement.

These achievements reflect a year of growth, community spirit and dedication and I am proud to have played a part in this exciting period for Yorkshire tennis and padel.



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It's been a year of growth,  
community spirit and  
dedication ”

# UPDATES 2024



# CLUB ENGAGEMENT



**Alison Steel** Lead, Club Engagement Group

**Thanks to the following volunteers who made up the Club Engagement Group: Peter Bridgewater, Katie Draper, Andy Lucas, Jim Mellor, Elizabeth Opie, Nat Wright, Jess Redfearn and of course Chris French who was the previous lead of the group.**

A major focus in 2024 was inviting LTA registered clubs to become associate members of Yorkshire Tennis. At the end of the year, we had around 164 LTA registered clubs in Yorkshire of which 87% are now associate members. We want all clubs to receive the benefits that being an associate member brings, so any clubs yet to sign up can do so at: [www.yorkshiretennis.org.uk/associate-membership/](http://www.yorkshiretennis.org.uk/associate-membership/)

Associate membership is free and provides several benefits in addition to those offered by the LTA.

We aim to support clubs in improving their infrastructure and through our Advantage Yorkshire Scheme offer interest free loans up to £25,000. The application

process is straightforward and we always do our best to support, whether it be court resurfacing, flood lighting, fencing or clubhouse improvements. We are delighted that we have already been able to help several clubs make their project a reality including Ripon, Salts, Wheldrake, Rotherham Moorgate and Harrogate Racquets. Details of the scheme are on our website so if you are interested, please get in touch as you can apply at any time: [www.yorkshiretennis.org.uk/advantage-yorkshire-accelerating-community-engagement-ace/](http://www.yorkshiretennis.org.uk/advantage-yorkshire-accelerating-community-engagement-ace/)

We are also delighted to be able to offer grants to associate member clubs which we hope to launch by April 2025.

For associate members interested in team play you can compete in our Dunlop Yorkshire Tennis and Padel Leagues which offer a great opportunity to visit and compete against other clubs in Yorkshire to become Yorkshire champions.

**“ We’re here to help your club achieve its full potential ”**

We aim to grow the leagues and would like all our clubs to have at least one team entry. For more information please go to the Yorkshire Tennis website.

We are fortunate to have Dunlop as Yorkshire’s official ball sponsor. This means clubs competing in the

Yorkshire League can purchase Dunlop tennis balls at a discounted rate. For clubs that buy Dunlop balls from an approved supplier, we are, for 2025, reimbursing the cost of balls used in Dunlop Yorkshire Doubles League home matches. For more information, please visit the Yorkshire Tennis website.

Coaching at clubs is so important and through our vast network we can support your club in finding a coach. For more talented players from age seven years upwards we provide county training opportunities with selection at the discretion of Yorkshire Tennis.

Clubs can also keep updated with tennis and padel news through our Tramlines newsletter, regular messages from the Chair of Yorkshire Tennis, the annual review, the Yorkshire Tennis website and social media channels. Look out for a series of webinars for clubs covering a range of topics on our website.

Yorkshire Tennis wants your club to achieve its full potential, and we stand ready to do all we can to help you. I wish your club all the very best for 2025 and look forward to working with you.







■ Ripon Tennis Centre



■ Bridlington LTC Open Day



# COMMUNITIES ENGAGEMENT



**Nat Wright**  
Lead, Communities  
Engagement Group

**Thanks to the following volunteers who make up the Communities Engagement Group: Alice Robson, Zsuzsi Puskas, Caitlin Parker, Jo Middleton, Ben Howarth, Vignesh Murali, Janiece Wallace.**

It's been a busy year for our team and it's been gratifying to

be running stable pilots promoting diverse activities across the county, such as:

- free coaching for primary schoolchildren from deprived backgrounds
- supporting uptake of tennis amongst school age girls
- facilitating greater access to coaching for the female workforce
- supporting juniors with training to take on roles officiating
- promoting a recycling scheme for tennis kit and equipment to promote greater uptake of the sport by those from disadvantaged backgrounds
- supporting parks tennis uptake in deprived areas

In addition we've welcomed Janiece Wallace to the group and she has just set up Yorkshire's first tennis league for participants with a visual impairment.

We're also taking the lead on equality and diversity for Yorkshire Tennis and are currently supporting completion of the relevant LTA training by senior staff, volunteers and coaches.

And, we're working with Rackets Cubed to increase their reach in the Yorkshire region. Founded in 2016, this is a registered charity that delivers integrated STEM education, racket sports and nutrition programmes to children in under-served areas.

Finally, in the last year we have welcomed Ben Howarth to the group in his capacity as Open Court lead for Yorkshire and are working with Ben to both consolidate existing Open Court hubs whilst addressing a gap in provision in West Yorkshire.



■ South Yorkshire Visually Impaired tennis pilot day



■ Ameen Menon, Janiece Wallace and coach Ben Howarth



“ We continue to move forward and bring the great sport of tennis to more and more people from diverse backgrounds ”



# INITIATIVE



**Chris Day Chair,  
Initiative Committee**

**Thank you to the following volunteers who make up the Initiative Committee: Steve Jones, Geoff Newton, Bob Lockwood, Peter Vann, Jane Reed-Thomas, Adrian Waite, Ann Rushworth**

I am delighted to chair this committee which is responsible for raising funds for Yorkshire Tennis. Our LTA grant represents around 36% of our income and therefore the funds raised by the Initiative Committee are crucial in ensuring sustainability.

We are grateful to all our partners and sponsors named below for their contributions and thank each and every one for their support which makes a real difference.

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- Redmayne Bentley (Sponsor of Yorkshire Tennis Day)
- Springfield Healthcare Ltd

## Benefits of becoming a partner

We have some fantastic partners who have been supporters of Yorkshire Tennis over many years. However, to ensure Yorkshire remains a leading county for tennis and padel we are always on the lookout for more and would welcome interest from companies who want to be associated with a strong brand with strong values, like Yorkshire Tennis.



■ Luke Johnson



■ Max Hodkinson



■ Chris Baird,  
Dunlop Sports with  
Steve Jones



We are committed to opening up the game of tennis and padel in Yorkshire and want everyone to play whatever their motivation, ability or background.

Any support you give will help us to achieve our goals and, whilst this may on its own give you a huge sense of pride and satisfaction, it may also help you to achieve your own social and corporate responsibility goals. Our activities are predominantly volunteer-led and your support will efficiently impact Yorkshire Tennis ambitions for the county.

Additionally you will benefit from:

- Publicity from being associated with Yorkshire Tennis and our positive values
- Being able to use the Yorkshire Tennis brand
- Thanks and recognition for your support via our county website and social media

- Access to tickets for major sporting events

#### How to become a partner

If you would like further information or would like to discuss how to enter into a Partnership Agreement, then email Chris Day: [marketing@yorkshiretennis.org.uk](mailto:marketing@yorkshiretennis.org.uk)

We are happy to have one-to-one discussions about developing a mutually beneficial relationship. Additionally, we have some limited corporate sponsorship opportunities available.

Finally, I would like to thank our Life Patrons who continue to provide donations and bequests to Yorkshire Tennis and to whom we are exceptionally grateful.

For a full list of Life Patrons or if you would like to know more about how to become one, please visit our website: [www.yorkshiretennis.org.uk/patrons/](http://www.yorkshiretennis.org.uk/patrons/)

As a Yorkshire Tennis partner your backing will be used to support:

- Grassroots tennis in Yorkshire
- County training so that our players can compete effectively
- County teams competing in County Cup competitions
- The organisation of and prizes for the Yorkshire County Championships
- The county's elite players who need support to progress
- Coaching and equipment costs for county programmes
- Inclusion and diversity initiatives aimed at opening up the game



# PADEL



**Peter Vann**  
Chair, Padel Committee

**Thanks to the team of volunteers who make up the Padel Committee: Simon Bickerton, John Dunseath, Natalie Gill, Mark Hinchcliffe, Nicola Horn, Mike Tolman, Angela Wood.**

Padel is in the news every week and participation in the sport has soared. Yorkshire already has the largest number of clubs and courts out of any county in the UK.

This firm foothold has created unequalled opportunity across a diverse playing audience. It is expected that the facility numbers in our county will double in the next two years and so Yorkshire will continue

to be the 'northern powerhouse' of padel.

In 2024 we created and rolled out the Yorkshire Padel brand identity. This established fresh and up-to-date identities for both padel and tennis within the county, clarifying they are different sports but part of the same Yorkshire Tennis family.

We're proud to have established strong links with regional media. This includes a video post from BBC Radio Leeds receiving 10,000 views on X/Twitter. Yorkshire Padel also generated BBC Look North live TV coverage which augments what continues to be a nationwide media feeding-frenzy for the fastest growing sport in the world.

We've been particularly successful in setting up new platforms to drive competition. These include the inaugural Dunlop Yorkshire Padel League. This enabled intermediate level male and female teams to compete from 11 tennis and padel venues across the county, culminating in friendly and competitive finals in October.

There were 140 entries in the Yorkshire County Padel Championships

in November including 18&U, open, mixed, and three age categories for male and female senior players.

These were hosted at Slazenger Leeds brand new 12 court indoor facility over one weekend. 131 matches provided high-level fun and competition. A particular highlight was the mixed event with 32 players, proving the wider appeal for this format. Further details can be seen in the results section of this review.

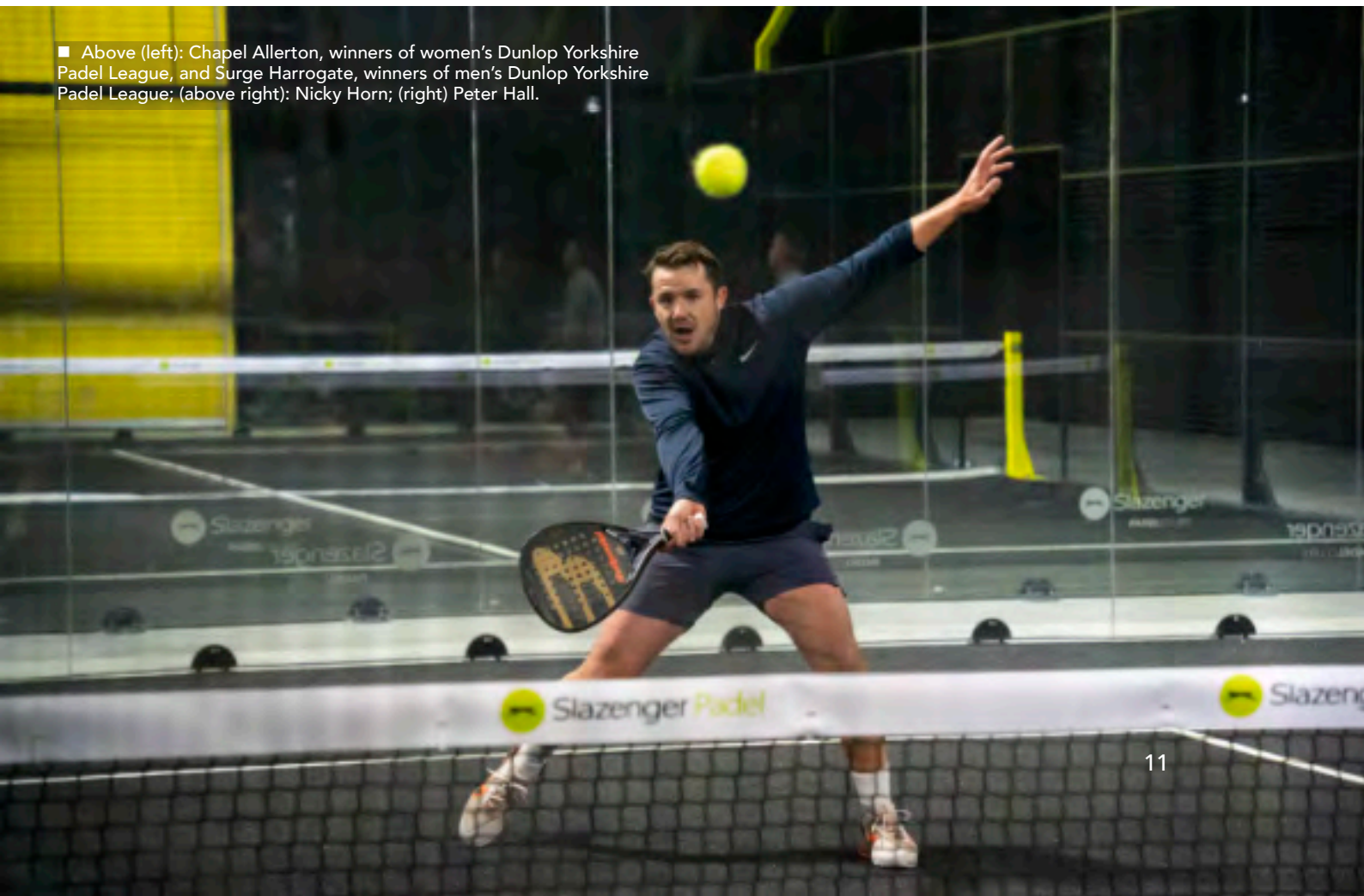
Yorkshire Padel teams also engaged in national inter-county weekend competitions across male, female and mixed categories and provided strong opposition. There was a significantly higher playing level resulting from the national growth of padel in 2024. There are now over 750 courts in the UK!

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**Yorkshire continues to be the 'northern powerhouse' of padel**”





■ Above (left): Chapel Allerton, winners of women's Dunlop Yorkshire Padel League, and Surge Harrogate, winners of men's Dunlop Yorkshire Padel League; (above right): Nicky Horn; (right) Peter Hall.





# COACH EDUCATION & SCHOOLS



**Angela Wood** Chair,  
Coach Education and  
Schools Competition  
Committee

**Thank you to the following volunteers who make up the Coach Education & Schools Competitions Committee:**  
**Steve McLoughlin, Alice Robson, Paul Johnson, Paul Holtby, Jo Cunliffe, Jill le Pla, Megan Sotley, Sophie Cousins**

The Coach Development Centre (CDC) at Leeds Beckett University has continued to provide a full suite of courses to grow the number of new coaches as well as provide continuous professional development (CPD) for experienced coaches in the county for both tennis and padel

The annual LTA coach forum was a sell out with great on and off court activity for all coaches to get involved in. We also have an exciting Yorkshire Coaches Day planned for March 2025: This will be a huge event which we are very much looking forward to.

Alice Robson has grown and developed a female coaching network group with sessions three to four times a year on topics wanted by the group. With over 30 members, this group goes from strength to strength.

Padel coaching courses are increasingly in demand with more in the pipeline for those wanting to start their padel coaching journey.

A close relationship between the county and the CDC has ensured that coaches working in our county have lots of opportunity to develop and attend relevant CPD and gain qualifications.

For more information about anything regarding coaching in Yorkshire, email: [acrossley@yorkshiretennis.org.uk](mailto:acrossley@yorkshiretennis.org.uk)

Over 700 schools in Yorkshire have completed the LTA Youth schools training that can either be done via a face to face course or through online training. Every school that completes this course receives a £250 voucher to be used on equipment or professional tennis coaching at the school. To find out more, visit: [www.lta.org.uk/roles-and-venues/schools/](http://www.lta.org.uk/roles-and-venues/schools/)

LTA Youth schools competitions continue to be run and managed by our schools competition league organisers. If your school would like to find out more or enter your local schools league go to: [www.lta.org.uk/compete/junior/schools-competitions/](http://www.lta.org.uk/compete/junior/schools-competitions/)

For help contacting your local club or coach, email: [secretary@yorkshiretennis.org.uk](mailto:secretary@yorkshiretennis.org.uk)



**Get in touch to find out about the increasing opportunities for coaches and schools in Yorkshire**





# PERFORMANCE



**Nick Fitzpatrick Lead,  
Performance Management  
Group**

**Thank you to the following volunteers who make up the Performance Management Group: Steve Holmes, Sally Bickerton, Andy Hutchinson, Jane Reed-Thomas, Rosie Nicholl, Helen Longstaff, Steve McLoughlin and Angela Wood.**

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable year on and off the court and I'd like to pay tribute to Karen Mitchell who, prior to me taking over, has led the performance team with a great deal of success. I look to follow in her footsteps as best I can. I'd also like to wish Karen all the best in her new role as our County President!

Looking back over the year there are many performance highlights across all age groups. The successes are captured in this annual review for you all to see and it is absolutely incredible! None of this happens without a massive effort from all concerned and their support network. So, a

big thank you to all the county captains, players, parents, clubs and volunteers involved.

Also a big well done to Richard Crabtree, Steve McLoughlin, Sam Salt and the team at Cultiv8 Tennis for a successful launch of the LTA-backed Yorkshire Regional Player Development Centre at Leeds Beckett University. This is providing an inspiring and world-class coaching and support environment for pro players of the future.

Competing against other counties is an important part of the performance calendar and I'm proud that Yorkshire finished third in the exciting County Cup Race this year. We were very close behind Middlesex and Surrey who remain firmly in our sights as the ones to beat!

To become the Yorkshire performance lead is a very proud moment in my career and I look forward to doing my best for everyone involved and participating in tennis throughout the county.

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**Once again we can be very proud of the successes achieved this year**”



■ Jordan Reed-Thomas and Joseph Newman-Billington at Men's Winter County Cup



# COMPETITIONS



**Steve Plant**

## Competitions Co-ordinator

**My thanks go to all those in Yorkshire who work so hard to deliver fantastic events and leagues which enable people across the county to compete.**

As always, there have been lots of learnings and we're looking to continue to improve in the future. The three main competitive strands at a county level this year were:

### Yorkshire Tennis County Championships

In 2024 I stepped in, on a temporary basis, to lead a small Championships delivery team of Tom Lemon and Trevor Stent. Our thanks are extended to Tom Lemon who refereed the event for a second year. His engagement and communication with the parents in particular was

excellent. Tom was supported by a team of experienced court supervisors, overseen by Trevor Stent. Despite the team's best efforts, the number of entrants was down with less of our higher-ranked juniors playing, not helped by a change to the overall competitions' calendar.

However, I'm delighted that we've been able to tempt Dave Kitchen back as the lead organiser of the County Championships. For 2025 he will also lead on organising the Seniors' event which may change venue after three years of being run brilliantly at Huddersfield by Becky Lee. Please join me in thanking Tom and Becky for all they have done and in welcoming Dave back.

**Congratulations to all the 2024 Yorkshire County Championship winners who can be found on the next pages.**

### The Dunlop Yorkshire Tennis Doubles League

After several years of much appreciated support from Babolat for this league, we are pleased to welcome Dunlop as the new sponsor which gives significant benefits including the opportunity of free balls for league matches. Heidi Wragg ran the league again in 2024 with increased numbers of

entries leading to more great tennis being played. We hope the leagues will keep growing and passionately believe every club in Yorkshire should have at least one team in the Yorkshire League!

Heidi is stepping away from this role so the league will be overseen by a new Yorkshire Tennis competitions administrator, Jonny Moore. My thanks to Heidi for all she has done and I'm sure Jonny's experience, knowledge and enthusiasm will help to drive further success.

Congratulations to the winners, promoted teams and runners up for 2024, as in the table.

### Youth Competitions

Georgina Jackson continued to do an excellent job running our Summer and Winter National Leagues in 2024 increasing competitive opportunities for juniors.

Georgina is also stepping away from this role so going forward these leagues will fall under the remit of the new competitions administrator, Jonny Moore. Georgina is so important to Yorkshire Tennis and we are delighted she will remain involved overseeing our Play Your Way to Wimbledon events and the events held at Harrogate Spa Tennis Centre over the summer months. This saw 80 entries

Event	Winner	Runner up
Men's Division 1	Beverley & East Riding Lawn Tennis Club	Chapel Allerton Lawn Tennis & Squash Club
Men's Division 2	Skipton Tennis Centre (promoted)	David Lloyd Men's 2 (promoted)
Women's Division 1	Roundhay Tennis Club 1	Huddersfield Lawn Tennis Club A
Women's Division 2	Skipton Tennis Centre (promoted)	Rawdon Golf, Tennis & Padel Club 2A (promoted)
Women's Division 3	Roundhay Tennis Club 2 (promoted)	Beauchief Tennis Club (promoted)



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We look forward to even  
more players getting  
involved in these events  
and competing in general”

over seven different age group events but mainly focused on younger ages getting into their first competitions. Following this successful trial, we are looking to spread these events across the county in 2025.

For further information or to get involved in helping tennis competitions in Yorkshire please contact me on [steveplant10@hotmail.com](mailto:steveplant10@hotmail.com).





# RESULTS IN 2024

■ Molly Robinson  
at Women's Winter  
County Cup



# WINTER & SUMMER COUNTY CUP



■ Men's Winter County Cup team

Event	Captain	Team	Results	Outcome
Winter County Cup – Men 2024 Group 1	Steve McLoughlin	Johannus Monday, Finn Murgett, Sean Hodkin, Jordan Reed-Thomas, Joseph Newman-Billington, Louis Hull, Barney Fitzpatrick, Harry Abel, Scott Hillerby, Tom Horsfall	Essex, Won 9-0; Surrey, Lost 4-5; Hertfordshire, Lost 4-5	Relegated to Group 2
Winter County Cup – Women 2024 Group 1	Orla Cooper	Eleanore Lake, Elena Bompieri, Guilia Turconi, Lidia Burrows, Lucy Furness, Molly Robinson, Sarah Copley, Sofie Woon, Orla Cooper	Northumberland, Won 5-2; Middlesex, Won 5-4; Kent, Lost 2-7	Runners-up
Summer County Cup – Men 2024 Group 2	Steve McLoughlin	Barney Fitzpatrick, Scott Hillerby, Sean Hodkin, Jordan Reed-Thomas, Jack Batchelor, Richard Crabtree, Ying Hou, Vassili Psaltopoulos, Joseph Newman-Billington, Louis Hull	South Wales, Lost 2-7; Essex, Lost 3-6; Warwickshire, Won 5-4; Buckinghamshire, Lost 3-6; Suffolk, Lost 4-5	Relegated to Group 3
Summer County Cup – Women 2024 Group 1	Calvin Betton, Orla Cooper	Savannah Dada-Mascoll, Sarah Copley, Orla Cooper, Millie Skelton, Bronte Murgett, Jessica Ren, Alice Brook, Sofie Woon, Molly Robinson, Lidia Burrows	Surrey, Won 5-4; Hampshire & IoW, Won 5-4; Hertfordshire, Lost 0-9; Northumberland, Won 5-4; Middlesex, Lost 1-5	3rd place



■ Women's Winter County Cup team



■ Women's Summer County Cup team



# JUNIOR COUNTY CUP

Event	Captain	Team	Results	Outcome
8&U North County Cup 2024	Paul Hull, Patrick Di Maio	<b>Yorkshire A, Boys:</b> Hunter Henderson, Taj Aslam, Joseph Rafael, Ibraheem Aslam	Durham & Cleveland A, Won 10-0; Cumbria A, Won 10-0; Northumberland A, Won 10-0	Overall Winners
		<b>Yorkshire A, Girls:</b> Olivia Parker, Penelope Garcia-Witham, Emilia Rose Chan, Ella Cooper	Durham & Cleveland A, Won 9-1; Northumberland A, Draw 5-5	Overall Runners-up
		<b>Yorkshire B, Boys:</b> Finlay Cox, Lleyton Cunliffe, Harry Peacock, Maydhansh Nayyar	Durham & Cleveland A, Won 9-1; Cumbria A, Won 10-0; Northumberland A, Won 9-1	B Group Winners
		<b>Yorkshire B, Girls:</b> Halo Henderson, Emilia Willett, Poppy Wood, Isobel Grace	Durham & Cleveland A, Won 9-1; Northumberland A, Won 9-1	B Group Winners



■ 8&U Yorkshire A, Girls



■ 8&U Yorkshire A, Boys

9&U Boys County Cup 2024	Jake Prime, Jake Fisher (assisted)	Hunter Henderson, Leo Hall, Isaac Ellis, Taj Aslam, Charlie Crabtree, Hugo Asmussen	<b>Qualifying:</b> Durham & Cleveland, Won 6-0; Cumbria, Won 6-0; Lancashire, Won 6-0; Northumberland, Won 6-0 <b>Finals:</b> West of Scotland, Lost 3-3 (after shootout); Cambridgeshire, Won 6-0; Warwickshire, Won 4-2; Cheshire, Won 4-2	<b>Qualifying:</b> Winners <b>North Area Finals:</b> Champions
9&U Girls County Cup 2024	Alice Robson, Eleanore Lake	Ella-Grace Chan, Ala Kalizewicz, Lizzie Greatorex Hughes, Amal Khan, Georgia Vonberg	<b>Qualifying:</b> Durham & Cleveland, Won 6-0; Cumbria, Won 6-0; Lancashire, Won 3-3 (after shootout); Northumberland, Won 6-0 <b>Finals:</b> West of Scotland, Won 6-0; Cambridgeshire, Won 4-2; Warwickshire, Won 5-1; Cheshire, Won 4-2;	<b>Qualifying:</b> Winners <b>North Area Finals:</b> Champions
10&U Boys County Cup 2024	Sam Salt Jake Prime (Finals)	George He, Seb Brock, Sammy Goldthorpe, Joel Morton, William Grundy	<b>Qualifying:</b> Derbyshire, Won 6-0; Cheshire, Won 5-1; Herefordshire & Worcestershire, Won 6-0 <b>Finals:</b> Cambridgeshire, Won 5-1; East of Scotland, Won 4-2; Warwickshire, Lost 3-3 (after shoot-out); West of Scotland, Won 4-2	<b>Qualifying:</b> Winners <b>North Area Finals:</b> Champions



# JUNIOR COUNTY CUP

Event	Captain	Team	Results	Outcome
10&U Girls County Cup 2024	Ellie Makin	Isabella Egglestone, Thea Hodgkinson, Amal Kahn, Lizzie Greatorex Hughes, Heidi Topham	<b>Qualifying:</b> Leicestershire, Won 4-2; Nottinghamshire, Won 5-1; Lincolnshire, Won 6-0 <b>Finals:</b> Lancashire, Lost 1-5; Durham & Cleveland, Lost 3-3 (after shootout); Cheshire, Lost 1-5; South Wales, Won 4-2	<b>Qualifying:</b> Winners <b>North Area Finals:</b> 4th



■ 9&U Boys



■ 10&U Girls



■ 9&U Girls



■ 11&U Girls



■ 10&U Boys

11&U Boys County Cup 2024	Ben Crichton	Seb Beetlestone, Harrison McHugh, Oliver Beddall, Luca Vladea-Holden	<b>Qualifying:</b> Direct entry to Finals <b>Finals:</b> Middlesex, Lost 2-4; Kent, Won 6-0; West of Scotland, Lost 1-5; Warwickshire, Won 4-2	<b>National Finals:</b> 5th
11&U Girls County Cup 2024	Jake Fisher	Emmanuella Idemudia, Alessia Piani, Isabella Egglestone, Natalia McSherry, Evie Capewell	<b>Qualifying:</b> Lancashire, Won 3-3 (after shootout); West of Scotland, Won 4-1; Cambridgeshire, Lost 1-5	<b>Qualifying:</b> 2nd
12&U Boys County Cup 2024	Ben Crichton	Max Hodgkinson, Seb Beetlestone, Maxim Sokol, Josh Crowther, Sam Hawkins	<b>Qualifying:</b> Direct entry to Finals <b>Finals:</b> Cambridgeshire, Won 4-2; Surrey, Lost 2-4; East of Scotland, Won 4-2; Dorset, Lost 2-4	<b>National Finals:</b> 4th



# JUNIOR COUNTY CUP

Event	Captain	Team	Results	Outcome
12&U Girls County Cup 2024	Nicola Tweedy	Isabella Asmussen, Molly Dear, Emmanuella Idemudia, Victory Idemudia, Sylvie Nichols	Qualifying: East of Scotland, Won 3-3 (after shootout); Durham & Cleveland, Lost 2-4; Cambridgeshire, Lost 3-3 (after shootout)	
14&U Boys North County Cup 2024	Josh Gledden	Jan Janda, Isaac Sallu, Neo Hodgkinson, Isaac Stuart Harris, Nathan Cainglet	Qualifying: Leicestershire, Won 4-2; Warwickshire, Won 3-3 (after shootout); Buckinghamshire, Lost 2-4	Qualifying: 2nd
14&U Girls County Cup 2024	Jackie Holden	Sevil Parviz, Amelia Baranska, Roberta Gaskell, Olivia Jackowska, Daisy Betts	Qualifying: Cheshire, Won 3-3 (after shootout); Nottinghamshire, Won 6-0; Cambridgeshire, Lost 2-4	Qualifying: 2nd
18&U Boys County Cup 2024 Group 2b	Joseph Newman-Billington, Paul Johnson	Louis Hull, Harry Abel, Joseph Mazingham, Kouros Anssarizadeh, Luke Hoyland, Tom Oliver, Louis Stewart, Henry Redfern, Max McGregor, Thomas Nailer	Cambridgeshire, Won 7-2; Dorset, Won 8-1; Cheshire, Won 7-2	Position: 1st Promotion to Group 1
18&U Girls County Cup 2024 Group 1	Calvin Betton, Eleanore Lake	Daniela Piani, Sarah Copley, Liana Sharratt-Blanksby, Molly Robinson, Alice Brook, Sevil Parviz, Holly Huby, Bethany Pratt	Kent, Won 6-3; Hertfordshire, Lost 3-6; Surrey, Lost 1-6	Position: 3rd



■ 12&U Girls



■ 14&U Boys



■ 14&U Girls



■ 18&U Boys





# SENIORS COUNTY CUP

Event	Captain	Team	Results	Outcome
Men's 35&O County Cup 2024, Group 1	Ben Gudzelak	Joe Gill, Richard Crabtree, Ben Gudzelak, Michael Tolman, Martin Calvert	Leicestershire, Lost 2-3; Cheshire, Won 5-0; Surrey, Lost 2-3	Runners-up
Women's 35&O County Cup 2024, Group 1	Carina May	Kim Johnson, Carina May, Danielle Purdie, Louise Evans, Nicola Mooney	Somerset, Lost 1-2; Leicestershire, Lost 1-4; Middlesex, Lost 0-5	Relegated to Group 2
Women's 40&O County Cup 2024, Group 3a	Susie Azoulay	Helen Myles, Joanna Morris, Natalie Gill, Jane Manson, Elena Cooke, Rosie Nicholl, Nicky Brind, Susie Azoulay	Cumbria, Won 5-0; Northumberland, Won 3-2; Herefordshire & Worcestershire, Won 4-1; Durham & Cleveland, Won 5-0	League Winners Promotion to Group 2
 <p>■ Men's 35&amp;O</p>		 <p>■ Women's 35&amp;O</p>		
 <p>■ Women's 60&amp;O</p>		 <p>■ Women's 40&amp;O</p>		
 <p>■ Women's 50&amp;O</p>		 <p>■ Men's 45&amp;O</p>		
Men's 45&O County Cup 2024, Group 1a	Steve Shipley	Paul Ranson, Steve Shipley, Richard Hutchinson, Mark Coombes, Martin Calvert, Daniel Carnie, Phil Langley, Matt Whittaker, Chris Truss, John Dunseath, Dave Kitchen, Peter Moulsher	Cheshire, Lost 1-4; Leicestershire, Lost 2-3; Cambridgeshire, Won 4-1; Nottinghamshire, Won 3-2	4th
Men's 50&O County Cup 2024, Group 2b	Dave Mangham	Dave Mangham, Gary Bridgeman, Andy Simpson, Czes Wegrzynski, Adam Jameel, Michael Kelly	Sussex, Lost 2-3; Nottinghamshire, Lost 1-4; Lancashire, Lost 0-5 (walkover); Shropshire, Won 5-0 (walkover)	Relegated to Group 3
Women's 50&O County Cup 2024, Group 1a	Becky Lee	Becky Lee, Gillian Kilner, Catherine Baker, Sarah Swift, Louise Lister, Joanne Wright, Belinda Turnbull, Wendy Stirke	Gloucestershire, Won 3-2; Cambridgeshire, Won 4-1; Nottinghamshire, Won 3-2; Middlesex, Lost 1-4; Lancashire, Won 4-1	Runners-up
Men's 55&O County Cup 2024, Group 1a	Richard Hutchinson	Paul Ranson, Cord Spilker, Mark Coombes, Richard Hutchinson, Andy Hutchinson, Philippe Bourgeois, Richard Shannon	Lancashire, Won 4-1; Leicester, Won 5-0; Buckinghamshire, Lost 1-4; Cambridgeshire, Won 4-1; Staffordshire, Won 3-2	Runners-up



# SENIORS COUNTY CUP

Event	Captain	Team	Results	Outcome
Women's 55&O County Cup 2024, Group 2b	Clare Johnson	Clare Johnson, Katherine Elgar, Judith Abel, Helen Cowlrick, Gayle Audley	Warwickshire, Won 5-0; Nottinghamshire, Won 4-1; Oxfordshire, Won 5-0; Shropshire, Won 5-0	League Winners, Promotion to Group 1
Men's 60&O County Cup 2024, Group 1a	Paul Layfield	Andy Hutchinson, Paul Layfield, Gareth Hutchinson, Peter Vann, Roger Kuhlmann, Andrew Hepton	Oxfordshire, Won 4-1; Lancashire, Won 5-0; Suffolk, Won 5-0; Warwickshire, Lost 2-3; Leicestershire, Lost 2-3	Runners-up
Women's 60&O County Cup 2024, Group 1a	Belinda Turnbull	Gillian Brook, Belinda Turnbull, Wendy Stirke, Louise Lister, Cath Davies, Cathryn Johnson	Hertfordshire, Won 4-1; Derbyshire, Won 3-2; Buckinghamshire, Won 4-1; Lancashire, Won 5-0; Norfolk, Won 4-1	National Runners-up <b>Final:</b> Surrey, Lost 2-3
Men's 65&O County Cup 2024, Group 1a	Myles Collett	David Brown, Myles Collett, Peter Vann, James Mellor, Ross Levanthal	Durham & Cleveland, Lost 1-4; Warwickshire, Lost 1-4; Suffolk, Won 4-1; Buckinghamshire, Won 3-2; Cheshire, Lost 1-4	4th
Women's 65&O County Cup 2024, Group 2b	Janice Ashman	Janice Ashman, Margaret Bottomley, Rosie Connell, Christine Dalton, Susan Graney	Lincolnshire, Lost 2-2; Derbyshire, Won 3-1; Cumbria, Won 3-1; Oxfordshire, Won 3-1	Runners-up
Men's 70&O County Cup 2024, Group 1b	Steve Batte	Steve Batte, Andrew Mears, Andrew Clipson, Geoff Wright, Michael Adams, Alan Cockman	Berkshire, Won 4-1; Staffordshire, Lost 2-3; Warwickshire, Won 3-2; Nottinghamshire, Won 4-1; Hertfordshire, Won 3-2	National Runners-up <b>Final:</b> Kent, Lost 1-4
Women's 70&O County Cup 2024, Group 1a	Rosemary Carter	Audrey Reed, Susan Welch, Pauline Wright, Rosemary Carter	South Wales, Lost 1-3; Cheshire, Lost 0-4; Northumberland, Won 2-2; Warwickshire, Won 2-2	3rd
Men's 75&O County Cup 2024, Group 1	Wilf Jessop	Wilf Jessop, Gregory Pearson, Giles Hinchcliffe, David Allerton, John Andrews	Leicestershire, Won 3-1; Lancashire, Won 4-0; Surrey, Won 3-1; Suffolk, Won 4-0; Warwickshire, Won 3-1	National Champions <b>Final:</b> Kent, Won 2-2 (sets won)





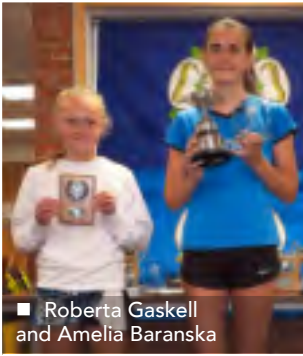
# YORKSHIRE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS



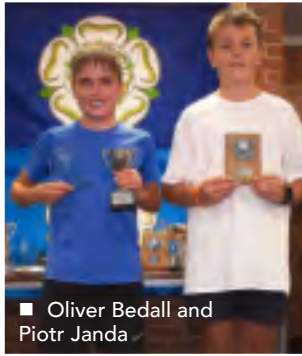
■ Emmanuella Idemudia

## 2024 County Singles Champions

Men	Scott Hillerby	10&U Girls	Isabella Egglestone
Women	Bethany Pratt	9&U Boys	Hunter Henderson
18&U Boys	Theo Webster	9&U Girls	Amal Khan
18&U Girls	Emilia Linley	8&U Boys	Hunter Henderson
16&U Boys	Tanish Rokade	8&U Girls	Olivia Parker
16&U Girls	Isabella Swanborough	Men's Wheelchair	Lucas Town
14&U Boys	Nathan Cainglet	35&O Men	Tomas David
14&U Girls	Amelia Baranska	35&O Ladies	Danielle Purdie
12&U Boys	Samuel Hawkins	40&O Men	Tomas David
12&U Girls	Emmanuella Idemudia	45&O Men	Hang Kei Wu
11&U Boys	Oliver Beddall	50&O Men	Steve Shipley
11&U Girls	Emmanuella Idemudia	55&O Men	Dave Mangham
10&U Boys	Hunter Henderson	60&O Men	Paul Layfield



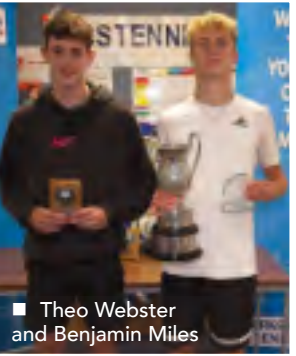
■ Roberta Gaskell and Amelia Baranska



■ Oliver Bedall and Piotr Janda



■ Sylvie Nichols and Emmanuella Idemudia



■ Theo Webster and Benjamin Miles



■ Scott Hillerby and Vassili Psaltopoulos



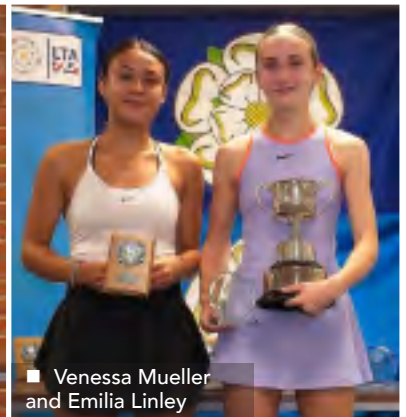
■ Bethany Pratt and Giulia Turconi



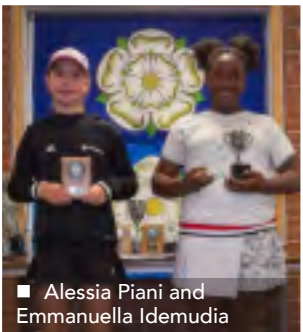
■ Benjamin Black and Nathan Cainglet



■ Samuel Hawkins and Alexander Crowther



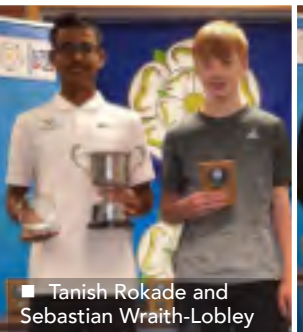
■ Venessa Mueller and Emilia Linley



■ Alessia Piani and Emmanuella Idemudia



■ Hunter Henderson and Reggie Ennis-Hill



■ Tanish Rokade and Sebastian Wraith-Lobley



■ Sabeenah Khan and Isabella Swanborough



■ Boys Doubles finalists



■ Girls Doubles finalists



■ Mixed Doubles finalists

## 2024 County Doubles Champions

Men	Tom Horsfall & Vassili Psaltopoulos
Ladies	Sarah Copley & Molly Robinson
Mixed	Scott Hillerby & Molly Robinson
18&U Boys	Thomas Nailer & Theo Webster
18&U Girls	Emilia Linley & Bethany Pratt
18&U Mixed	Henry Redfern & Vanessa Mueller
16&U Boys	Tanish Rokade & Sebastian Wraith-Lobley
16&U Girls	Emilia Linley & Bethany Pratt
14&U Boys	Deyvon Butlin & Samuel Hawkins
14&U Girls	Daisy Betts & Imogen Stevens
12&U Boys	Alexander Crowther & Samuel Hawkins
11&U Boys	Guy Davies-Riand & Sammy Goldthorpe
10&U Boys	Isaac Ellis & Hunter Henderson
10&U Girls	Isabella Egglestone & Amal Khan
50&O Men	Steve Shipley & Gavin Hosford
50&O Women	Louise Lister & Wendy Stirke
55&O Mixed	Graeme Southam & Sally Clarke



■ Men's Doubles finalists



■ Women's Doubles finalists

## 2024 County Padel Champions

Men	Declan Christie & Gavin Davison
Women	Katie Moorhouse & Caroline Tolman
Mixed	Mike Tolman & Caroline Tolman
40&O Men	Mike Tolman & Martin Calvert
40&O Women	Helen Cowrick & Gillian Smail
50&O Men	Simon Dickinson & John Dunseath
50&O Women	Helen Cowrick & Gillian Smail
60&O Men	Neil Baldwin & John Fuller
60&O Women	Carol Collinson & Audrey Henderson
18&U Boys	Travis Barber & Matty Hands



■ Katie Moorhouse and Caroline Tolman



■ Declan Christie and Gavin Davison



# ACHIEVEMENTS

## 2024 LTA Tennis Awards

Award	Winner	Highly Commended
Club of the Year	Ripon Tennis Centre	
Development Coach of the Year	Jacob Rawlinson	Adam Cutts
Performance Coach of the Year	Sam Salt	
Connecting Communities Award	Ben Howarth	Wetherby Castlegarth
School of the Year	St Peter's School, York	Bradford Grammar School
University of the Year	Leeds Beckett University	
Tennis For All (Inclusion) Award	Ability Tennis	
Park Venue of the Year	Hollinsend Park	
Competition of the Year Award	Ilkley Open	
Lifetime Achievement	Robert Clayton	
Official of the Year	Georgina Jackson	
Volunteer of the Year	Peter Rushworth	



■ Robert Clayton

## 2024 Yorkshire Tennis Awards

Award	Trophy	Award winner
Women's Winter County Cup	Headingley Trophy	Elena Bompieri
Men's Winter County Cup	Howden Trophy	Joseph Newman-Billington
Best Performance Girls 18&U County Cup	Mallen Trophy	Molly Robinson
Best Performance Boys 18&U County Cup	YLTA Trophy	Louis Hull
Women's Summer County Cup	Harry Smedley Salver	Savannah Dada-Mascoll
Men's Summer County Cup	Bernard Austin Trophy	Jordan Reed-Thomas
Most Improved Player – Girls	YLTA Trophy	Liana Sharratt-Blanksby
Most Improved Player – Boys	Brian Mitchell Trophy	Henry Redfern

## 2024 National and County Tennis Team Awards

Award	Team
Women's 60&O County Cup, Group 1a Winners and National Runners Up	Belinda Turnbull (Captain), Gill Brook, Wendy Stirke, Cath Davies, Cath Johnson, Louise Lister
Men's 70&O County Cup, Group 1b Winners and National Runners Up	Steve Batte (Captain), Andrew Clipson, Alan Cockman, Andrew Mears, Geoff Wright, Michael Adams
Men's 75&O County Cup, Group 1a Winners and National Champions	Wilf Jessop (Captain), Gregory Pearson, David Allerton, John Andrews, Giles Hinchcliffe, John Williams
Lexus Junior National 11&U Singles Champion	Max Hodkinson
Lexus Junior National 11&U Doubles Champion	Max Hodkinson



■ Max Hodkinson



■ Men's 70&O

■ Club of the Year: Ripon Tennis Centre



■ Volunteer: Peter Rushworth



■ School: St Peter's, York

■ Competition: Ilkley Tournament



■ Venue: Hollinshead Park

■ University: Leeds Beckett



■ Inclusion: Ability Tennis



■ Performance coach: Sam Salt



■ Development coach: Jacob Rawlinson



■ Connecting communities: Ben Howarth



## 2024 National and County Padel Team Awards

Title	Team
Mixed 40&O County Champions	Sally Fisher, John Dunseath (joint Captains), Gillian Smail, Sophie Cousins, Brett Pardoe, Tom Sanders, Martin Calvert, Ben Gudzelak
Women's 50&O County Champions	Sally Fisher (Captain), Sally Bickerton, Nicky Horn, Audrey Henderson, Gillian Smail, Helen Cowlick



## 2024 International Tennis Awards

Title	Winner
75&O Mixed Doubles - ITF Masters World Individual Championships	Wilf Jessop, Marjorie Love
75&O World Ranking 1, ITF Men's Doubles	Wilf Jessop
Recognition of Achievements in Doubles on ATP Tour 2024	Luke Johnson



## 2024 Yorkshire Tennis President's Award

Tennis	Padel
Daniel Davies-Riand (posthumous)	Angela Wood, Sophie Cousins

## 2024 Yorkshire County Colours

Title	Winner
Men's Senior County Colours	Jim Mellor, Geoff Wright, Andrew Mears, Andy Clipson
Women's Senior County Colours	Carina May





# FINANCE



**Bob Lockwood Chair,  
Audit & Finance  
Committee**

**Thank you to the following  
volunteers who make up the  
Audit & Finance Committee:  
Chris Day, Bridget  
Hutchinson, Brian Smith**

The last year has again been a very busy and successful year for Yorkshire Tennis. In addition to the work we do promoting tennis in Yorkshire, organising competitions and teams to represent Yorkshire across all age groups and providing high level training for aspiring young players, our accounts for 2024 include income and expenditure in two new areas.

Early in 2024, Yorkshire Tennis took over responsibility for running the Regional Player Development Centre (RPDC) in Leeds. The RPDC provides high quality training for the very best junior tennis players in the region and preparation for all aspects of life as a professional tennis player. It is funded in part by the LTA, by the people being trained and by Yorkshire Tennis.

The income and costs of running the RPDC are included in this year's accounts. In addition, our accounts reflect the income and expenditures relating to the first county padel competition which was held in Leeds in November.

Our 2024 income was approximately £381,000 compared to £262,000 in 2023. The 2024 income included an additional £50,000 from the LTA and an additional £25,000 in training fees, in both cases mainly relating to the RPDC. We also received an additional £32,000 from our partners, patrons and sponsors.

The individuals and companies that support our work continue to provide the biggest share of our income and we remain hugely grateful for the funding they provide. Without their support, we could not do all the work that we are able to undertake.

Approximately 42% of our income comes from partners, patrons and sponsors. The grants from the LTA now account for approximately 36% of income. We get a further 14% from training fees and 4% from competition fees. We also generated about 3% of our income on the investment of our cash reserves.

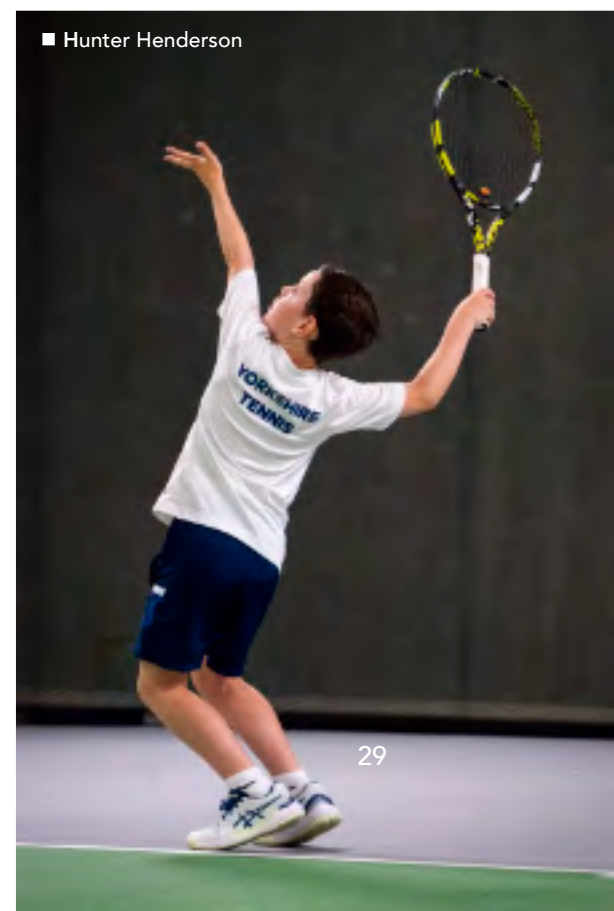
Our expenditure in 2024 was approximately £372,000 meaning we had a small surplus for the year of £9,000. Of our expenditure, approximately 7% (9% in 2023) was spent on running Yorkshire Tennis Limited, 24% (23% in 2023) on encouraging

participation, 31% (36% in 2023) on arranging and financing competitions and 37% (32% in 2023) on providing high quality training. The increase in training costs reflects the cost of running the RPDC.

Our balance sheet remains strong. We have been able to make further interest free loans available to clubs to help them develop their facilities with the total now outstanding being £218,000.

We have further funds available to lend and are encouraging clubs to apply for such loans if they have suitable development projects. We have £417,000 of cash reserves, in line with the LTA best practice of holding cash equivalent to between 12 and 24 months expenditure, and £155,000 of net liabilities.

We currently anticipate setting a break-even budget for 2025.



■ Hunter Henderson



# SAFEGUARDING



**Rosie Nicholl & Helen Longstaff**  
County Safeguarding Officers

The importance of safeguarding cannot be overstated and keeping club workforce records up to date is essential for smooth club operations and compliance. This includes details of welfare officers, committee members, and coaches. Please ensure these records are regularly reviewed and updated. Remember, adding new committee members or



volunteers can also make them eligible for an extra Wimbledon ballot entry.

In recent months, some clubs have encountered situations where a clear complaints and disciplinary policy would have been beneficial. If your club does not already have one, there are useful templates in the Club Management section of the LTA Resource Library here: [www.lta.org.uk/roles-and-venues/venues/resource-library/](http://www.lta.org.uk/roles-and-venues/venues/resource-library/)

Additionally, Sport England has welfare officers across the

country, including within the Yorkshire Sport Foundation. They offer webinars and Q&A sessions on safeguarding, which clubs are encouraged to join. Details can be found here: [www.yorkshiresport.org/what-we-do/safeguarding](http://www.yorkshiresport.org/what-we-do/safeguarding)

As your county Safeguarding Officers, Rosie and Helen are also available for online meetings, if you'd like to discuss any safeguarding matters or club-related concerns. Please email us at [safeguarding@yorkshiretennis.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@yorkshiretennis.org.uk) and we can arrange a call. Please note that we have discontinued our voicemail service, so email will be the best way to get in touch. If you would like to speak to us just drop an email with your number and we can call you back.

Thank you for your continued efforts in keeping our clubs safe, compliant, and welcoming for all.

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**Ensuring our clubs remain safe and welcoming to all remains a top priority.**”

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