



OUR GOALS

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

Our aim is to support and safeguard tennis providers, coaches, players, parents and any person who is involved in the game.

- We assist tennis clubs in Essex to develop their facilities and increase membership to enable more people to play tennis
- We provide grants and interest free loans
- We provide competitive opportunities in age groups from under 8s to over 70s
- We have particular interest in young players and providing disability tennis opportunities

Supporting Junior Players

- We support the costs of our teams playing in tournaments or competitions, incl 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 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

Supporting Clubs

- We support over 100 clubs across Essex
- Our 'Advantage Essex' scheme provides clubs with access to Grants and Loans with currently £0.5m-£0.75m loans in place
- This allows Clubs to develop or improve their tennis offering and/or facilities e.g.
 - new floodlights;
 - conversion to LED;
 - resurface or build new courts, including specialist Mini and Padel courts;
 - clubhouse improvements; installation of a defibrillator; and
 - new tennis equipment
- The County Office keeps in touch with our Clubs both directly and via our team of Area Reps, allowing Clubs to raise questions/issues directly with the team at Essex Tennis, allowing feedback to come from them and also better informs our interaction with the LTA

Redbridge

- We have a long-term user agreement with 30 years remaining
- This provides free dedicated court time throughout the year, used for County training, Talent ID days and Inter County matches
- Separate arrangements give access to court time at Deanes and Connaught

Coaches & Coach Education

- We support coach training for coaches across the County running over 20 courses and 2 Coach Forums per year at Redbridge, Southend, Colchester and Deanes

Disability

- We support and facilitate access to tennis courts by disability players and champion disability specific events and competitions throughout the season

Supporting Adult Players

- We support the costs involved for our Men's and Women's Adult teams at the annual County Week and Winter Cup and also Adult County age-group teams from 35 plus to 70 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 130 Club teams participating

Safeguarding

- We provide support and advice for Club's and Club Welfare Officers as needed and act as a liaison point between the LTA's safeguarding team and process and our Clubs

MONEY SPENT ON ESSEX TENNIS

We typically have annual income of circa £250k:

- ❖ 60% from Club subscriptions
- ❖ 40% from commercial and other activity

This is spent approx. as follows:

- ❖ Club support 25%
- ❖ Junior support 30%
- ❖ Adult support 20%
- ❖ Operational 20%
- ❖ Surplus/contingency 5%