

Purley Bury Tennis Club

Charity Number 1176144

Trustees' Report for The Charity Commission Year End 2025

1. Objectives and Activities

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The object of the Charity is: the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of tennis.

1.2. Main Activities

Purley Bury Tennis Club is a Registered Charity (number 1176144) with modern tennis facilities. PBTC Social Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary that runs the Club Bar.

The Club welcomes new members of all ages, all abilities and all levels of play, and offers:

1. Five floodlit tennis courts one of which is marked out with two pickleball courts as well
2. Social and competitive tennis
3. A thriving Junior and Young Adult section led by Mark Love - Aegon National Coach of the Year 2015 and Surrey Development Coach of the Year 2016 - and his MDL Coaching team
4. Weekly term-time coaching sessions using LTA-qualified coaches provided free to all disabled people, regardless of their age or skills. We also have links with local disability schools as well now who attend free coaching during the week.
5. A spacious and comfortable Club House and Bar
6. A regular series of Adult and Junior social events
7. A range of membership packages
8. Competitive playing opportunities for both Adults and Juniors with team competitions and individual events
9. A table tennis table is available in the top building for members' use

The Club has a 21-year lease from the Landlord, which began on 5 June 2019, giving security of tenure for the foreseeable future.

1.3. All Trustees are aware of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission with regard to Public Benefit and have adhered to the guidance throughout the year.

2. Achievements and Performance

Summary

- Revenue from subscriptions on budget at £29,000 with no increase in fees
- The Club obtained the following donations:
 - The donation from PBTC Social towards overheads rose from £7,000 to £8,000 against a budget of £6,500.
- Expenditure on maintenance rose from £4,628 to £8,200 against a budget of £11,000. In addition £10,300 was spent on repainting the courts which was funded from the sinking fund
 - £4,300 was spent on electrical work brought forward from previous years
 - £1,800 was spent on cleaning the courts
- Electricity costs rose from £5,193 to £8,500 against a budget of £7,000 due to undercharging in the previous year.
- £12,000 has been allocated to the sinking fund for future lights and court refurbishment, which stands at £57,200 at the end of 2025 an increase of £1,700
- At the end of the year the Club had net assets of £97,531, including restricted funds for Disability Tennis of £2,275 compared with £92,052 at the end of 2024 including £2,609 of restricted funds.
- The Club held a Senior Tournament in the Summer
- MDL Coaching continued to support the Junior section with sessions for all ages and standards.
- MDL Coaching and its team of volunteers continued to develop its free Disability tennis sessions for both children and adults.
- Two pickleball courts have been marked out and made available to members. There will be a public launch in Spring 2026

3. Vision

Our vision is that Purley Bury Tennis Club will be recognised as a good place to play tennis in Croydon, where members feel a strong sense of pride and belonging, and they participate to ensure the continued success of the club.

4. Volunteering Ethos

Purley Bury Tennis Club, the Charity and PBTC Social Ltd are run *by* the members *for* the members and for the Community in Croydon. It is expected that members contribute *what* they can, *when* they can, to the successful running of the Club.

5. Membership

Membership of the Club was sustained with some minor fluctuations as shown in the table below. Subscriptions were held at their 2024 level and revenue was maintained.

The adult coaching sessions for members and non-members continue to be well attended with numbers on the up, including the newly introduced Thursday evening session. This is an excellent route into the Club for players new and old and we encourage those attending coaching to upgrade to off-peak or full adult memberships when they are confident in their ability to join in more fully.

We continued to improve the junior membership database and continued to keep the junior subscriptions low and maintained close links with local schools.

The family membership was once again popular due to it's value for money and the discounted membership remained for students to encourage their continued membership while away at university.

The separate Disability section remained popular with the regular free coaching evening split into two sessions – junior and senior. The sessions continued to recruit new volunteers to help – both Adult and Junior members

The Club has a website and a Facebook page and uses Twitter and WhatsApp groups to promote itself. The courts were opened up to the Brancaster Lane community at this year's street party.

As before we offered pro rata rates for members who joined part-way through the year and offered special offers at certain times of the membership year.

Friday junior sessions continued to grow in popularity and we continued to welcome social memberships to PBTC Social.

Membership Numbers by Categories

	2024/25	2025/26
<i>Adult</i>	91	90
<i>Off-Peak Adult</i>	14	15
<i>Parent</i>	31	39
<i>Disability</i>	20	25
<i>Education</i>	11	10
<i>Honorary</i>	8	8
<i>Tot</i>	25	11
<i>Mini</i>	39	38
<i>Junior 11 to 18</i>	55	57
<i>Friend</i>	0	0
<i>Social (PBTC Social Ltd)</i>	29	30

6. The Tennis

The Club ran regular sessions for all members.

- Social tennis for Full members on Sunday mornings, and five social tennis rotas, on Monday evenings, 1730-1900hrs, 1900-2030hrs and 2030-2200hrs, and Thursday evenings, 1900-2030hrs and 2030-2200hrs.
- Adult Improvers, 2030-2200hrs on Monday nights and 1930-2100 on a Wednesday
- Social tennis for ladies on Wednesday mornings and men on Thursday mornings for members of all standards. A mixed session for men and ladies on a Friday morning from 9.30am.
- For Adults we offer one-to-one sessions and sessions for small groups, and also Rusty Racket sessions on a Monday and Thursday evening, which is very popular, plus a Friday morning session for intermediate/club standard players and an Over 50's session.
- The Club fields men's, ladies' and mixed teams in leagues. More players have participated in the teams this year.

- Match practice evenings for the ladies' teams took place on Wednesday nights and for the men's teams on Tuesday nights.
- Friday nights were fun nights for Juniors, including coaching, junior events and community sessions.
- MDL Coaching and its team of volunteers continued to develop the Disability tennis sessions for both children and adults. Due to the popularity of these sessions, these were split into children and adult groups and run as 2 x 45-minute sessions. These continue to take place on Friday evenings. In addition we have two local disability schools visit us during the week to attend free tennis coaching on a Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon.
- Friday's continue to be a busy day at the club as we manage to fill the courts from 0900hrs to 2030hrs with players of all ages and standards
- In addition, parents continued to join the Club to participate and play with their children, together with adults looking to take up the game.
- MDL Coaching continue to attract new members through its Holiday Tennis Camps and Rusty Racket Adult Tennis Programme.
- MDL Coaching continues to have strong links with local schools and offer after school tennis club and co curricular coaching sessions. In addition they head up the coaching programme at a number of private schools in the local area.

7. Pickleball

The decision was taken to take advantage of the courts being repainted in the summer to include two pickleball courts being painted on Court No.5. This has proven to be popular with test sessions being run on a Friday morning and evening. We are intending to fully launch a Pickleball section of the club in April 2026.

8. Tennis Competition Programme

The Club held a Summer tournament for both Adults and Juniors, including a plate competition for adults.

For Juniors the club ran:

- Grade 5 & 6 Competitions at the weekend internally and externally

- LTA team tennis and LTA team trophy – Our Junior Teams are now some of the strongest in Surrey and have accumulated many league wins over the past year.
- Play Your Way to Wimbledon Event
- Team Challenge Competition in coaching sessions
- Family Cup for parents and children
- Disability Team Challenge Events
- Junior/Senior Events
- Davis Cup-style competitions

8. Coaching and Development

Adults

MDL Coaching offered coaching for adults on Monday and Thursday nights for Rusty Rackets and on Friday mornings for Club members. In addition, we continued our Over-50s coaching session on Friday lunchtime. These sessions were open to people in the local community.

Pickleball was introduced at the club with coaching sessions provided to get it off the ground. We hope to build this in 2026 by growing the existing sessions created on a Tuesday morning and Friday morning and evening sessions.

We have retained our coaches and now have a very experienced and dedicated team at the club.

We are hoping to continue introducing more adults to tennis through our Rusty Rackets coaching programme.

Juniors

MDL Coaching offered courses for Juniors between 1600-1930hrs every weekday evening and 0900-1200hrs on Saturday morning during all three terms for each of the following groups:

DEVELOPMENT SQUADS (for mini tennis players and yellow ball players new to the sport or those not looking to compete)

Sessions are for players who play once/twice a week and are keen to improve and learn new tennis skills, have fun and make new tennis friends. These sessions are also suitable for players who are new to the sport. We try to put all players in groups with others of a similar age and ability.

COMPETITION SQUADS (mini tennis players aged 6yrs-10yrs)

Sessions are for players who play at least twice a week - comprising: those attending group sessions or 1:1 sessions; those playing in competitions or who have an interest in competing and

representing MDL in matches against other clubs; those playing with parents or friends outside coaching sessions; or those who are above average ability for their age.

Players attending these sessions will be encouraged to enter LTA-sanctioned tournaments.

INVITATION SQUADS (Yellow ball players aged 10yrs-18yrs)

Sessions are for players who have been a part of the MDL programme for many years and are established tennis players. They may play at least twice a week and comprise: those attending group sessions or 1:1 sessions; those playing in competitions or who have an interest in competing and representing MDL in matches against other clubs; those playing with parents or friends outside coaching sessions; or those who are above average ability for their age. They have a keen interest in tennis and a willingness to improve as a player.

In relation to the talent pathway, MDL Coaching ran talent identification sessions to admit players to the MDL Competition and Invitation Squads, but opened its doors to any player keen to play in competitions and represent Team MDL in competitions.

Talented Juniors were invited to Adult club team sessions and match practice as well, to help develop their game.

A number of MDL players at the club also attend Surrey County training across many age groups.

MDL Coaching's school programme continues to be strong in the local area. This gives parents an easy way to get their children into tennis. The sessions complement each other and the school programme is an important part of getting new players into tennis and to join the club.

MDL Coaching ran Holiday Tennis Camps during all school holidays every morning from Monday to Thursday from 0900hrs-1500hrs, incorporating Mini Tennis & Fun, Fun Tennis & Team Games, Matchplay & Team Tennis, and these continued to grow in popularity. This encouraged more youngsters to join the coaching programme and the Club. Teen Tennis took place each afternoon to allow our older players to socialise away from the younger players.

Our Pay-and-Play Community Tennis sessions on a Friday evening continue to be well received in the local community for both teenagers and the youngest of children, aged 3yrs upwards.

Our Free Disability tennis coaching sessions continue every Friday, for Junior Disability players and Adult Disability players. These are split into separate sessions. This is one of the biggest disability programmes in Surrey and certainly the only programme in the local area for disabled people.

1715-1800hrs – Junior disability

1800-1845hrs – Adult disability

These are run by 2 x LTA coaches and a large group of volunteers/juniors, mainly members of the Tennis Club. These sessions are funded by the Croydon Community Fund and other grant providers.

We run coaching sessions in conjunction with MIND and The Autistic Society, and we are keen to run further sessions with local focus groups. We will continue to engage in activities promoted by the LTA and will work closely with the local authority.

9. Financial Review

Financial Position at Year End 2025

Overall, at the end of 2025 the CIO had net assets of £97,531, including restricted funds for Disability Tennis of £2,275 compared with £92,052 at the end of 2024 including restricted funds of £2,609.

PBTC Social Limited pays the CIO £3,600 per annum towards the rent and energy costs and generated a surplus of £8,000 against a budget of £6,500.

10. Reserves

The Club aims to put £12,000 per annum into a sinking fund to cover the costs of renewing the courts and lights and tree maintenance. At the end of 2025, the fund stood at £57,273, an increase of £1,700 over the end of 2024 after spending £10,300 on repainting the courts.

11. Structure, Governance and Management

11.1 The Charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

11.2 The Club uses the “Association Model” provided by the Charities Commission as the basis of our written constitution.

11.3 Trustees are selected in accordance with the constitution.

11.4 The current Trustees are:

Robbie Watt Chairman

John Davey Secretary

Sarah Wilson	Membership Secretary
Mark Love	Head of Tennis
David Stantiall	Treasurer

12. Conclusion

The opportunity to take exercise by playing tennis and pickleball at our Club has been embraced by the local community. The Club has encouraged this by offering attractive membership packages and seeking ways to increase court usage whilst remaining in a healthy financial position.