

# TENNIS COURT TRUST REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, APRIL 2023

## COURT CONDITION

The court is now into its 25<sup>th</sup> season after total re-construction in 1998. Although in good condition for its age, there is some surface erosion in places and this is starting to cause variable bounces during playing. Moss has been kept under control by the application of ferrous sulphate, but it is feared that pressure washing, which is also required to remove the dead moss, will damage the court surface further. The court will be in an acceptable condition for a further year but during this time it has been agreed that quotes for resurfacing will be obtained and any additional funding identified and sought.

## ANNUAL FINANCES

- The court has had little use over the last 2 years – this is thought to be due to the problem of COVID and the condition of the court.
- The court fees will remain the same as the previous year with the exception of Family Membership which will be reduced by £10 to encourage greater court usage.

Fees for annual membership:	Adult	£24
	Family	£40
	Junior	£11
Hourly rate		£5
Guest with member		£1

- Income over the 2-year period 2021 and 2022 was £332.94
- The lower income was further exacerbated by the bank (HSBC) starting to impose a charge of £5.00/month and giving very little interest on the deposit. Also the local Woodbridge branch was closed. The Committee therefore decided to change our bank to Lloyds who do not charge a monthly fee and still has a branch in Woodbridge. This change proved problematic as the original recorded signatories were incorrect and during the time this was being sorted out the Trust was still being charged £5.00/month. This change has now been achieved and HSBC agreed to refund £70.00 towards the bank charges. The new signatories are: Annie Cawthorn, Pat Nunn and Colin Archer.
- The total bank balance at the end of the 2022 year was £14053.35 and current balance of £14,127.93.

## TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The current chairman, Colin Archer, stated he would not be continuing for the coming season as he will be leaving the village. Ian Kay kindly agreed to take on this role on an interim basis until another suitable volunteer can be found. The committee has a further 2 new members and together will steer the Trust through the future exciting times.

**Colin Archer**  
**Former Chair of the Tennis Court Trust Committee**  
**18<sup>th</sup> April 2023**