



AVON TENNIS

Avon Tennis October 2025 Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM

Rachel Cockcroft - New Open Court Lead

Hi, I'm Rachel and you know me from the Avon Tennis office, and I'm now excited to take on the role of **Open Court Lead for Avon Tennis!**

Open Court is all about making tennis accessible for everyone, including players with disabilities. Whether it's wheelchair tennis, visually impaired sessions, d/Deaf, or inclusive coaching, we're here to help your club grow and thrive.

Need support? I can help with:

- ✓ Setting up Open Court sessions
- ✓ Finding funding opportunities
- ✓ Training your team
- ✓ Growing inclusive tennis in your club

✉ **Let's make your club open to everybody!**

Email me at opencourt@avontennis.org.uk to arrange a visit or have a chat.



CLUBS & VENUES

LTA registration is now open - you have until Friday 19th December to complete your registration. Don't

delay.

Here are some other important updates of what's coming up.



AVON TENNIS
CLUBS & VENUES
COFFEE & CHAT

**THEME: CLUB MAINTENANCE,
DEVELOPING FACILITIES,
GOVERNANCE**

THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2025
ROCKET PADEL, BS4 4EB
10AM - 12PM
ALL WELCOME

JOIN US FROM 10AM ONWARDS FOR A COFFEE & CHAT THEN A SNEAKY GAME OF PADEL AFTERWARDS!

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW:
clubs@avontennis.org.uk

avontennis.org.uk

Join Mandy Stonier, Avon Tennis Clubs and Venues Lead, and guests for a morning of informal chat and a sneaky game of Padel afterwards.

The topic for the this Coffee and Chat is

- Club Maintenance
- Developing Facilities
- Governance
- LTA & Avon Tennis registration

Book your place now



LTA TENNIS AWARDS
PRESENTED BY www.lta.org.uk

LTA TENNIS AWARDS 2026
Nominations close on 30th November
Get your nominations in before its too late

Nominations Open for 2026

The **LTA Tennis Awards** recognise the hard work of volunteers, coaches, officials, clubs and venues involved in tennis.

They could be those who dedicate their time and energy to the development and growth of the sport, or players achieving great things on court.

Avon Tennis Unsung Hero Award

You can also nominate your **Avon Tennis Unsung Heroes**

This is a special award to acknowledge those people who have contributed to the success of tennis in our County who may not fall within the LTA Nomination criteria but who equally deserve recognition.

The recipients of this award would have made a substantive yet unheralded contribution to tennis in the County that has resulted in a positive impact to their Club, the local Community or the Tennis Environment in which they operate.

Get nominating now - [LTA AWARDS](https://www.lta.org.uk/awards)

[AVON TENNIS UNSUNG HERO AWARD](#)

Upcoming venue webinars

Brand Basics - Tuesday 18th November 2025 –
18.30pm to 19.30pm

Growing Your Audience - Thursday 20th
November 2025 – 18.30pm – 19.30pm

Digital Essentials - Tuesday 25th November
2025 – 18.30pm – 19.30pm

[Click here to find out
more & book](#)

JUNIOR PERFORMANCE

Good luck to all our junior players attending trials over the next 2 weekends.

We look forward to seeing what talent there is in Avon and know you are going to be amazing.

stay tuned next month to see how it all went.

Last Month we ran a Junior Squad Social afternoon for all our squad members.

It was an amazing get together and we were super lucky with the weather. The sun shone as our players took part in a mini Olympics event in teams. They played cricket, football, tug of war (which was a huge favourite - Thanks Pete) and the legendary Martyn Bray skipping rope game!!

Thank you all for coming along and to those who helped, volunteered and supported on the day.

We look forward to celebrating with you again next year.

[See a highlights video](#)

[YouTube](#)

COACHES

Coaches - lots going on over the coming months. See below more info.

Recent and upcoming webinars/forums (click on link to watch/book)

[Addressing the
coaching shortfall](#)

[Avon Coach
Forum](#)

[Her Contact
Point](#)

Coaching Courses - Tennis & Padel

[Level 1](#)

[Level 2](#)

[Level 3](#)

EVENTS/COMPETITIONS

Love tennis? Over 40? Avon Tennis wants you!

SENIOR WOMEN'S TENNIS OPEN DAY

AT COOMBE DINGLE SPORTS COMPLEX

- Are you over 40, 50, 60 or 70
- Interested in playing tennis for your County
- Avon Tennis needs you!

**SATURDAY 22ND
NOVEMBER
12-2PM**



**For more information
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PADEL

**Did you know....Bristol is
hosting the 1st Deaf and
Hard of Hearing Padel
tournament.**

The event is taking place on Sunday 2nd
November from 10am at Rocket Padel, BS4
4EB.

Get down there and support this wonderful inaugural event.

How amazing do the trophies look!

SAFEGUARDING

Young Persons Welfare Ambassador Programme Expands for 2025

In 2025, the LTA launched the second stage of our Young Persons Welfare Ambassador (YPWA) programme, building on the success of the 2023 pilot.

Since then, many young people who have taken part have seen real benefits, including stronger CVs and UCAS statements, support with Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) awards, LTA Award nominations, and increased confidence and leadership skills within their venues and counties.

Our YPWAs continue to shine on bigger stages too. Several have recently presented to 300 colleagues at an LTA All Colleague Meeting, spoken to over 700 attendees at the Safe to Play Safeguarding Conference, and featured in a safeguarding video alongside Harriet Dart.

Venues hosting YPWAs are already reporting improved safeguarding awareness, stronger positive cultures, and better engagement with young people—the future of our sport.

Sign Up & Win!

The *first 50 venues* to register a YPWA between **1 October – 31 December 2025** will be entered into a prize draw to win one of **ten £100 vouchers** (one voucher per venue) to support YPWA activities or other club initiatives.

All participating venues will also receive:

LTA Safe to Play National Safeguarding Conference

On Saturday 4th October 2025, in support of the NSPCC CPSU Keeping Your Child Safe in Sport Week, the LTA ran its [Safe to Play Annual Safeguarding Conference](#).

The free conference was designed for tennis volunteers, coaches, and officials, and proved to be an informative and engaging day. Sessions included keynote speakers and workshops that provided opportunities to learn and share good practice on how to keep tennis and Padel safe.

The majority of sessions were recorded and can be watched [here](#)

You have until the end of October to gain CPD points. Please encourage your Welfare Officers, Coaches and officials to watch.

- an **LTA YPWA hoody** for their ambassador, and
- an **LTA Welfare Officer t-shirt**

Help us continue to grow safeguarding awareness, develop future leaders, and champion young voices across British tennis. Sign up today!

<https://www.lta.org.uk/ypwa>.

AVON LEAGUES

AVON LEAGUE PRESENTATION EVENING

A great evening celebrating the league successes of the clubs and teams in Avon last Wednesday.

Thanks for all those who attended and collected their awards and a massive 'shout out' to all the volunteers who dedicate so much of their time to organising the leagues.

Click here to see how the Youth Winter League is going

UPCOMING DATES

- * **30 November - LTA & AT Award Nominations Close**
- * **22 January - Avon Tennis AGM (Venue TBC)**
- * **21 March - Big Night Out**

AND FINALLY!

Did you know ..

Avon Tennis have a YouTube channel.

Click on the button below to view. Please bear with us though, it's new so will be uploading more videos as we go.

YouTube

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