



Avon Tennis

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Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM

Avon Tennis

Please put the AGM date in your diary. But note the change of venue.

Refreshments and buffet available at 6.45pm, meeting will commence at 7.30pm.

SAVE	 AGM
22 JANUARY 2026	THE
DATE	Shaftesbury Park, BS16 1LG <small>Home of Dings Crusaders & Bristol Bears Womens' Rugby</small> 7.30pm start

CLUBS & VENUES

From Idea to £16,700: Blagdon Tennis Club's Winning Crowdfunder Journey

Earlier this year, an email from Crowdfunder led me to a webinar where a club volunteer explained how she had refurbished her cricket clubhouse through a Crowdfunder campaign. Her story inspired me to try the same for Blagdon Tennis Club.

With membership renewals approaching, I asked members if they would commit to a two- or five-year membership—an option that allowed Sport England to match the value of those fees. I estimated a realistic fundraising target (high enough to maximise match funding, but achievable), set up the Crowdfunder, and secured Sport England approval.

Before launching, I contacted local pubs, shops, tradespeople, caterers, the golf club, the vineyard, and others for donated “rewards” that supporters could buy—also eligible for match funding.

We launched on 28 March and 10 days on 8 April we hit our target!

The multi-year memberships raised £6,500, doubled to £13,000 by Sport England. Rewards and donations contributed the rest, bringing the total to **£16,700**—a fantastic boost for our refurbishment plans.



BABOLAT CLUB BALL OFFER 2025

For Clubs & Venues who wish to participate in the Babolat Club Ball offer, receipts are now due to be submitted to claim your free balls.

For every 12 dozen Babolat tennis balls purchased during 2025, you will receive 1 dozen of the same type ball free of charge.

Please email your receipts to finance@avontennis.org.uk or send by post to Avon Tennis, Coombe Dingle Sports Complex, Coombe Lane, Bristol, BS9 2BJ no later than **Monday 1st December**.

Further information: <https://www.avontennis.org.uk/babolat-ball-offer/>

COACHES

The 2026 LTA Coach Forum roadshow came to Avon last week with top quality tutors including our own Patrick Lodge from Dragonfly Leisure, with Sam Richardson, Julie Jones, Sarah Thomas and Merlin Van de Braam.

The coaches were buzzing with the doubles on court content & added their own valuable insights into how to solve the coaching shortfall in the off court discussions. A great event delivered by a great team of people.



Avon Coach Forum 20th
November 2025



JUNIOR PERFORMANCE

Strong Turnout at Avon Tennis County Trials

At the start of November, Avon Tennis held its county trials at David Lloyd Long Ashton, welcoming **151 players aged 8U-11U**. It was fantastic to see such strong engagement, and we're delighted that

coaches continue to nominate players—long may it continue.

Following the trials, **188 players are now training hard within our 8U–18U county squads**, and we look forward to supporting their development over the coming months.

EVENTS/COMPETITIONS

Avon Women Smash Winter County Cup

Wow wow WOW... what a weekend for the Avon Women's team! 🙌🔥

Wins across the board and officially Crowned Division 1 Champions in Bath, the top team in the country in the last ever Winter County Cup. 🏆

We are so proud of the whole team, an amazing achievement.

Women's Squad - Alice, Ali, Connie, Eleanor, Hannah, Izzy, Jess, Nehir, Olivia, Alexia and Captain Gabi ❤️

Check out Avon Tennis Instagram to see the winning team

SENIOR WOMEN'S OPEN DAY

Great to see so many Avon Women on the courts at Coombe Dingle on Saturday 22nd November, all keen to play competitive tennis for Avon.

Thanks to Jo for organising and bringing everyone together 🙌

Watch this space for more info on our senior teams.

PADEL

Bristol Hosts First Hearing Loss Padel Tournament

Bristol hosted the UK's first LTA-approved Padel tournament for deaf and hard of hearing players at Rocket Padel, St Anne's on 2nd November 2025. Around 52 participants competed in the fast-growing tennis-squash hybrid. Mark Gill, from the Centre for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People, says the event showcased a thriving

deaf community and hopes for more coaches to receive deaf awareness training.

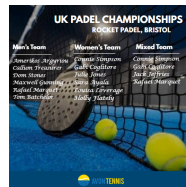
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Rocket Padel, Bristol Hosts UK Padel Championships

Last weekend, Rocket Padel in Bristol hosted one of the biggest events on the British Padel calendar: the **UK Padel County Championships**. Over **300 players from 34 counties** gathered for a high-octane, team-format showdown across men's, women's, and mixed competitions

Avon performed brilliantly and our 3 teams did the county proud.



Full results can be viewed on the LTA Comps website

[RESULTS](#)

OPEN COURT

Ready to open your courts and grow the game?

If you've got the passion but need a little help or funding to kick things off, reach out to Rachel at opencourt@avontennis.org.uk — let's make it happen together!

IMPORTANT DATES

* 19 Dec 2025- 4 Jan 2026 Avon Tennis Office Closed

* 22 January 2026- Avon Tennis AGM at Shaftesbury Park, BS16 1LG

* 21 March 2026 - Big Night Out

AND FINALLY!

🎉 **And the Winner Is...Find out who won the Babolat Pure Drive!** 🎉

You may remember that we recently shared an exciting competition from our sponsor **Babolat**, offering you the chance to win a **Pure Drive** racket.

🏆 Keran Hatcliff entered the competition, and her son Alfie is the lucky new owner of the Pure Drive.

Well done guys.



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