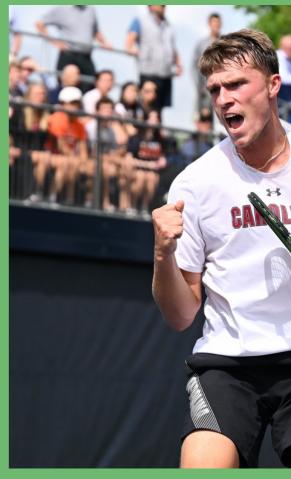
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"PARTICIPATION & REVENUE HAVE BOTH INCREASED, WE'RE OPENING TENNIS UP & WELSH PLAYERS HAVE HAD A GREAT YEAR ON COURT"

In 2022 we successfully increased participation, and grew revenue into Tennis Wales through our partnerships, fundraising, programmes, events & competitions. As Tennis Wales continues to grow, our aim is to continue to invest resources into the game, and deliver our vision for tennis opened up across Wales collaboratively.

The number of adults playing tennis annually peaked at 162,000, and the number of adults playing monthly exceeded 63,000 for the year. On average 15,609 children played tennis weekly during 2022 which is testament to the incredible work of our tennis community in Wales. We're also seeing our sport diversifying, welcoming players from a wider socio-economic background, and from more diverse parts of Wales.

On the court, Welsh players saw a great deal of success, with more national & international finals than we've seen in recent years. Players competed in LTA, Tennis Europe and ITF events, as well as in Junior Wimbledon.

I'm really grateful to our tennis community in Wales, our Board and committees and the great team here at Tennis Wales who have delivered some superb work and projects with our partners and sponsors in 2022.

SIMON JOHNSON

Chief Executive





"I VALUE YOUR PASSION, COMMITMENT AND JOY IN THE GAME AND THE HARD WORK YOU PUT IN ON AND OFF THE COURT. "

It seems like yesterday that I took over from Barry Cawte as Independent Chair at Tennis Wales, where has the year gone?

It has been an exciting and rewarding year for the tennis community in Wales. In many ways we are thriving and delivering on our plans to open our game up to as many people in Wales as possible. Much has been achieved and it has been fantastic to see a full year uninterrupted by pandemics and lockdown where "normal" service has resumed.

I want to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported the game in the last year, players, coaches, volunteers, sponsors, parents and of course, the team at Tennis Wales. Together all of you make our game what it is. I value your passion, commitment and joy in the game and the hard work you put in on and off the court.

It has been wonderful to see the success of our talented youngsters coming through, our U14's were rightly recognised for the amazing year they have put in at our Annual Awards and of course Mimi's progress continues to inspire us all. Equally rewarding is the ever growing commitment to opening up the game to all those who want to get involved, the progress in wheelchair, visually impaired and sensory tennis has been brilliant.

Well done to everyone on your achievements, from Junior Wimbledon to the 5th Team getting a team out every game; from running a major ITF or LTA tournament at your venue to getting through the club championship or box leagues; from a multi-million-pound facilities plan to improve courts across the Nation to fund raising at local level to upgrade the lights or even put some in! The energy, passion and commitment of tennis people in Wales is incredible and makes me very proud to be a part of it.

Thank you all.

NEIL O'DOHERTY Independant Chair

Tennis Wales Board 2022

Neil O'Doherty (Ind Chair)
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Bethan Lewis
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Nigel Osbourne
Michael Gibson

"THE PASSION FOR WELSH TENNIS AND OUR SPORT SHINES THROUGH EVERYWHERE I HAVE BEEN THIS YEAR"

It has been an enormous honour to be your President again this year and being part of a Welsh tennis community that has been going from strength to strength.

I have thoroughly enjoyed supporting Tennis Wales, visiting our clubs, venues and watching so much tennis being played and enjoyed across Wales. It has also been great to meet our dedicated coaches and passionate volunteers to whom we owe huge thanks for working tirelessly and delivering excellent tennis opportunities across Wales. This year I also got the chance to visit the Welsh Padel Centre, and even had a go!

It was my great privilege to be part of the Tennis Wales awards shortlisting panel and to attend the ceremony held in Cardiff, presenting both the Presidents and Lifetime Achievement Awards. It was a superb evening of celebration – with so many fantastic nominations and every winner truly earning the accolade.

I was proud to cheer on our great seniors teams competing against England, Scotland and Northern Ireland and presenting the trophies at the Home Nations Competition held in Wrexham. Visiting the U12 national training day was another great highlight, watching some of our fantastic players train in Cardiff.

As President, I would not be able to support Welsh tennis without the amazing work of Simon and Maria and the fantastic team across Tennis Wales. A big thank you to everyone for all your superb help in allowing me to get around Wales championing Tennis Wales.

BARONESS AMANDA SATER

President, Tennis Wales





FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Turnover increased significantly during 2022, in our first full year with no Covid-19 pandemic restrictions and the full return of all our activities in the organisation. Financially this was our most successful year ever.

"OUR INCOME TOTALLED £1,330,034 WITH EXPENDITURE OF £1,349,241. WE REPORTED A SMALL DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR OF £19,207"

Tennis Wales welcomed great support from funding partners and sponsors during the year, allowing us to invest more than ever to open tennis up across Wales.

On top of our core funding this year, we were successful in securing additional Sport Wales capital funding which we invested into two new covered courts at Bridgend Tennis & Squash Club. We were also approved for Welsh Government funding to deliver an anti-racist project which will be realised in 2023/24.

Robust policies and processes remain in place, as the Board signed off a new investment policy and reviewed our existing reserves policy to ensure we retain necessary reserve funds to safeguard the organisation.

RACHEL TREVOR

Finance Officer



FINANCE BREAKDOWN

Income

LTA Funding £524,965.00 Sport Wales Core Funding £284,000.00 Sport Wales Development £164,360.00 Sport Wales Resilience Funding £49,775.00 Venue Registration Fees £45,645.00 Commercial £87,883.00 Elite Programmes £10,246.32 County Tennis Programmes £27,892.04 Leagues & Competitions £67,837.72 **Parks** £18,034.74 Coach Development £38,010.07 Tennis Wales Awards £2,671.11 Other £8,714.00

£1,330,034.00

Expenditure

Staffing	£592,615.73
Administration Costs	£91,922.39
Leagues & Competitions	£145,105.28
County Tennis Programmes	£47,676.03
Elite Programmes	£125,843.06
Growing the Game	£123,694.85
Coach Education	£34,202.33
Disability Tennis	£20,415.55
Tennis Wales Awards	£9,040.35
Parks	£84,143.63
Marketing & Promotion	£45,439.80
Sponsor Servicing	£29,142.00

£1,349,241.00



GOVERNANCE

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The Tennis Wales Governance Committee led and supported a number of key areas of work in our Continuous Improvement Plan for governance during 2022. The introduction of an investment policy, reviewing our existing policy documents and working with Sport Wales to conclude our annual governance review to ensure we remain a well governed organisation in Wales to receive funding, all took place. Ongoing work includes looking into charitable status for the organisation, and introducing a Senior Independent Director role on the Board.

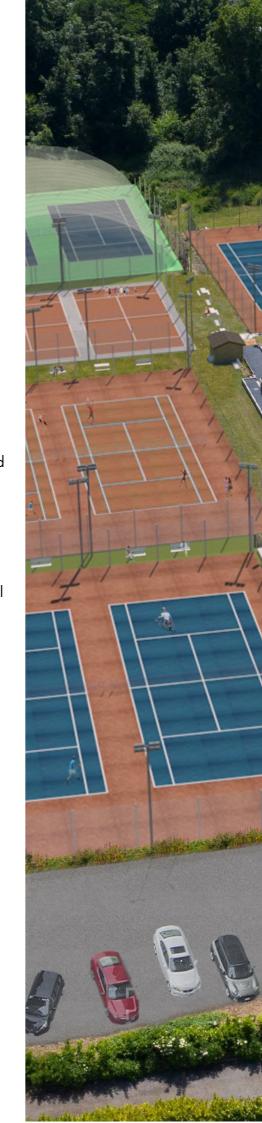
UK ANTI-DOPING

Tennis Wales is fully aligned to the LTA Anti-Doping Strategy and delivered the first year of its Clean Tennis Implementation Plan, with the purpose of raising awareness and educating players, parents and coaches in Wales. UKAD workshops were delivered to players within National Training Camps, and all county captains in North and South Wales completed elearning courses. UKAD flyers and advice cards were displayed at national and international junior competitions delivered by Tennis Wales in Wrexham, and also at the Welsh National Championships later in the year. The development of a dedicated Clean Tennis page on the Tennis Wales website and communications in newsletters and on social channels, have served to raise awareness across the tennis landscape in Wales.

SAFEGUARDING

Tennis Wales continues to align with the LTA British Tennis Safeguarding Strategy and works in collaboration with the CPSU and NSPCC in Wales. We successfully retained our accreditation with the NSPCC during 2022 and welcomed Bethan Lewis as Chair of the Board Safeguarding subcommittee. Mark Vaughan, our Safeguarding Officer continues to work with tennis venues, coaches and out network of Welfare Officers to provide training, case management and venue support visits, ensuring we maintain the highest standards of safeguarding in Wales.

Linda Sawyer and Mike Pickerill in North & South Wales, support Mark in his role at Tennis Wales as our County Welfare Officers.



2022 FACTS & FIGURES

162,166

Adults playing tennis annually in Wales

54

Welsh finalists in national & international competitions

63,144

Adults playing tennis monthly in Wales

15,609

Children playing tennis weekly in Wales

123

Newly qualified Level 1 & Level 2 tennis coaches

£1.3m

Turnover for the year

20

Open Court disability funded programmes in Wales

38

LTA SERVES programmes in underserved communities

406

Primary & Secondary school teachers trained in LTA Youth Schools

3,298

Players competing at least once in Wales during 2022



PERFORMANCE TENNIS 2022

2022 was the first full year of competition after the pandemic and which saw the LTA expand the domestic and international calendar of events across junior and open age groups. Welsh players took full advantage of the increased competitive opportunities, registering 54 final appearances at national or international level.

James Story earned his first ATP Singles ranking points by reaching the quarter finals of two ITF World Tennis Tour events in London and Winston–Salem. In doing so James became the new Welsh male number one singles player, taking over from Evan Hoyt. On the doubles tour, Finn Murgett won his maiden ITF World Tennis Tour event in Florida to move his ATP doubles ranking up to 1,054 by year end and cement his place as Welsh male number one doubles player.

The National Wheelchair Training programme introduced in 2020 had another positive year of growth in 2022. We were able to grow the number of players taking part in the programme to 11 and provide coach support at key events. Will Croft, who took over the National Wheelchair Coach role from Geraint Richards, captained a hugely successful School Games team which won five medals across the singles, doubles and mixed doubles events.

Mimi Xu continued her progression at the LTA National Academy in Loughborough University and became U16 and U18 Girls' GB National Champion. Her success earned her a place in the Ladies' Qualifying at Wimbledon, and a place in the main draw of the junior event where she progressed through the round of last 16. Mimi ended the year with a junior ITF ranking of 27 as a result of multiple successes on the ITF junior circuit.

Niall Pickerd-Barua joined Mimi in becoming GB National Champion by winning the U12 Boys' event in Nottingham. Niall achieved a great deal through the year winning an international title in Wrexham and two national level events in Bournemouth and Wrexham. He was selected to represent Great Britain in the U12 European Summer Cup event.

Viktor Frydrych and Oliver Page very nearly became GB National Champions but lost out in the final in the U16 Boys' and U14 Boys' events respectively. Both players performed at their best in one of the most important events in the calendar.



The Junior Four Nations team won the overall event for the third time in four attempts marking a period of dominance which hasn't been seen before in the event. The U12 team won their age-group with victories over Scotland, England and Ireland, whilst the U14 and U18 age-groups finished in second place in their groups. All the players and team captains did a fantastic job for Wales and should be very proud of what they achieved.

At county level the South Wales U14 Boys' team made history in becoming the first junior team from a Welsh county to win the GB National Title. The team did incredibly well winning a tie-break shoot out in the qualifying group and then winning another tie-break shoot out in the Final. To deliver under such pressure was a brilliant achievement and this was rightly recognised at the Tennis Wales Awards where the boys won the Team of the Year category.

Wales' Regional Player Development Centre (RPDC) located at Swansea Tennis Centre continued to develop some of our best young players on the LTA Player Pathway. The programme has a growing reputation for being able to develop international junior players thanks to the hard work and expertise of the coaching team. The team were successful in being reaccredited with RPDC status by the LTA Performance team for another two years from September 2023.

Tennis Wales focused on supporting venues and coaches at the U10 stage of the pathway in 2022. We introduced U10 Development Centre Funding grants to venues who were highly motivated to develop players at this age and provided on the ground support to these venues and their lead coaches with our County Pathway Coaches in north and south Wales. In addition, we invested in bringing world class expertise to Wales to run face to face workshops in Cardiff and Wrexham focusing on U10 player development.

National Training rotations ran termly which brought together the best players from across Wales at U10, U12, U14 and 14+ age-groups. Over 50 Welsh players were involved through the year and guest coach Matthew James, former Welsh player and coach to Emma Raducanu, brought his expertise in the final rotation of the year.



TENNIS OPENED UP

2022 saw us work with partners, sponsors, and the tennis community to meet our strategy of 'opening up' tennis.

Coach Development Centre (CDC)

Our Welsh CDC provided qualifications and training courses throughout the year with a team of Welsh based coach developers.

We trained 80 LTA Level 1 Assistant Coaches, and a further 43 LTA Level 2 Instructor's. Tennis Wales awarded 20 bursaries to support people into our qualification pathway, and in total more than 300 bookings were made for qualifications and training through our Welsh CDC.

The percentage of female accredited coaches in Wales increased from 18% to 24%, towards our target of 30%.

Parks Tennis Transformation

The LTA announced a significant £22m investment into public parks tennis across Great Britain during 2022, with the LTA adding a further £8m to create a £30m fund to modernise public park courts across GB. Within Wales, we are collaborating with the LTA and Welsh Local Authorities to invest this funding to resurface public parks, install online booking systems and introduce free & affordable coaching programmes.

Our own Tennis Wales in the Park programme grew in 2022, with the refurbishment and launch of Romilly Park in the Vale of Glamorgan which joins Heath Park in Cardiff as part of our initiative.

Tennis in Schools

By the end of the year, 406 primary and secondary school teachers in Wales had taken part in the LTA Youth Schools free online teacher training and received £250 in funding for their school to invest into coaching or equipment. Our team worked with Welsh coaches and venues to deliver school tennis festivals and competitions for 4,000 school children in 19/22 Local Authority areas, and the Sport Wales School Sport survey reported 109,651 pupils played tennis.

Facility Investment

The Participation Team supported venues and projects to achieve more than £600,000 in capital investment grants from Sport Wales, as well as working with venues to access LTA loan investments. Our National Facility Plan is now in place, and we continue to support the development of modern and fit for purpose facilities that are accessible across Wales.



TENNIS OPENED UP

Padel Tennis

Our Padel Development Plan was introduced during 2022, targeting an increase in the number of padel courts in Wales, a growth in participation, and to recruit and train a new workforce. With 3 operational padel courts in place, we're looking at significant growth in 2023 and 2024. Whilst new facilities emerge, existing padel players have enjoyed competing in newly established padel leagues and competitions in Wales, which will continue to grow.

Competition

In total 3,298 players competed at least once during 2022, an increase from the year before, and 5,285 Welsh players now have an ITF World Tennis Number.

Over 200 sanctioned competitions and events took place this year, ranging from half day events in clubs, through to our county and national championships. The team at Tennis Wales collaborated with partners to host Tennis Europe, ITF and LTA domestic events during 2022, welcoming players from around the UK, Europe and the world to Wales.

County Tennis

Supported by the committees in North & South Wales, we collaborated to deliver county tennis leagues, junior county training, county championship events and county teams from North & South Wales competed in the LTA County Cup.

LTA SERVES & Open Court Disability programmes

LTA SERVES is delivered here in Wales by Tennis Wales and our partners, and is a leading sport for development programme – aimed at children and young people aged 4–18 – taking tennis into the heart of local communities to those who may never have had the opportunity to play before. During 2022, 38 SERVES projects were in place with partnerships including the boys & girls club of Wales, the Urdd and StreetGames Wales.

The LTA Open Court programme is a nationally funded scheme across GB, facilitated by Tennis Wales, that actively promotes and delivers opportunities for disabled people to get involved in tennis. The Welsh Open Court programme is one of the largest in GB, distributing funding and training to 20 programmes across Wales.



TENNIS OPENED UP

NATIONAL FACILITY PLAN

In 2022 we created our national facility plan for tennis & padel in Wales. Through consultation and liaison with our partners, the plan has identified key areas of work.

Key national facility plan priorities;

- Develop indoor / covered court facilities in 12 strategically identified geographic gaps in Wales
- Modernise public park tennis courts across Wales to provide low cost and affordable opportunities to play
- Invest into sustainable and environmental club facilities, focussing on LED lighting solutions and clubhouse renovations
- Collaborate with schools, colleges and universities to better utilise courts in the education sector

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION PLAN

Our EDI plan for Wales launched in 2022 and is aligned to the LTA Inclusion Plan for Great Britain. It focusses resources on key priorities here at home.

Our aims by Dec 2024;

- Increase the number of female coaches from 19% to 30%
- Ensure all 22 Local Authorities offer the LTA SERVES programme, with 50% in WIMD 1-2 areas for underserved communities
- Grow the number of LTA Open Court venues in Wales to 40+, ensuring provision for all disability groups - deaf, blind & partially sighted, learning disability and wheelchair tennis
- Ensure at least 6 LTA SERVES programmes are launched in partnership with organisations supporting and working with ethnic minority groups (launches in 2023)
- Expand activities for the LGBTQ+ community by growing inclusive sessions from 1-3
- Provide EDI training to all staff, coach developers, board and committee members and into our tennis community more broadly



INTERNATIONAL TENNIS

Tennis Wales organises and hosts national and international junior tournaments in Wales as part of our strategy to open tennis up. Our aim is to provide opportunities for Welsh players to compete at the highest level possible here in Wales, to support Welsh venues to raise their profile nationally & internationally, and to showcase Wales as a superb destination to visit.

TENNIS EUROPE WREXHAM

Tennis Wales organised and hosted the Tennis Europe Wrexham event in partnership with Wrexham Tennis Centre in April 2022. The 12U and 14U competition welcomed players from GB and internationally to the City.

Winners

12U Boys Singles | Niall Pickerd-Barua (GBR)

12U Girls Singles | Sevil Parviz(GBR)

12U Boys Doubles | Pickerd-Barua (GBR) & Sallu (GBR)

12U Girls Doubles | Parviz (GBR) & Wong (GBR)

14U Boys Singles | Marc Desmoulin-Ricot (FRA)

14U Girls Singles | Mika Stojsavljevic (GBR)

14U Boys Doubles | Craze (GBR) & Ruffell (GBR)

14U Girls Doubles | Cristodoulou (GBR) & Smart (GBR)

ITF WELSH OPEN WREXHAM

Tennis Wales welcomed players from around the world to the ITF Welsh Open during May 2022, with players aged 18U competing for junior world ranking points in North Wales.

Winners

Boys Singles | Ben Hudson (GBR)

Boys Doubles | Mason Dace & Joseph Mazingham (GBR)

Girls Singles | Erin Pearce (GBR)

Girls Doubles | Jessica Matthews (GBR) & Alessia Popescu (ROU)









WELSH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tennis Wales hosted the Welsh National Championships in August 2022, with a fantastic week celebrating the very best of Welsh tennis and padel.

We welcomed 300 hundred players with over 475 entries in 55 events. Close to 600 matches were completed over the 7 tournament days. New events including Visually Impaired, Padel and Junior Wheelchair were introduced for the first time.

Event Entries

- Junior 274
- Senior 79
- Open 62
- Padel 35
- Disability 25





DRAGON SIGNS LOCAL TOUR

2022 saw a total of 203 Local Tour events take place at 21 different venues across Wales. In North Wales this included at indoor centres in Caernarfon, Wrexham and Colwyn Bay as well as outdoor clubs Prestatyn and Rhos on Sea. In South Wales many new venues hosted an event including Cwmbran LTC, Lisvane and even Old St Mellon's at their two court venue.

Across all events, there was a total of 1,609 entries which meant plenty of players got their hands on the coveted Dragon Signs Local Tour medals that represented some famous landmarks found in Wales such as Tenby Harbour and Snowdonia.



After three long years of waiting the Home Nations Senior tournament was played over the May bank holiday weekend. The men's and ladies 35/45/50 competed in Wrexham and the 55/60/65 in Bolton. What a great weekend of tennis at both venues. Friendships were renewed and new ones formed.

Overall Wales finished third at both venues. The men's 60', 35's and ladies 50's teams excelled and won their groups, the with ladies 65's coming second.





Players 2022

Chris Lewis, Simon Morris, Craig Evans, Chris Evans, Claire Powell, Kirsty Leeke, Lucy Scott, Ellie Lewis, Leighton Davies, Matt Smith, Thomas James, Ben Glass, Linda James, Jo Price, Janine David, David Reed, Kevin Hong, Jon Bunn, Ray McNeill, Julie Sinkins, Carys Howard-Rees, Jenny Burrows, Laura Davies, Simon Richards, Geoff Muxworthy, Steve Richards, Jason Richards, Robyn Dow, Kate Johnstone, Alison Wood, Kath Mutter, Mike Harpin, Gary Payton, Tim Harland, Graham Clark, Mike Bennett, Rhian Griffiths, Ellinore Lightbody, Sue Mitchell, Jane Allen, Chris Hill Nick Lee, Myles Collett, Robert Rue, Ann Brown, Val Alder, Jenny Burrows, Freda **Emery**

WHEELCHAIR SCHOOL GAMES

A legacy from the London 2012 Paralympic and Olympics Games and delivered by the Youth Sport Trust, the School Games National Finals welcomed 1,000 young athletes from across the UK to the weekendlong event held in Loughborough.

The Welsh wheelchair tennis squad brought home one gold, three silvers, and a bronze.

The gold medal came in the Girl's Singles, where 15-year-old Lilly Folland, from Cardiff, was crowned champion – even managing to 'move up' a medal from her silver win at the 2021 event. Partnering with 18-year-old Lily Bignell from Crickhowell, a first-time competitor, the two also took home the silver medal in the Girl's Doubles.

Alex Wilson, 18 returned home to Deganwy with a bronze medal in the Boy's Singles. Working together, Alex and Lilly partnered to secure silver in the mixed doubles, while Alex also claimed a third medal in the Boy's Doubles partnering with Tredegar's Cameron Hudd, 15, to win silver.

In addition to the medals, south-Wales players Adam Craven, 14, and Imogen Ashwell-Rice, 10, picked up separate awards to recognise their success as ambassadors of the School Games ethos.



Captain & Players 2022

Will Croft (C)
Emily Jordan (VC)
Lilly Folland
Lily Bignell
Imogen Ashwell-Rice
Evan Hansen
Cameron Hudd
Alex Wilson
Adam Craven



JUNIOR FOUR NATIONS

Wales were crowned Junior Four Nations champions for a third year in four at the Championships at Scotstoun Tennis Centre in September 2022. The annual event brings together the top under-12, under-14 and under-18 boys and girls from across England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland with singles and doubles action over three days of tennis.

The Welsh under-12 team finished top of their group, winning an impressive 17 out of 18 matches. That success, combined with secondplace positions for the under-14 and under-18 teams saw Wales secure the overall title on the final day.

Captain of the under-14s team Becca said: "The Four Nations Championship is a very special event. The level of competition was as high as ever this year and it was an extraordinary team performance to win the overall title for 2022. I'm incredibly proud of our team of players and captains.



A huge congratulations to each-and-every team member and their captains. This is an amazing achievement and it underlines the strength-and-depth of junior tennis in Wales Chris Lewis

Head of Performance





Captains & Players 2022

12&U

Luke Simeone (C) Rundong Huang Awen Gwilym-Davies Isabella Lieve-Morgan Niall Pickerd-Barua

14&U

Becca Strelzyn (C) Freya Walters Jemima Dean Archie Gray Oliver Page

18&U

Phil Thomas (C) Jemima Choi Abby Kelliher Viktor Frydrych Conor Flynn

TENNIS WALES AWARDS 2023

Tennis Wales continued to recognise the extraordinary contributions from our players, volunteers, venues and workforce during 2022 with our annual Tennis Wales Awards. Once again, we received a record number of nominations and after much deliberation our winners were announced at a ceremony held in Cardiff in February.

Club of the Year

BANGOR TENNIS CLUB

Dragon Signs Development Coach of the Year **MARK THOMAS**

Performance Coach of the Year LUKE SIMEONE

Floodlighting and Electrical Services Connecting Communities Award URDD GOBAITH CYMRU

Competition of the Year
NEWPORT TENNIS CENTRE

Volunteer of the Year
JOHN DENTON
Rising Star Award

GETHIN WILLIAMS

Official of the Year **BEN COATES**

Tennis For All Award

CAERPHILLY TENNIS CLUB

School of the Year

CORYTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Junior Player of the Year / Adult Player of the Year MIMI XU / JAMES STORY

Club Team of the Year

CARDIFF LTC MENS 1ST TEAM

Genero Productions Team of the Year
SOUTH WALES UNDER 14 BOYS TEAM

Lifetime Achievement Award

President's Award

DAVID STILLMAN MBE









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