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ANNUAL REPORT

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**Tennis**   
SCOTLAND

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## Chair's Welcome

**It gives me great pleasure to introduce our Annual Report for 2021 following a year of substantial growth, both on and off the court.**



**Graham Watson**  
Chair, Tennis Scotland

The year will be remembered as a pivotal period of progression for Tennis Scotland as we accelerated towards our vision of 'Tennis Opened Up'. Thanks to the excellent work of Chief Executive, Blane Dodds, and the wider team and workforce, we enter another landmark year for Scottish tennis with momentum gained through growing club memberships, a strengthened performance pathway and increased funding to support year-round indoor participation.

Continuing to build strong venues remains at the heart of our growth strategy and we were encouraged by progress made to advance projects facilitated by the Transforming Scottish Indoor Tennis fund, despite the ongoing challenges posed by the global pandemic. Several developments are expected to be placed back on track in 2022 and we approach the year with a determined commitment to achieving our mission of growing tennis through welcoming and accessible venues.

It is a sign of our community's strength that we were able to celebrate achievements of two Scottish clubs, Giffnock Tennis Squash & Hockey Club and Western Health & Racquets Club, that were honoured with Britain's top Club and Competition of the Year accolades respectively at the British Awards.

It is not just our clubs that competed at the top level as shown by Scots who claimed honours on the professional tours' flagship events in 2021. It proved to be a breakthrough year for Cameron Norrie who gained his first ATP Masters title and established himself as a prominent figure at Grand Slams, ending the year as World no.12. In addition to our ambassador Jonny O'Mara, Andy and Jamie Murray continue to challenge at the summit of the sport, alongside Gordon Reid who further etched his name into the history books by completing a calendar-year Grand Slam in the wheelchair doubles.

Over the next 12 months, we aim to capitalise on heightening interest in both tennis and padel by building on foundations laid last term which placed racquets in the hands of many players for the first time: from children inspired by more than 280 teachers that incorporated tennis into PE lessons, to players aged 50 and over that were engaged through the successful Tennis for Race Against Dementia pilot course.

Finally, I would like to thank the LTA, sportscotland and Scottish Government for continued support which provided the platform to progress throughout another challenging year for sport generally.



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# CEO Introduction

I am pleased to present our Annual Report following a year of continual growth of our organisation and the Scottish tennis community as a whole.



**Blane Dodds**  
CEO, Tennis Scotland

We started the year positively thanks to an increase in both participation and membership figures, and quickly built on momentum through an intake of 8 recruits who strengthened our performance and operations activities to capitalise on significantly increasing levels of interest in tennis. Clubs enjoyed a growth of over 8000 new members in 2021 as tennis in Scotland continues to develop. Congratulations to all involved across the country in making tennis an attractive sport for so many new regular members and participants.

Our performance pathway is one of a number of areas that was strengthened by new additions and we were delighted to welcome Jonny O'Mara on board as Official Ambassador in an ambitious move that will enhance the development of players supported by our National Player Programme and GB National Tennis Academy through first-class mentoring of the standards expected on tour.

Throughout the year, we were proud to witness performance players reach key milestones in their young careers, with Hephzibah Oluwadare and Aidan McHugh making their debuts at the Wimbledon Junior and Senior Championships respectively, as the pinnacle of the grass court season returned. It was also a pleasure to watch Scots regularly competing at the top of the sport as Cameron Norrie continued to establish himself as a household name alongside Jonny O'Mara and Andy and Jamie Murray. 2021 will also be fondly remembered as the year Gordon Reid claimed the calendar-year Grand Slam following a win in the US Open doubles which cemented his place as one of the greatest wheelchair players of all time.

At national level, there was strong performances across the board as our competition calendar continued to evolve. We welcomed back a host of tournaments following the easing of restrictions which brought many highlights, including a memorable Scottish Cup finals day at Newlands LTC; the headline event of our Summer schedule. Across 2021, we were also very pleased to create more opportunities for players to compete on the TS Open Tour circuit than ever before.

Creating greater year-round participation opportunities remains at the top of our priority list and progress made with our partners to accelerate the delivery of indoor facilities, despite the barriers placed by the pandemic, means that we continue to lay foundations for the development of several new projects in the coming year. In addition we continue with our objectives of opening tennis and padel up by supporting our clubs develop, delivering enhanced facilities, increasing pay as you go tennis opportunities as well as entry level free tennis programmes, hosting more international events and also continuing to grow regular competing players. The progress made in 2021, coupled with the ongoing support of our tennis community, **sportscotland** and the LTA, alongside our partners Dunlop and AMC, will be pivotal in increasing the accessibility of tennis in 2022 and beyond.

## Strategy

### Vision

Tennis Opened up to Deliver The Legacy in Scotland

### Mission

To grow tennis by making it relevant, accessible, welcoming and enjoyable:

- To build stronger venues at the heart of our community making tennis accessible
- To build a world-class player development pathway
- To develop a range of facilities and venues fit for the future of our sport making tennis relevant
- To grow and develop a world-class workforce
- To deliver a range of events and competitions to experience and showcase tennis making tennis enjoyable and welcoming
- To grow and develop resources to deliver an effective new organisation

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In summary we want to see more people playing across clubs and pay as you go facilities. We want to see more quality facilities and world-class workforce development and coaching. We want to see an all year round sport in our communities with tennis a major or leading player in terms of community access to facilities. We want to see more Scottish players succeeding at the very top of the game in juniors and on the ATP, WTA and ITF wheelchair tours. We want an ambitious confident organisation working with all to create growth and investment to ensure a sustainable and healthy future for Scottish tennis.

Blane Dodds

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# Facility Development

Protect, enhance and progress.

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP

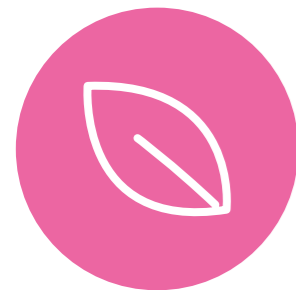
# 72,000+

↑ INCREASE FROM 62,965 IN 2020 ↑

Our ambition is to protect and enhance tennis facilities throughout the Country and progress opportunities to grow the sport where demand and need is prevalent. Developing an infrastructure that can support continued growth and progression of the game of Tennis and now Padel. A infrastructure that will continue to contribute to the positive social and health impact of Scotland and individual lives.

2021 welcomed new facility resource to support Tennis Scotland with a dedicated Facilities development expertise as part of the Team. There was also additional opportunity progressed working with our partners via commercial, lending and funding opportunities. Our facility priorities for Scotland are formed in context of National, Regional and Local environments and mindful of existing facility provision, expected tennis demand, social demographics, travel networks, population and maximising usable court time. Central to this is enablers — people, places and partners, that can create the next generational progression in Scotland. Most notably these include Clubs, Venues, Local Authorities and Leisure Trusts, **sportscotland**, the LTA and the array of volunteers and coaches acting in support of the growth plans for Scotland.

## KEY PRIORITIES



Operational Sustainability in venues



Indoor and covered tennis courts



Floodlight and covered Padel courts



Floodlight tennis courts



SMART access systems and digital improvements



Park tennis courts



All weather surfaces



Additional outdoor tennis courts



Moray Sports Complex

## Moray Sports Complex

### Case Study

The announcement of a major Tennis facility investment was met with great excitement in Moray, an area of Scotland where year-round Tennis is very challenging.

After battling lockdowns and escalating building costs, Moray Sports Centre in Elgin has finally been given the green light to go ahead and build a state of the art Indoor Tennis Centre.

With work expected to be complete in 2022, plans are afoot to hold a Festival of Tennis later in the year to introduce the people of Moray to this brand-new facility. With plenty of opportunities to access indoor courts or programmed activity.

The Tennis Centre will have 4 acrylic indoor courts and the innovative design will feature full-length retractable sliding side curtains to take advantage of kinder weather.

The focus for Moray Sports Centre will be to increase participation at all levels, Tennis will now be available in Elgin 12 months a year.

The Indoor Tennis Centre will be part of the Moray Sports Centre complex, and players will be able to take advantage of its' Fitness Suite, luxury changing rooms and catering facilities.

This project has been made possible through the Transforming Scottish Indoor Tennis Fund, including partners the LTA, **sportscotland**, and Tennis Scotland, and a donation from a local property entrepreneur and philanthropist.

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CEO Moray Sports Centre

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Facility Development  
Indoor Tennis

# Facility Development

## Dunfermline Tennis & Bridge Club

In 2018 the committee decided that the clubhouse, built in 1978, was looking tired and required some remedial work. This developed into the large renovation project because it was recognised that the spaces in the downstairs areas of the clubhouse were underused and could be converted into more modern and usable areas for players.

The changing rooms, large kitchen and storage areas were remodelled into small changing rooms, separate toilets, and a small clubroom with windows looking out into the courts. An equipment store with viewing balcony above was added and the upstairs hall given a makeover.

Funding of around £150,000 came from various generous funders and a loan from the LTA.

The work was carried out during 2019 and 2020 but due to the pandemic the official opening was held over until October 2021.

The clubhouse now has two clubrooms for members and is especially useful when bridge sessions are on in the upper clubroom and tennis players wish to socialise before and after play.

In 2021 the old floodlight lamps on the two single courts were converted into LEDs, the other three courts having been converted earlier. This work was carried out by Whytelight Dezine Ltd. The lighting is much brighter for playing under and the running costs are lower.

*Pat Reid*  
Secretary & Treasurer

### Case Study

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**Facility Development**  
Halogen to LED floodlight conversion and Clubhouse improvement



Dunfermline Tennis & Bridge Club



Stirling Lawn Tennis & Squash Club

## Stirling Lawn Tennis & Squash Club

### Case Study

SLT&SC is situated in the centre of residential Stirling. It has 3, extremely well maintained all-weather (Tiger Turf) tennis courts which are floodlit and within its clubhouse, 2 squash courts.

At its heart, it is a family orientated club with a healthy membership of nearly 185, including a very active over 55s tennis section. In addition, the club has a strong junior membership with over 400 hours pa devoted to formal junior coaching.

The club is in the process of embarking on an improvement programme to make the club more welcoming, encourage locals to join and generally provide a more open access for all facility.

At the start of 2021, we set out our vision for SLTSC to be a more inclusive and community minded club, so the committee embarked on a project, in partnership with Tennis Scotland, to provide easier access to the club. The goal was primarily to enhance access for our existing members but also the project sought to recruit new members through offering visitors' access to the club to come and try before they join. We have plans for the long-term upgrade of the clubhouse, general access, disabled facilities and to offer a more widely inclusive access to our local community. Pay and Play access, as part of the gate access installation, was seen as a great way to appeal to a younger membership.

The installation of the Smart Access gate complimented our strategy on several levels. It provided simple access for all through on-line bookings using ClubSpark; it provided a log of court and member usage

(helpful during the height of COVID); and it increased security with everyone having a unique access code linked to bookings rather than a general code that could be shared to non-members.

Since installing the system, we have been able to measure more accurately who is using the club, peak times and troughs, we have received some public bookings generating income and we have seen a significant increase in membership (+15%). We have also linked our lights to the booking system, and while we do not charge for the use of lights for members, we do have the functionality to do so should we wish to. These automatically come on in the hours of darkness and go off again after a court booking is complete.

*Jeremy Speirs*  
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**Facility Development**  
SMARTGATE Access system

**Feedback:**  
Member feedback has been very positive. We have encouraged members to use the Booker App for easy access on the move and worked through initial teething problems such that everyone is comfortable using the system with very few issues on bookings. We have also recently brought in new coaches who have adopted the Clubspark system wholeheartedly and again, using this in conjunction with the Smart Gate, gives access to members and non-members who are signed up to lessons.

I would strongly encourage other clubs to consider installing the Smart Access system. Combined with Clubspark, the feedback has been very positive, we have more data available to understand about our court usage, and in an increasingly digital world, people seem very open to embracing this step change forwards.

# Facility Development

## Argyll Park Tennis Courts (West Dunbarton Council)

West Dunbartonshire Council created a long term capital investment plan that included the upgrade of existing and new sports facilities across the local authority. One area of development was the introduction of public tennis courts.

Through partnership working between and investment from West Dunbartonshire Council, Tennis Scotland, sportscotland and West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust, the local authority was able to construct three new floodlit tarmacadam tennis courts in Argyll Park, Alexandria. The courts opened in June 2021.

Argyll Park is a focal point for sport and physical activity in Alexandria. The site consists of the Vale of Leven Swimming Pool (gym, spin and dance studio) as well as an all-weather floodlit football pitch, grass football pitches, a bowling club, children's play park and the floodlit tennis courts. The site and all facilities are operated by West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust on behalf of West Dunbartonshire Council.

The tennis courts has being a great addition to the Argyll Park site with the local community embracing the opportunity to play tennis. The use of the LTA/Clubspark booking system along with SMARTgate has also been very successful and provided easy access to one hundred and thirty individuals over the past eight months.

To make playing tennis extremely affordable and to encourage more people to benefit from the tennis courts, WDLT introduced Junior & Adult annual membership packages. Once signed up, the small annual membership fee of £50 (juniors) and £100 (adults) provides free access to use the courts all year round. It is expected that these membership options will substantially support the growth of tennis at the courts in 2022.

The area has one tennis club, Kirktonhill Tennis Club. The club has being provided a full evening free of charge to support the growth and development of their membership. Kirktonhill Tennis Club does not currently have floodlights, so the new courts have been very beneficial to the club and their members so far.

The development of the courts could not have been achieved in isolation. The project ensured that all key partners were involved in the planning for the facility at an early stage. This helped to shape the project and gain buy in from these partners and potential investors. Once this was established, the links between WD Leisure Trust (Sports Development and Active Schools), the local club(s) and coaches has helped to create a strong foundation for the sport to grow at the facility, hopefully for years to come.

**Alan Crawford**  
Sports Development Manager



### Case Study

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**Facility Development**  
New Floodlight Public Tennis Courts Including SMARTgate Access

**John Smith, President, Kirktonhill Tennis Club, recently stated:**

*"Kirktonhill LTC are a small but thriving tennis club based in Dumbarton. We have always been hampered in our growth due to our lack of facilities to allow year round tennis that has resulted in many potential members looking elsewhere. Since the construction of the Argyll Park tennis courts we have built up a very encouraging relationship with WD Leisure Trust by mutually agreeing free access at a specific time to the facility that enables our members to play all year round. This has been absolutely invaluable to us as a club. We can plan for & provide something we have never had before at no expense to the club or our members, which is particularly beneficial in an increasing time of austerity. This has resulted in increasing interest in the club. We hope to continue to grow our use of the facility and include some competitive tennis as well as look at the potential for a pathway from casual use into our membership. In summing up we feel as a Tennis Scotland and LTA club, this so far has been a tremendous investment in the growth of tennis in such a socially deprived area and our members are grateful for the investment."*



## Edinburgh Sports Club

### Case Study

Edinburgh Sports Club is widely considered Scotland's premier rackets club. Situated on a unique site on the banks of the Water of Leith in the West End of Edinburgh. ESC opened its doors in 1936 as a squash club, the second club in Scotland. The club has grown considerably since then, adding additional squash courts, restaurant, lounge, shop and offices, 3 tennis courts, table tennis arena and latterly the first Padel courts in Scotland in 2014.

Historically Edinburgh Sports Club was a squash centric club with a very male orientated membership. New management in the last 12 years has made the club a more progressive club that balances competition, fun and relaxation in equal measure. No longer is it exclusive, it is inclusive. Offering something for everyone interested in racket sports. We are a much more family orientated members club with no barriers to join. And we also offer pay and play opportunities. There is an array of organised activities for members to get involved in, box leagues, club nights, handicap tournaments, mini-team competitions, racket festivals, graded tournaments, teams, tours and international events and a varied list of social activities.

The introduction of Padel in 2014, the first in Scotland further diversified the club's offering and attraction to a wider demographic. The game lends itself to players male or female from age 5 to 85. The demand for Padel continued to grow and the introduction of a canopy on Court 1 meant all year round play. With further land to develop the decision was made in 2019 to build a 3rd court and cover all 3 with the assistance of an LTA interest free loan. The pandemic interrupted the development as did Brexit so the project has taken quite some time. Although the facility is not fully complete there are now 3 playable covered courts and they are very busy. Membership has increased by 30 in the first 2 months

of full 3 court play. There is an enquiry every day and we expect to reach our target of a further 70 Padel players within the next 6 months.

The club now comprises of 6 Squash courts, 3 Covered Padel Courts, 3 floodlit Tennis courts a Hardball Doubles court, Table Tennis arena, Gym, Bar Restaurant and Lounge, Shop offices and an outdoor recreation area.

Membership sits at a healthy 760, split equally amongst Tennis (220) Padel (220) and Squash (220). If a club has space they should maximise the Padel provision, it is a fast growing sport so filling courts is not difficult. When we added the 2nd court the dynamic changed considerably by then adding a 3rd court and covering all 3 the dynamic has changed again. Although Padel attracts existing rackets players, it is adult returners, ie those that used to play but for whatever reason had given up, that has changed our club for the better of which there are many.

Given the opportunity for an LTA interest free loan, the opportunity to increase membership and revenue, the development of Padel in any club should be considered the oft quoted "No Brainer!"

**JJ Tait**  
Club Manager

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**Facility Development**  
Covered and floodlight Padel Courts





# Inclusion

## Tennis for Race Against Dementia

**Tennis Scotland doubles up to support Sir Jackie Stewart's Race Against Dementia charity by placing tennis players on track to a healthy lifestyle.**

Tennis Scotland has partnered with social enterprise, Tennis for Race Against Dementia (Tennis4RAD), to increase access to tennis based fitness classes for individuals aged 50 and over, in support of Sir Jackie Stewart's Race Against Dementia charity.

Launched in September at the Gleneagles Tennis Academy, the first Tennis4RAD ten-week course raised funds through the fitness sessions and raises awareness of the charity to find a breakthrough in the prevention or treatment of dementia, whilst contributing to Tennis Scotland's vision of opening the sport to the wider community through accessible, welcoming and enjoyable activities.

Through participation in a range of tennis exercises, practice drills and games, aided and designed by Kris Souter at Tennis Scotland, the inaugural course aims to positively impact on the healthy cognitive ageing of group members.

The benefits of tennis in the fight against dementia have recently been promoted by both Tennis Scotland and The Lawn Tennis Association, with research from the Alzheimer's Society outlining that regular exercise can reduce the risk of developing the condition by 30%. It has also been shown that regular tennis fitness sessions can improve heart and bone health, in addition to the many physical and mental benefits gained through general exercise.

Darren Burgess, Founder and Programme Director of Tennis for Race Against Dementia, said: "There's ever increasing research that tennis supports healthy cognitive ageing, which helps people to live longer, healthier and more independent lives. I am therefore delighted to be partnering with Tennis Scotland in launching our tennis fitness sessions for people aged 50 and over at the Gleneagles Tennis Academy, with all proceeds going to Sir Jackie Stewart's Race Against Dementia charity. A huge thanks to Tennis Scotland and all our sponsors and participants."



Blane Dodds, Tennis Scotland Chief Executive, said: "It's essential that we continue to promote the many health benefits associated with tennis and this partnership will play a key role in engaging beginners and players in our sport. We look forward to developing a long-term relationship with Tennis for Race Against Dementia, which will further enable us to deliver our ambition of Tennis opened up to deliver the legacy in Scotland."

Sir Jackie Stewart, said: "Creating opportunities to support people's healthy cognitive ageing through tennis is something that Race Against Dementia endorses. It's great to see this initiative launching today at Gleneagles, somewhere Helen and I have much love for and many connections. Race Against Dementia is grateful for the fundraising donations from the Tennis for Race Against Dementia initiative, and also the generous support of its partners and supporters, Tennis Scotland, Gleneagles and the Peter Vardy Foundation."

I wish Darren, Tennis Scotland and all the participants the best of success as the initiative rolls out across Scotland in support of Race Against Dementia."



Sir Jackie Stewart

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Sir Jackie Stewart





## Community

### Social change initiative serves up a treat for new tennis players in Scotland

Following a year of tremendous growth in participation across Scotland, leading social change tennis initiative LTA Serves has been credited with playing a pivotal role in increasing the accessibility of tennis to youngsters from deprived communities in 2021.

Tennis Scotland began rolling out the programme across the country in 2021 to encourage young people aged 8–18 to use tennis as a positive vehicle for change in their lives. Aimed at developing new skills and self-confidence, both on and off the court, the programme has placed rackets in the hands of many individuals for the very first time.

Throughout the year, over 500 youngsters have engaged with LTA SERVES at ten separate organisations across Scotland, ranging from North Lanarkshire to Aberdeen. As part of the programme, each of the organisations were granted access to specific Tennis Activator Training which educated community volunteers, enabling them to confidently lead beginners' tennis sessions.

In addition to ongoing support from Tennis Scotland, the new LTA SERVES organisations also received £500 worth of tennis equipment and access to a range of social impact measuring tools which has boosted the success of operations this year.

One of the first beneficiaries of the initiative was the Russell Anderson Foundation which has been supporting vulnerable children and their families within socially deprived areas of Aberdeen since 2012. Keen to introduce tennis to eight of their

partner primary schools where they provide extra-curricular activities, the foundation support and training from Tennis Scotland set up the programme, including a three-hour specific training course for Russell Anderson staff members. The foundation is already speaking with Tennis Scotland about adding more LTA Serves venues in 2022.

Graeme Burnett, Chief Executive of the Russell Anderson Foundation, commented: "Our goal is for every child to feel positive about their relationship with physical activity and the LTA Serves programme has played a pivotal role in encouraging many children to consider tennis as an accessible sport which can enhance health and wellbeing throughout their lives."

Looking ahead Tennis Scotland has welcome onboard Achieve More who will begin delivering two new LTA Serves programmes in Glasgow early next year, and Tennis Scotland are in discussions with other partners to continue upscaling the programme throughout 2022.

Community organisations and local authorities that would like to get involved contact Tennis Scotland's Participation & Development Manager, Mike Kolacz [mike.kolacz@tennisscotland.org](mailto:mike.kolacz@tennisscotland.org).

# Community

## Tennis for Free

In 2021 Tennis Scotland focused attention on relaunching Tennis for Free programmes across the country at clubs and parks, giving families and individuals from all backgrounds the chance to get back on court for free after the pandemic!

Covid-19 meant all Tennis for Free programmes across the UK were closed in 2020 and early 2021. As restrictions eased in 2021, and interest in Tennis higher than ever, Tennis Scotland were very focused on making sure people from all areas could take part.

We worked to identify partners and tennis coaches in a position to relaunch Tennis for Free programmes or in some cases, launch brand new sites.

New sites such as Knightswood Park, Glasgow, were a huge success where families now have the opportunity to take part in free weekly coach-led tennis sessions, thanks to support from the coaching team at Drumchapel Tennis Club.

In addition to Knightswood Park, eight Tennis for Free sites now operate across Scotland from Inverness to Glasgow with 100s of people attending in 2021.

In partnership with Tennis for Free, Tennis Scotland aims to double the amount venues in 2022, helping to provide coach-led sessions for all, with the simple aims to give more people the ability to play tennis, improve their physical and mental wellbeing, have fun and encourage more family time.

Growing participation, especially among younger age groups and families, is a fundamental pillar of Tennis Scotland's strategic plan. Rolling-out more Tennis for Free opportunities with the support of tennis clubs and the local authorities helps to achieve this goal.

 **9** TENNIS FOR FREE SITES NOW OPERATE ACROSS SCOTLAND

 **2** TENNIS SCOTLAND AIMS TO DOUBLE THE AMOUNT VENUES IN 2022

Robin Burns, who will lead the coaching at Leith Links Park said: "I am very excited to welcome Tennis For Free to Leith Links Park. It is a fantastic opportunity for the local community to try tennis for either the first time, or to dust off the cobwebs after a time away from the sport. It's a fun, friendly and entertaining free weekly event where you'll make new friends and benefit from regular exercise. There is no catch, as the name suggests, everything is free."

Tennis for Free is available for Parks and Clubs — if your venue is interested, please contact Mike Kolacz.



Duke and Duchess of Cambridge at Craiglockhart Tennis Centre

## A Royal Welcome!

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge (Earl and Countess of Strathearn) were put through their paces at Craiglockhart Tennis Centre as they took part in a LTA Youth session alongside local school pupils.



## Open Court

During 2021 we have worked hard with our Open Court venues to get all programmes and sessions back running following the pandemic. We are delighted to have 23 Open Court venues running again and the numbers of players almost returning to pre – pandemic levels of 600 weekly players across the network.

**23** 

Open Court venues running again

Disability Tennis events also returned in 2021 after being put on hold in 2020.



Regional Visually Impaired Tournament



Scottish Wheelchair Tennis Tournament



# Workforce

## Coach Education and CPD in 2021

Coach Education was halted in early 2021 due to Covid Lockdowns but since things started to open up in May 2021, it has been full steam ahead. The newly appointed Workforce Manager, Anna Myatt, led an ambitious Coach Education programme that would see over 300 coaches sitting their qualifications at LTA level 1, 2 & 3 between May & December.

This is an outstanding number and has contributed to a growth in the Tennis workforce post Covid. These new coaches are keen and well equipped through their qualification to contribute to their Club and Venue coaching programmes in the future.

Tennis Scotland also rolled out a number of new LTA half day courses including, Cardio Tennis, Psychology of Learners, LTA Youth, Coaching Large groups and Coaching better Doubles. We also ran a large number of First Aid courses to help Coaches from level 1 upwards gain their LTA Insurance through the Coach Accreditation scheme. Over 250 coaches attended the cpd courses which were spread widely across the country including Aberdeen, Elgin, St Andrews, Edinburgh.

## New LTA Courses

In July 2021, the LTA launched the first of its new courses. The level 1 is now called Assistant and the level 2, Instructor. The courses have a blended learning model in which days of face to face learning are consolidated through online tasks and knowledge checks as well as video submissions of such skills as feeding, demonstrations and communication. They gain a range of certificates within the course e.g. Safeguarding, LTA Youth and Competition Organiser Certificates.

A team of tutors travelled to Loughborough and London in May and June to complete their training and have been able to roll these courses out in Scotland since September. Tennis Scotland have completed the first 4 versions of LTA Assistant in Edinburgh, Glasgow, St Andrews and Aberdeen and 2 versions of the Instructor course in Glasgow and Edinburgh. The quality of the candidates coming out of these courses is undoubtedly superior and they will be a great asset to their clubs. The LTA will be making similar changes to the level 3 and level 4 courses in 2022-3.

# Workforce

## Outdoor Coach Education

Between June and September, Tennis Scotland piloted a summer of Outdoor Coach education courses, using Clubs all over Scotland to host Coaching Qualifications. 198 Candidates received a qualification through this outdoor Club initiative.

This was a huge success as it meant that Clubs were able to gain some income for court hire to host the course, were able to put their own volunteers and coaches onto courses and raise the profile and importance of Coach education within the Club.

To the 16 Clubs that hosted courses we would like to say a very big thank you for welcoming the Tutors and Candidates with such warmth and being so generous with your time and help. It is a model that we will be repeating in 2022 in many areas of Scotland so that local volunteers and coaches can gain their next qualification and engage in coaching activity for their venue.

The goal of She Rallies is to empower and expand the number of women and girls coaching and playing tennis across the UK. Due to Covid restrictions courses were run online for teenage girls and women through She Rallies Webinars. These short Webinars served to keep the girls and women engaged and gave ideas for volunteers and Leaders to use with their girl groups.

The LTA also linked up with the Girl Guides and an offer of free training and equipment was given to Leaders across Scotland. Many Leaders got in touch and the 6 She Rallies Ambassadors across Scotland have started to do face to face training with the Brownies, Rainbows and Girl Guide Leaders from Units in a variety of areas from Perth to Bishopton.

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CANDIDATES RECEIVED COACHING QUALIFICATIONS

## Teacher Training

In 2021, Tennis Scotland successfully delivered the introduction of the LTA Youth Schools programme to both primary and secondary schools across the country.

'LTA Youth Schools' is designed specifically for schools to support the curriculum and wider school outcomes. The programme brings together inclusive PE lesson plans, personal development resources, teacher training and much more to enhance tennis delivery in the school environment.

As part of this, we continued to support schools through the provision of our Teacher Training course that is aligned with the LTA Youth Schools programme. This course is delivered across an online and face to face model and as part of this we offer teachers who complete our free training with a £250 reward voucher.

This voucher can be spent on tennis equipment or coaching with an LTA Accredited Coach. In 2021, 343 school teachers took part in this training and gained the qualification and therefore were able to deliver tennis activity to their pupils and link with local venues for a follow on opportunity.



# 343

School Teachers Trained In 2021



# Workforce

## Lanark Tennis Club

Lanark Tennis Club teams up with governing body and social enterprise to offer under-represented groups a route onto coaching pathway.

Lanark Tennis Club has played a fundamental role in creating opportunities for individuals from under-represented groups to sidestep onto the coaching pathway by providing free court use for a unique course designed to diversify the Scottish tennis workforce.

As part of Tennis Scotland's objective to increase accessibility of coach education across the nation, players from a range of different backgrounds were invited to join the LTA Level 1 Coaching Assistant course held in Lanark. The course was made available to a group of individuals that have displayed a passion for continuing to use the sport as a vehicle for positive change for themselves and those that have faced similar challenges.

As a result of a partnership between the club and the governing body, Tennis Scotland's Charitable Foundation covered course fees for eight participants, including carers, individuals with learning disabilities and members of an alcohol and drug rehabilitation project.

Many participants on the course were members of Accessible Tennis CIC, a social enterprise which supports the health, fitness and wellbeing of underrepresented groups within communities through the provision of inclusive tennis coaching. Winners of Tennis Scotland's 2018 Disability Award, the social enterprise was founded by Marie Burns, an LTA level 3 Accredited coach who led the sessions at Lanark tennis Club, alongside Tennis Scotland's Workforce Manager, Anna Myatt.

**First-of-its-kind course in Scotland aims to diversify the nation's coaching workforce**

The course strengthened a long-standing relationship between the Lanark club and Accessible Tennis CIC, with adult learning difficulties programmes running annually at the facility. Marie has also established an extensive partnership with local charity, Phoenix Futures, to support individuals overcoming drug and alcohol problems. She now aims to open the door for more people to follow in the footsteps of former members that have successfully completed the Level 1 course.

Marie Burns, Founder of Accessible Tennis CIC, said: "For many people the transition from player to an assisting or coaching role is not a simple one as it takes a lot of self-belief and a range of new attributes to deliver safe and enjoyable classes.

"Thanks to the support of Lanark Tennis Club and Tennis Scotland, individuals on the Level 1 course have been offered an invaluable experience to collaborate with aspiring coaches who share their ambition to develop. The course clearly acted as a great confidence-booster and the supportive environment our participants created between each other has been wonderful to see."

**48%** OF NEW CLUB MEMBERSHIPS TAKEN OUT BY WOMEN AND GIRLS IN 2020 – SIGHTS SET ON CONTINUING TO DRIVE ENGAGEMENT



One of the most notable course attendees was previous President of Rutherglen LTC, Alyson Tannahill. Recovering from a brain injury, Alyson aims to use the Level 1 course as a path to re-engage with the sport, utilising her on and off court experience to open the sport to the wider community.

Speaking about the Level 1 course, Alyson commented: "Since suffering the injury, my memory and energy levels have fluctuated so I was worried that I wouldn't be able to keep up with other members of the course, but everyone was so kind and it has meant the world to me.

"I feel very thankful to have received the opportunity and I can't wait to utilise my coaching skills and new self-belief to become an established coaching assistant this year. My Level 1 certificate certainly won't be hidden away in a drawer, and I'll definitely be putting it to good use during the October week!"

The bespoke Level 1 course has been driven by Tennis Scotland's new Workforce Manager, Anna Myatt, who is also an LTA Level 5 Coach and Coach Education Tutor. Following outstanding growth of female participation in 2020, with 48% of new club memberships

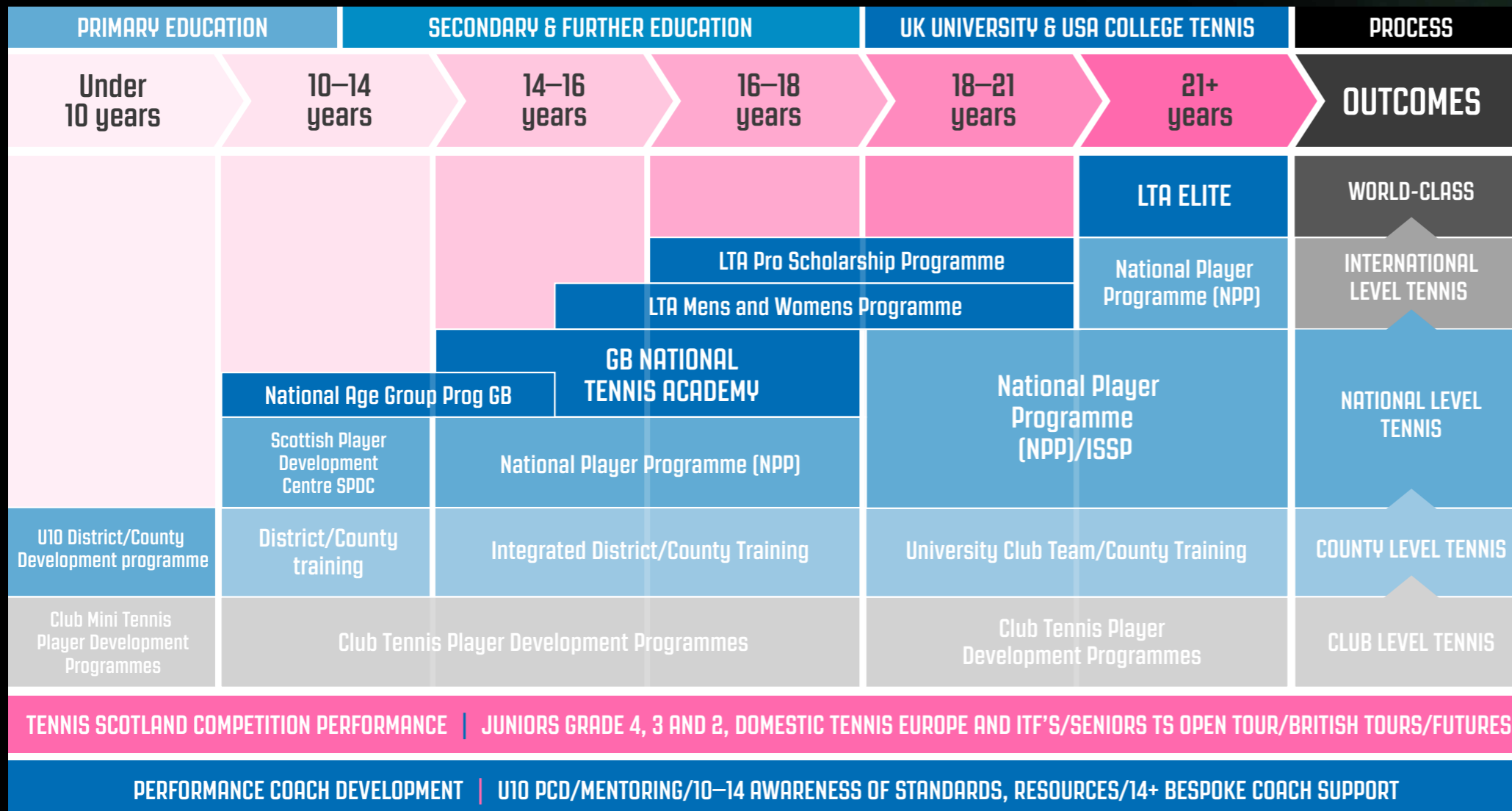
taken out by women and girls, Anna has set her sights on continuing to drive engagement from underrepresented groups within tennis.

Anna commented: "My aim is to ensure that everyone has easy access to volunteering and coach education to provide a path towards becoming a coach in the future, even if individuals just want to support their local organisation for a few hours per week. We'll be undertaking a range of activities to ensure that underrepresented groups, such as people with a disability, ethnic minorities and people from low income areas, can swiftly move onto the pathway in Scotland.

"We would like to thank Allyson Matthews and the committee at Lanark Tennis Club for providing the platform to host this Level 1 course, which we hope will be the first of many. It's a great example of how coaches and venues can work together to enhance the provision of tennis activities across the nation."



# Tennis Scotland Integrated Player Development Pathway



- LTA supported player pathway
- Scottish National supported player pathway
- District/County tennis
- Club tennis



# Performance Highlights



## Gordon Reid

Calendar grand slam in doubles with partner Alfie Hewett, Gordon and Alfie also won the end of year doubles masters. There was also a Paralympic silver medal in doubles and a bronze medal in singles. He also reached the final in the Wimbledon mens wheelchair singles.



## Cameron Norrie

Reached a career high of 12 at the end of 2021 a year in which he won his 1st masters event in Indian Wells and reached the final of the singles at Queens and the masters event in Rome. He also competed for GB in the David Cup.



## Aidan McHugh

In singles reached a final of ITF M15 in India, won an ITF M25 in the Dominican Republic, and reached two more ITF M25 finals one in the USA and the other in France.



## Jonny O'Mara

Jonny continued his success on the doubles court competing in the grand slams and winning two titles (ATP 250 in Sofia and ATP challenger event in Eckental). Jonny was appointed a Tennis Scotland Ambassador, helping to raise awareness of standards working with coaches and players. Jonny instigated the end of year Tennis Scotland Team Tennis event helped with the organisation and delivery of the event.



## Anna Brogan

Having made a decision to go back on the tour Anna won 2 British Tours in the summer in North Oxford and Nottingham. Her good form continued and she achieved her first ranking points 2nd time around in October at a W15k in Bulgaria by winning through qualifying and making the semi finals.



## Jamie Murray

Reached the final of US Open and represented GB at Olympics in Tokyo.



## Andy Murray

Represented GB at Olympics in Tokyo.

# Junior Spotlight

## Matt Rankin

Matt Rankin had a superb second half of the year winning singles titles in an ITF 4 in Corfu, ITF 3 in Nicosia and ITF 3 in Loughborough. He also won doubles titles in the ITF 4 in Corfu and the ITF 3 in Haifa. His effort were well rewarded with qualification for his first junior grand slam in Australia.



Charlie Robertson



## Charlie Robertson

Charlie Robertson was selected on to Tennis Scotland's National Player Programme. He attended an LTA GB camp and gained his 1st ITF points with a great run to the semi finals in Edinburgh.

## Ben Hudson

Ben Hudson reached the QF of junior Nationals his first time playing on grass and was runner up in doubles at the ITF 5 in Liverpool.

## Murray Watters

Murray Watters won the u12 doubles at the category one event in Bressuire, won the u12 category 2 singles in Gran Canaria and won the u12 category 2 doubles in Santa Ponsa.

## Lucas Nolte

Lucas Nolte made a semi and a QF of Tennis Europe 12/U singles events. He also finished the year end ranked No. 8 in the UK for U12s.



# Junior Spotlight



U12 Team of Elisa Gibson, Hanna Augustynska, Lucas Nolte and Murray Watters

## U12

The u12 team of Lucas Nolte, Murray Watters, Hanna Augustynska and Elisa Gibson, captained by Karen Lamb won the u12 overall title at the 4 nations event in Wrexham.

## Out On The Road — District Roadshow

The under 14 team got out on the road in April/May visiting the districts seeing 120 players and 36 coaches on their travels.

## U10

2021 brought about a new focus to the U10 strategy supporting a cohort of u10 coaches through a focused CPD programme as well as TS supported camps for players and developing strong links with districts/counties.

## National Player Programme

Changes have been made to the National Player Programme which supports our best Scottish players 14years and above. The programme will continue to have an International level of support, but has now added a GB National level supporting players who have the potential to step up to compete and win on the International stage.

## Summer County Cup

East of Scotland Men finished runners up in the Summer County Cup Division 1.

## Scottish Player Development Centre

The new look programme got underway in September 2021 headed up by Brett MacLennan and assistant coach Callum Lloyd the centre provides on court and off court training as well as coach support at National events for the best 10–14 yr olds in Scotland.

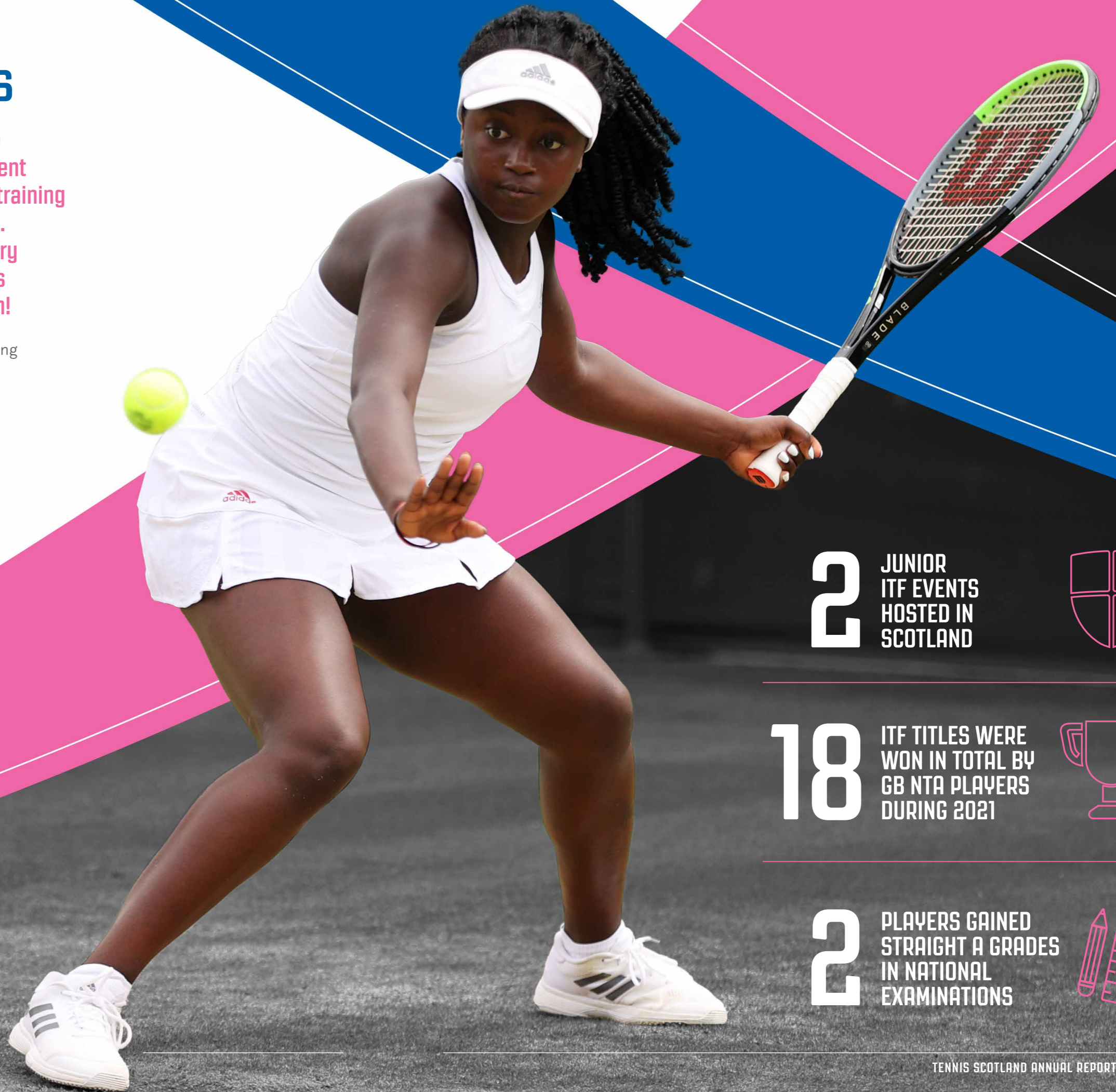
Aim of the programme: Based at the National Training Centre, University of Stirling, the Tennis Scotland 14/U National Program aims to provide an environment for Scottish players to maximise their development as people and as tennis players. The program caters for players and their development needs from ages 10 to 14 as they progress from national to international level through a culture of developing mentally and physically robust athletes who are unconditional competitors.

Each athlete is treated as an individual, and we foster their strengths in order to develop their future game style that will allow them to be competitive at an international level. In order to do this, players on the program will have their weekly schedule designed around their age and stage of development and their individual priorities — this includes squad and individual tennis sessions, squad and individualised strength and conditioning, mental skills support, video analysis, match charting, nutrition support, tournament support, camps and tournament trips.

# GB National Tennis Academy Highlights

2021 began in challenging fashion with the announcement of school closures. Testament to all involved with the GB NTA that indoor training continued uninterrupted during this period. Sacrifices were made to facilitate temporary accommodation and training arrangements that endured for the entirety of spring term!

The pandemic caused further challenges including having no legal basis for travel for the best part of six months. Despite these challenges there were still a number of highlights to celebrate.



Hephzibah Oluwadare

**2** JUNIOR ITF EVENTS HOSTED IN SCOTLAND



**18** ITF TITLES WERE WON IN TOTAL BY GB NTA PLAYERS DURING 2021



**2** PLAYERS GAINED STRAIGHT A GRADES IN NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS



# GB National Tennis Academy Highlights

## Highlights

- The GB NTA worked in conjunction with the Tennis Scotland competitions team to host two more junior ITF events in Scotland, one at Stirling in mid-May and adding another event at Craiglockhart on the back of the existing ITF. This created opportunities for more Scottish and British juniors to compete internationally within Great Britain whilst international travel restrictions were in place.
- The GB NTA almost completed the clean sweep in the ITF event on home courts at Stirling, with Millie Skelton winning the girls singles and further title success through Matthew Rankin and Sam Reeve and Hannah Read and her partner Issey Purser in the boys and girls doubles respectively.
- At the ITF in Wrexham GB NTA players secured another two titles with Matthew winning the boys singles, before combining again with Sam to win the boys doubles.
- 18 ITF titles were won in total by GB NTA players during 2021.
- Hephzibah Oluwadare competed in her first junior Grand Slam at Wimbledon. As well as winning the Junior National 16U Girls Doubles title and reaching the quarter finals at Tarbes.
- Henry Jefferson and Kai-Luca Ampaw won their first junior ITF points.
- Ella McDonald recovered from injury sufficiently to have a great second half to 2021 winning 6 ITF titles including the J3 Girls Singles Title at Loughborough.
- Further successes were enjoyed away from the court with two players gaining straight A grades in National examinations, one securing an academic and tennis scholarship at the University of Memphis where 4 times Grand Slam Champion and current GB No. 1 doubles player Joe Salisbury graduated in economics.



Ella McDonald

## Experiences

- Jamie Murray returned to Stirling and trained with and alongside Tennis Scotland performance players, including the GB NTA players, towards the end of 2021 which was a great experience.
- The GB NTA are indebted to a number of clubs and venues who helped support pay and play access for players and coaches to practice on the right surface ahead of various events in the summer, including: Woking LTC and Liverpool CC (grass courts), Musselburgh, Blackhall, Thistle, Whitecraigs and Craiglockhart (artificial clay), Stirling Lawn Tennis Club (artificial grass), Livilands Tennis Club (hard), Gleneagles Arena (indoor and outdoor hard), and our partners Bridge of Allan Sports Club (clay) and the University of Stirling (indoor hard).
- Access arrangements to the Grange Dyvours provided grass court practice in Scotland ahead of Wimbledon. The Edinburgh based club were treated to a master class from Tennis Scotland coaches Colin Fleming and Joe Gill in return for court access.



Colin Fleming

## Workforce

- 2021 saw previous Head Coach Leo Azevedo return to Brazil in summer where Colin Fleming stepped in for the interim period before Tennis Scotland appointed successor Noëlle Van Lottum. Noëlle was a former WTA World No.49 singles player and National Coach with the French Tennis Federation and comes with successful track record for developing players and also excellent references from Mary Pierce and Thierry Champion.
- Millie Stretton was appointed as GB NTA Apprentice Coach providing a pathway from University Scholar to Pro Hitter to Apprentice Coach. A wonderful opportunity to develop a talented young Scottish woman in performance coaching and gaining experience in an interdisciplinary environment alongside the world-class coaching, sports science and sport medicine team.
- Scott Duncan also began sparring for the GB NTA alongside his professional tennis aspirations.
- Adam Lownsbrough and Evie Williams joined the GB NTA in January 2021 as Performance Coach and Academy Coach respectively. Adam spent 10 years on the WTA tour coaching Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Yuta Shimizu and French Open Doubles finalist Eri Hozumi. Adam has worked in some of the world's leading academies including BTT, Bob Brett School of Tennis and Kim Clijsters Academy. Evie Williams joined from Edgbaston Priory Club where she had worked across the player pathway including the RPDC and various County coaching roles.



Millie Stretton

# Competitions

## Overview

Competition has been identified as a key area to improve and increase in Scotland. Competition is key to retaining players in the sport as well as giving much needed match experience for performance players for their development. The past twelve months has seen a huge increase in events at a local level to encourage more people to take part in competition.

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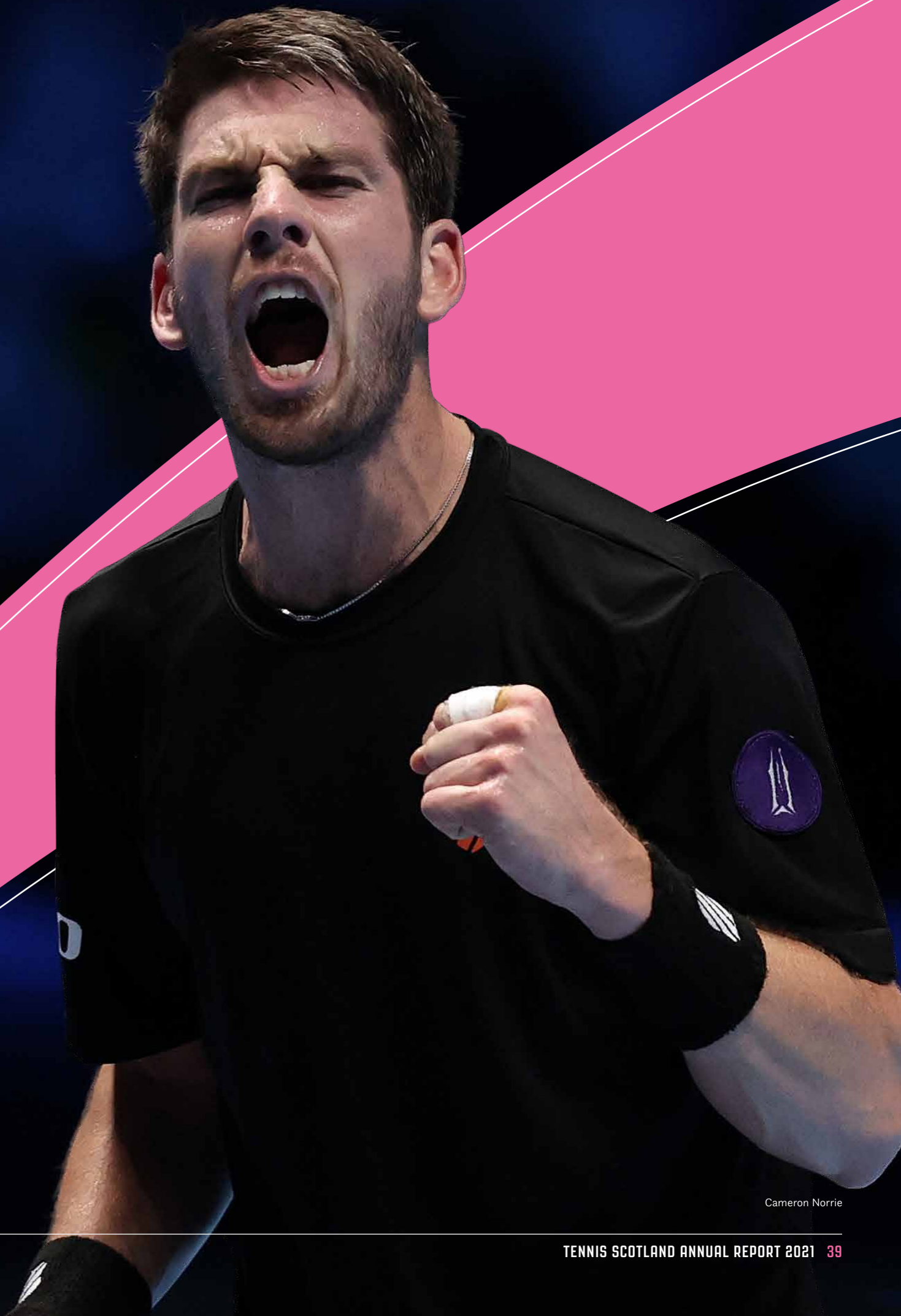
COMPETING PLAYERS

TOTAL GRADE 5 AND 6 EVENTS

215 146

LTA4 MATCHPLAYS DELIVERED

LOCAL TOUR EVENTS



Cameron Norrie



# Competitions

## Scottish Inter Club Challenge Cup 2021

For the first time in over 10 years this event was hosted at Newlands Tennis Club rather than at the indoor tennis centre at Craiglockhart, the main objective for holding the event back a club was to create a better atmosphere and allow a club to showcase their facilities. The day attracted over 200 spectators and was a huge success, with both players and spectators giving positive feedback about the day.

The women's final was a repeat of the 2019 final with holders Newlands against Blackhall. Newlands managed to secure a 4-2 lead after the first 2 rounds, winning 2 out of the 6 matches on 10 point tie-breaks. This gave Newlands a big advantage going into round 3 needing only 1 more match to win tie. This was achieved by Newlands first pair (Caitlin Steel and Anna Brogan) who were playing Blackhall's first pair (Emma Devine and Eilidh Smith) taking the match 6-0 6-1 to take the title.

In the men's final, 2019 winners Newlands were challenged by Thistle, who were a team that had made it to the semi-finals on a number of occasions over the last few years and now had a chance to lift the Scottish Cup, boasting a strong team, with former Davis Cup Colin Fleming it was always going to be a close match against the depth of the Newlands team, who had a number of full time University Scholarship players. Newlands led 4-2 after the first 2 rounds, similar to the women's match with 2 matches going to 10 point tie-breaks. In the 3rd round captain Scott MacAulay and partner James Shemilt beat Thistles 3rd pair Euan Bell and Neil McPhee in a close match winning it on a 10 point tie-break to give Newlands the 5th rubber required to retain the Scottish Cup.



Ewan Moore

## The TS Open Tour – Scottish National Championships 2021

The TS Open Tour concluded with the TS 1000 Event (Scottish National Championships) on the 5th December. The overall Tournament involved 4 TS 500 qualifying events with players progressing through to the main draw. The TS 1000 men and women singles consisted of 16 player draws and some high-quality tennis. The men's event was won by Ewan Moore who beat James Mackinlay in the final. Ewan also took home the doubles title along side Jordan Gray.

Nicole Clarke, who can through qualifying won the womens singles, beating Kirsty Robertson on a championship tie break. Sarah McFayden and Zoe Moffet beat Sorcha Caves and Halle Pringle in the women's doubles final, similar to the singles finals this match was also decided on a championship tie break.



Nicole Clarke



(Scott Duncan and Karen Lamb, with Jamie Murray who presented the trophies)

## Tennis Scotland Masters 2021

The Tennis Scotland Open Tour Masters running for only its second year took place on the 20th and 21st December. The Masters Event teams up with local Grade 3 Open competitions (TS 1000 Series Events) throughout the year to create a calendar of tournaments linked to the new TS Open Tour Leader Board. The top 16 male and female players on the Leader Board at the end of the year get invited to compete in this prestige Masters event. Wild Cards are also awarded to players that meet the criteria.

Top seed Lucia Rizza came through her semi final in impressive style beating recent Scottish National winner Nicole Clarke 6-2 6-1, in the final she came up against the number 5th seed Karen Lamb, who recently started competing again. Karen who had also played in the Scottish Nationals at the beginning of December came onto some good form and came through a tight 2 set match to lift the Masters title.

The men's event, made up of a very strong field of players had Scott Duncan the number one seed make his way to the final without dropping a set, it was also a similar story for Hamish Stewart who had also made it to the final with straight sets wins. The final went the distance with Scott managing to retain the title from 2019 with a 6-3 2-6 6-3 win.

# Competitions

## Juniors

### Stirling Junior ITF

In May 2021 Scotland delivered the first Junior ITF in GB since the pandemic began, since this event a total of 4 International events have been delivered in Scotland this year. Tennis Scotland has aspirations to continue to increase the number of international events in Scotland.



### Scottish Junior Indoor Championships 2021

The 2021 Scottish Junior Indoor Singles Championships, postponed at the start of 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions, was rescheduled and played over the last week of the year at the Scotstoun Leisure Centre, Glasgow.

The city's Gorbals Leisure Centre was used for the 10 & Under events. 160 players competed over four days in six different age groups. A number of players, as well as officials, had to withdraw at short notice for Covid-related reasons. In nearly all events, reserve players then moved into the main draws.

Play was of a high standard in all events with nearly all of the top Scottish juniors participating along with a number of players from England and Wales. Scots won 10 out of 12 championships with only the 10 & Under girls and 11 & Under boys titles going south.



Sorcha Caves



Jack Deveney

Sorcha Caves and Jack Deveney won the 18 & Under titles — Sorcha with a three set win over Heather Barlow and Jack, saving championship points against top seed Cameron Fryer, winning the deciding third set match tie-break 14 points to 12 in an epic boys final.

### Scottish Junior Indoor Doubles Championships 2021

The Scottish Junior Indoor Doubles championships, postponed in Spring 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions in place at that time, were played at Scotstoun over the weekend of 20th and 21st November. 128 players competed in 8 doubles age group events with most of Scotland's best juniors participating along with a number of players from England and Wales.

Compass draws ensured that each pair played three matches per day. The standard of play was excellent throughout both days of play with players and supporters enjoying the unique atmosphere of a doubles only event. 5 of the 8 titles were won by Scots with a sixth, the 12 & Under boys, shared by Scotland's Lucas Nolte and England's Ben Beard.



Abi Redman & Molly Robinson, Niamh Grogan & Riley Thomson — Girls 16U Doubles

# Competitions

## Juniors

### Scottish Junior Inter-County Championships 2021

West of Scotland fought back from 1–3 down in the final of Sunday’s Tea Cup to set up a deciding tiebreak shoot-out against reigning champions North. With rubbers tied at 3–3, the West captain selected Jack Deveney and Heather Barlow to take on North of Scotland’s Cameron Fryer and Anna-miek Sterk in the conclusive 10 point tie-break.

North started well and took a 5–2 lead but the West pair fought back, taking 5 points in a row, to lead 7–5 at the change of ends. North fought back, and in a nail-biting finish, took the tie-break 11 points to 9 and the championship.

32 of the best Scottish juniors participated in this annual team event between the four Scottish counties. The trophy, donated by the Tea Council of Scotland, was first contested by players from North, South, East and West in 1966 and remains a popular finale to the summer season of junior tournaments in Scotland.

East of Scotland beat South of Scotland 4 rubbers to 2 to take third place.



Ben Hudson and Jamie Connel

### Scottish Junior Open Championships 2021

The 2021 Scottish Junior Championships a Grade 2 Summer National Tour event, which was cancelled in 2020 due to Covid, attracted over 500 entries of the most talented young players from throughout Great Britain. The Scottish Junior Open, has always been popular with players across all of GB, with most taking advantage of the series of events Tennis Scotland hosts at this level at the start of the school holidays. The two standout players were Scottish, Jamie Connel and Ben Hudson. Jamie won the 18U boys singles and partnered up with Ben to claim the 18U doubles title as well. Ben, who lost to Jamie in the semi-finals of the 18U singles also narrowly lost out on the 16U singles, losing in the final against Jamie Diack.

The Tournament was played across 4 different venues with the 10 & Under event taking place across Western and Hillhead Tennis Club, other events took place at Craiglockhart Tennis Centre and Thistle Tennis Club. Tennis Scotland thanks all clubs and their members for successfully hosting events.

Tennis Scotland would also like to that all tournament staff involved in delivering the Scottish Junior Open 2021.

### Scottish Secondary Schools Tennis Team Champions 2021

The event made a return this year after a break due to COVID. A condensed draw of 20 boys and 14 girls teams started out the event.

Played over a very short time, local shutdowns and travel restrictions especially in the Glasgow area made completing the event difficult.

A decision was taken to extend the event into the new academic year to allow semi finals and finals to be played.

Boys event was won by Merchiston who beat High School of Glasgow.

Unfortunately in the girls event, Earlston reached the final through several opponents giving walkovers, they should play George Watsons College whose team have mainly left the school for university. It is hoped the event will be completed when players are back from university over a holiday period.

### Junior Four Nations Team

The Scotland U12 team were the top performing side at the championships, finishing top of the group with three excellent wins. This included a 6–0 victory against Ireland, a 4–2 win against Wales and a 3–3 draw with England, which Scotland won on a countback of sets (7–6). It is the first time since 2012 that Scotland have won the U12 event in the Four Nations.

With a first place and two fourth place finishes, Scotland came an overall fourth in the final standings with six points. England won the U18 event and finished as overall winners with a total of nine points. Wales were the winners in the U14 event but finished third overall on seven points after Ireland managed to take second place on eight points.

### Scotland Team

18 & Under Captain: Euan McGinn	14 & Under Captain: Joe Gill	12 & Under Captain: Karen Lamb
Heather Barlow	Freya Cooper	Hanna Augustynska
Anna Sterk	Amy Hudson	Elisa Gibson
Ben Hudson	Isaac King	Lucas Nolte
Matthew Rankin	Findlay Pratt	Murray Watters



The winning North team

# Finance Report

For the year ended 31 December 2021

Turnover for the year was £2,339,285 compared to £2,134,752 in the prior year, an increase of £204,533. This uplift in income reflects the increased activity for 2021 following the material impact that the COVID-19 pandemic had on the business and operations for the year to 31 December 2020. Income for 2021 was more comparable to pre-pandemic level of £2,435,873 in the year to 31 December 2019.

Income from the LTA increased which reflects the investment made by Tennis Scotland in recruiting new staff to fill vacant posts of prior year and build on strengthening the staff team to achieve our ambitions. The investment made by LTA into the GB National Tennis Academy in Stirling continued as the organisation worked hard to continue training and support for the GB NTA players under remote conditions. Commercial income was minimal as with prior year, wholly due to the drop in sponsorship income which was as a direct impact of the pandemic and restrictions for Wimbledon in the summer of 2021. Other income was comparable to the prior year due to continuing restrictions leading to lack of activity in performance for trips and camps and competitions activities. Our four-year funding agreement with **sportscotland** continued with investment at same level as 2020. This current agreement is in place until the end of March 2022, a new agreement has been secured with **sportscotland** during February 2022 with investment at comparable levels until 2026.

Expenditure has increased by £318,778 from £2,055,709 in the prior year to £2,374,487. This reflects the increase in spend in all areas with the majority being staffing costs following investment in this area as mentioned above. Performance expenditure saw an increase on prior year of £118,040 which aligns with the investment in performance and the GB National Tennis Academy.

The balance sheet at 31 December 2021 shows a stable position with reserves of £508,205. Cash at bank is £771,865 compared to £1,012,336 in prior year and this decrease driven by an increase in trade debtors at the year end. Trade debtors have been fully recovered post year end.

2021 TURNOVER  
£2,339,285

2020 TURNOVER  
£2,134,752

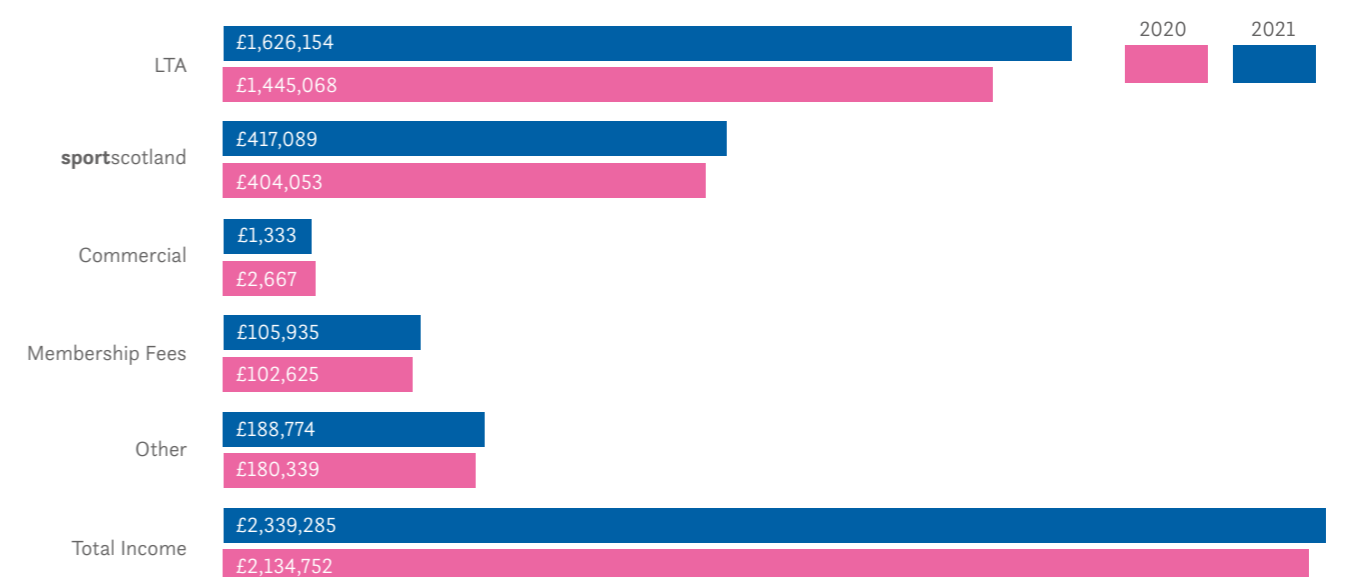
Overall, the Tennis Scotland accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 show a loss of £35,016 compared to a prior year profit of £81,315. This deficit has been deducted from the brought forward reserves of the company. The company has worked hard to achieve this financial position for the year. This has been achieved through cash flow management, efficiencies, and close budgetary controls throughout the continuing pandemic period. The Board in considering the reserves of the company are satisfied there are sufficient reserves and secured future funding in place to allow Tennis Scotland to continue operating for the foreseeable future. The Board and executive are continuously and carefully managing the business.

Copies of the profit and loss account and balance sheet as extracted from the audited accounts are included within this report. The full set of Tennis Scotland financial statements are available publicly from Companies House.

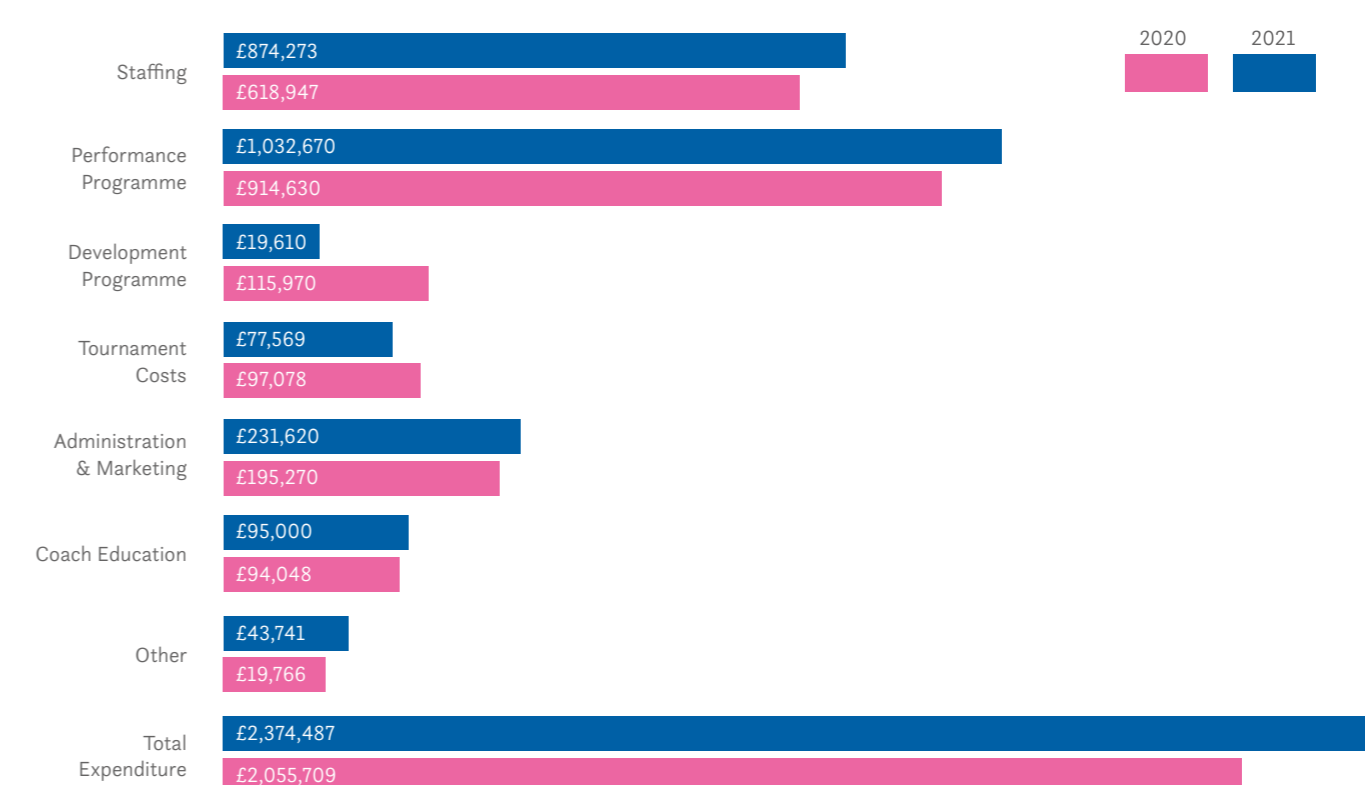
# Finance Analysis

For the year ended 31 December 2021

## Income Results



## Expenditure Results





# Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
<b>Turnover</b>	£2,339,285	£2,134,752
Competition costs	(£160,819)	(£149,336)
Tennis costs	(£1,658,267)	(£1,460,857)
Administrative and marketing expenses	(£555,401)	(£457,076)
Other operating income	–	£11,560
<b>Operating (loss)/profit</b>	(£35,202)	£79,043
Interest receivable and similar income	£186	£2,272
<b>(Loss)/Profit before taxation</b>	(£35,016)	£81,315
Taxation	–	–
<b>(Loss)/Profit for the financial year</b>	<b>(£35,016)</b>	<b>£81,315</b>

# Balance Sheet

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2021	2020	2020
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Tangible assets	–	£51,931	–	£35,535
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	£361,677	–	£111,317	–
Cash at bank and in hand	£771,865	–	£1,012,336	–
	£1,133,542		£1,123,653	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one Year</b>	(£677,268)	–	(£615,967)	–
<b>Net current assets</b>	–	£456,274	–	£507,686
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	–	£508,205	–	£543,221
<b>Capital and reserve</b>	–	£508,205	–	£543,221
<b>Profit and loss reserves</b>				

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 28 March 2022 and are signed on its behalf by:



B Dodds (Chief Executive)  
Director



G Watson (Chair)  
Director

**Gordon Reid**  
International Player  
of the Year

# Tennis Scotland Awards

National Association Awards



## Jan Collins (1929–2022)

### Lifetime Achievement

Jan was honoured with our Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his tireless contribution to the tennis community, particularly in South Ayrshire where he will leave a lasting legacy as the inspirational founding member of Prestwick's indoor tennis centre.

**Lifetime Achievement**  
Jan Collins

**Volunteer**  
Amanda Barclay

**Young Person**  
Katie McKay

**Development Coach**  
Steve Birrell

**Performance Coach**  
Mark Openshaw

**Club**  
Giffnock Tennis Club

**Community**  
N/A – covid impacts

**Official**  
Olwyn Roy

**Education (School/School Provider)**  
N/A – covid impacts

**Education (University)**  
University of Edinburgh

**Disability**  
Chrysalis Tennis

**Competition**  
Western LTC  
Club Championships

**Additional Categories (Scotland)**


**Junior Player of the Year**  
Ben Hudson

**Senior Player of the Year**  
Hamish Stewart

**International Player of the Year**  
Gordon Reid

**Special Recognition:**  
John Frame  
John Stevenson  
Rick Gardner



A woman with blonde hair in a ponytail, wearing a green tennis shirt and black leggings, is shown in profile, shouting with her mouth open and arms raised in celebration. She is holding a tennis racket. The background is a blue tennis court with a pink and blue geometric design overlay.

**Karen Lamb**  
Tennis Scotland  
Open Tour Masters  
Women's Singles

# National Competition Results

## The Scottish National Championships

Men's Singles: Ewan Moore  
Women's Singles: Nicole Clarke  
Men's Doubles: Ewan Moore and Jordan Gray  
Women's Doubles: Zoe Moffet and Sarah McFayden

## Tennis Scotland Open Tour Masters

Men's Singles: Scott Duncan  
Women's Singles: Karen Lamb

## Four Nations Junior Championships

1st: England  
2nd: Ireland  
3rd: Wales  
4th: Scotland

## Scottish Schools Championships

Boys: Merchiston Castle School  
Girls: Not held

## Scottish Cup

Men: Newlands Tennis Club  
Women: Newlands Tennis Club

## Team Tennis (Open) Scotland

Men: TBC  
Women: Blackhall Tennis Club

## Tea Cup, 18U Inter-County Championships

1st: North  
2nd: West  
3rd: East  
4th: South

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