



## HOYLAKE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

*founded 1913*

### Welcome Pack and Useful Information *2026/2027*

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## Welcome to Hoylake

On behalf of the Committee and myself, I'm delighted to welcome you to Hoylake Lawn Tennis Club.

Our club prides itself on being friendly, inclusive, and open to players of every level. If you've joined as a social member, you'll quickly get a feel for the warm atmosphere which permeates the club.

Whether you're here for competitive team tennis or simply to enjoy a social hit, we'll help you find the sessions and groups that suit you best. And if you're new to the game—or looking to sharpen your skills—our qualified and highly regarded Coaches are always on hand to support your development.

You'll find plenty more details in this Welcome Pack, but if anything comes up in the meantime, please feel free to reach out to me or any member of the Committee. We're here to help you make the most of your membership.

Best wishes

Sovani James  
Chair



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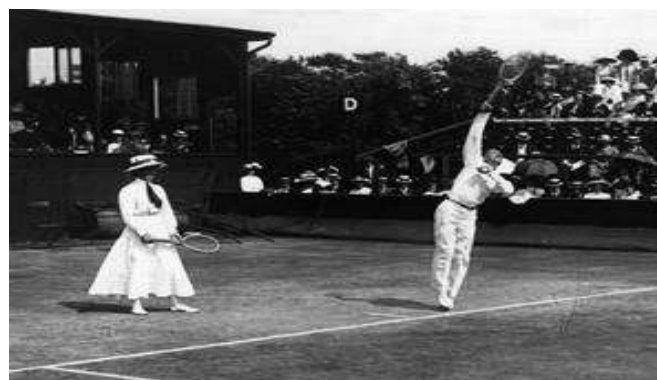
## History of Hoylake Tennis Club

Hoylake Lawn Tennis Club sits in a beautiful spot on Eddisbury Road. With 8 high quality all-weather courts—5 of them floodlit—the club is home to a vibrant community of around 400 members.

Founded in 1913 with just a handful of courts and a wooden clubhouse, the club has grown through more than a century of change. It even survived periods of disrepair during World War I and a major fire in 1985 that destroyed the original clubhouse. Each time, the club rebuilt and came back stronger, adding new courts, modern surfaces, and improved facilities along the way.

Over the years, many members have achieved County honours, and one of our most notable early members was Selwyn Lloyd, Club Chairman in 1935 and later Speaker of the House of Commons.

Thanks to the dedication of our Committee and volunteers, the club continues to thrive. The addition of floodlit courts and ongoing improvements ensure that Hoylake Lawn Tennis Club remains a welcoming, forward looking home for tennis players of all ages and abilities.



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## Your Committee

Your HLTC Committee is here to support the smooth running of the club and to make decisions in the best interests of all members. Their role is simple: to help the club thrive and to ensure every member enjoys their time with us.

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## Coaching

Craig Longman (CLS Coaching) is our longstanding and -much-loved Head Coach here at HLTC. Craig and his team bring fantastic energy to the club and offer coaching for all ages and abilities—whether you're- picking up a racket for the first time or looking to take your game to the next level.

From one-to-one- sessions to lively group coaching and holiday camps for children, Craig's team create a fun, supportive environment where everyone can improve and enjoy their tennis. If you'd like to get involved, just get in touch with him—he'll be delighted to help you find the right session.

Craig: [07739 714 764](tel:07739714764)





## Booking a Tennis Court

To make sure everyone enjoys fair access to the courts, all members are asked to book a court before playing. Booking is quick and simple, and you can do it either online or through the ClubSpark “Booker” app.

### Booking a Court Online (via ClubSpark)

1. Go to the HLTC ClubSpark page Visit the ClubSpark website and search for *Hoylake Lawn Tennis Club* if you're not already logged in.
2. Sign in Use your LTA login details. If you haven't created an account yet, follow the prompts to register.
3. Select 'Court Booking' You'll see a timetable showing all courts and available times.
4. Choose your court and time Click on your preferred slot. Available times will be highlighted.
5. Confirm your booking Add any required details and click *Confirm*. You'll receive an email confirmation.
6. To cancel a booking Go to *My Bookings* in your ClubSpark account and select *Cancel*. Please cancel as early as possible so others can use the court.

### Booking a Court Using the Booker App

1. Download the “Booker” app Available free on both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.
2. Log in with your LTA details Use the same login you use for ClubSpark online.
3. Find Hoylake Lawn Tennis Club Once logged in, select HLTC as your venue.

4. Choose your court and time The app will show all available courts and time slots.
5. Confirm your booking Tap to book—your confirmation will appear instantly in the app.
6. Cancel if needed Go to *My Bookings* in the app and tap *Cancel*.

The system is managed by HLTC Membership Secretary, Helen Roberts (07793 046 692) assisted by Sally Lazar (07958 187 138). Enquiries can also be emailed to be emailed to [mail@hoylaketennisclub.co.uk](mailto:mail@hoylaketennisclub.co.uk).

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## Social tennis & events

Social tennis is at the heart of HLTC and is enjoyed by most of our members. All abilities are welcome, it's relaxed, great fun, and one of the best ways to meet people, especially if you're new to the club. Just turn up, mix in, enjoy some friendly tennis, and then relive your finest shots over a drink in the bar.

We run two main social tennis sessions all year round, and many members also organise their own informal groups throughout the week and at weekends. There's always something happening on court.

If you're looking to get fit while improving your tennis, our regular Cardio Tennis sessions are a brilliant, high-energy option. And every so often, our Head Coach organises fun tournaments that are open to all.

### Social Tennis Times

Wednesday: 6pm–9pm (floodlights used in winter)

Sunday: From 3pm

We also have a busy timetable of group tennis sessions organised by our members. There is something for everyone.

Throughout the year we host a range of social events in the clubhouse. They're hugely popular and often sell out quickly, so keep an eye out for upcoming dates.



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## Team tennis

Hoylake LTC takes part in winter and summer league tennis and LTA national leagues as well as friendly matches organised with local clubs. If you are interested in playing for Hoylake LTC, please contact [Sally Lazar](#), the Club Captain or [Craig Longman](#), the Head Coach.

### Summer leagues

Wirral league Open (Men's) - 2 teams in 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> divisions

Wirral league Mixed - 4 teams in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> divisions

Chester league Men's - 1 team in 1<sup>st</sup> division

Chester league Ladies' 1 team in 3<sup>rd</sup> division

Chester league Men's Vets (over 55) team

National club league (Cheshire) Mens 1 team in 1<sup>st</sup> division

Friendly matches organised with other Wirral clubs - played on Thursday evenings (home and away games). All are welcome to join. Please contact [Una Reynolds](#) on [07785 762 380](tel:07785762380) if you are interested.

### Winter leagues

Wirral league Men's - 4 teams Wirral league Ladies - 3 teams

National Club league Men's 1 team in division 1

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## Junior section

We're proud to have a thriving junior programme that offers something for every young player—whether they're just starting out or already developing their game. From fun play sessions to structured training and match play, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved.

Our youngest players begin with Mini Tennis, a brilliant introduction to the sport using age-appropriate equipment and activities. As children progress, we offer a wide range of sessions for all school-age groups, all led by our Head Coach and supported by our Junior Coordinator. They'll be happy to chat through the options and help you find the right pathway for your child.

During school holidays, the Club Coach also runs popular junior camps, available as full-day or part-day sessions—perfect for keeping young players active, learning, and having fun.

Junior Co-Ordinator (Amalie Hughes)

mobile 07855 951 383

Club Coach (Craig Longman)

mobile 07739 714 764



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## Safeguarding

At HLTC, the safety, wellbeing, and fair treatment of every member and visitor are incredibly important to us. In line with LTA policies, we have a dedicated Welfare Officer to help ensure the club remains a safe, inclusive, and supportive place for everyone.

We're delighted that Clair Miller leads this vital role. Clair is a long-standing and highly respected member of the club, a Trustee, former Club Captain, and part of the HLTC Committee. As a former teacher, she brings a wealth of experience, and she has completed the LTA's Safeguarding training to support her work in this area.

If you ever have a concern—no matter how small—about behaviour, welfare, or safeguarding, please contact Clair in the first instance. She is approachable, discreet, and always ready to help.

Clair Miller – Welfare Officer

 07732 30 0893

*“We believe an inclusive culture will deliver lasting change, with more people from more diverse backgrounds wanting to get involved—and stay involved—in our sport.”*

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## The 100 Club

The 100 Club is a long-running HLTC fundraiser that not only supports the club but also gives members the chance to win some fantastic cash prizes every quarter. It's a fun and simple way to get involved while helping the club continue to grow.

To take part, you simply purchase a number for £3 per month, paid by standing order. Each number is entered into the quarterly draw—so the more numbers you have, the more chances you have to win.

If you'd like to join the 100 Club or want to find out more, please contact Steph Singleton at:

✉ [ssingletonwkgs@hotmail.com](mailto:ssingletonwkgs@hotmail.com)





## Tennis Etiquette at HLTC

Good etiquette helps everyone enjoy their tennis—whether you’re playing a league match, joining social tennis, or taking a coaching session. These simple guidelines help keep play safe, respectful, and enjoyable for all.

### Moving Around the Courts

- Please don’t walk behind a court while a point is being played. Wait for the point to finish—or ideally the end of the game—before crossing.
- When crossing courts, use the back of the court rather than walking near the net.
- Move quickly and calmly when passing behind other courts.

### Stray Balls

- If a ball rolls onto your court, wait until the players on the other court are ready before returning it.
- Always send the ball back to the server’s end.

### Noise & Conversation

- Keep chat to a minimum during play, especially between games. Loud conversations can distract players on neighbouring courts, particularly during matches.

### Line Calls

We follow the honour system:

- Call only the lines on your side of the net.
- Make calls clearly, confidently, and honestly.
- If you’re unsure about your opponent’s call, you may politely ask if they’re certain. If they confirm, accept the call and play on.
- In friendly social play, if there’s any doubt, simply replay the point.

## Scoring

- The server should call the score clearly before each point.

## Court Bookings

- If you've booked a court but no longer need it, please cancel as soon as possible so another member can use the slot.

## Clothing & Footwear

- Please wear recognised tennis clothing.
- Tennis specific footwear is essential—they're designed for safe movement in all directions and help protect both you and the court surface.