

SITTINGBOURNE TENNIS CLUB Swale Tennis Centre (Milton)


Introduction

Local Councillors asked us to provide some background information about our club and its use of The Tennis Courts at Milton Regis Recreation Ground, Vicarage Road.

Timelines

Below are are series of charts to show Tennis development in Milton

The Courts

| | Pre-2000 | 2001 - 08 | 2009 - 16 | 2017 | 2018/9 | 2020/21 | 2022 -23 | 2024 + |
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| Tennis | | | | |  | 55 - 80 25 - 55 | 80 - 90 + <i>STC Members</i> 68 @15th May 21 | 100+ |
| Main Use | Tennis | Football | ? | Silent | Tennis | Tennis | Tennis | Tennis |
| Sec Use | - | Tennis | Tennis | - | B2Run | B2Run | ? | ? |

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| Surface | Good | OK | Wearing | With holes | | Re-laid tennis hard surface, painted and lined for tennis | |
| Lights | Good | | No lights | Not available / To be renewed | | New LED Lights | |
| Clubhouse | OK | | | Not available / To be renewed | | New Clubhouse / WC | |
| Nets | OK | OK | Just 2 nets - Ok for tennis | | Stitched together | New | |
| O/s Fence | OK | OK | OK | With holes | | | |

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| Used by: | Buildings and Courts are Leased to Gym Club | | Courts returned to SBC | STC use allowed | STC | STC |
| Agreement | Lease | | None | None | None | Lease needed |

In 2017 SBC asked Swale Bowls to take over the Lease for the courts and allow STC to share their facilities, bar and toilets. **They refused.**

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| Multi-use Facility | In 2017 SBC allowed STC and B2R access to the courts. |
| | STC are a successful TENNIS CLUB, growing their membership exponentially (see above, and so members collectively are spending more time on the courts. STC has development plans to include more coaching, inter-club matches, and more tennis. |
| | B2R are a successful running club, coming onto court MON / THURS evening for about 4 x 4 week sessions per year. Currently they occupy 7.30 to 8.45pm |
| | In 2018/19 SBC received an expression of interest from a NETBALL Club. SBC made an outline plan to extend the facility to allow 2 Netball courts - superimposed on the 3 existing tennis courts; and add lights and clubhouse. |
| | Netball would require the facility for Sunday morning matches, and possibly an evening for training. |
| In 2021 We hear SBC has been approached by a BASKETBALL CLUB to use the courts on a Wednesday Evening | |

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| Our Vision | To be The Tennis Centre in North Swale | ◇ | Working with Swale BC |
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