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Willand Tennis Club

Parish Council AGM March 2024

Willand Tennis Club is a family friendly village club offering a range of social and competitive tennis for all ages and abilities. We have four hard courts, each with floodlights, enabling us to play the whole year round. The club is supported by subscriptions from its members (currently standing at 114, adult and junior) but members of the public can also use the courts on a pay-as-you go basis. Coaching, for both adults and juniors, is provided by Nigel Little, our LTA level 3 coach. During 2023 this was particularly well attended.

In the summer we enter four teams (two men's and two ladies), in the Exeter and District Tennis League, and one team in the East Devon Lawn Tennis League. In the winter we have one men's and one ladies team in the Exeter and District league. Our summer league Men's A and Ladies B team were both promoted in 2023, as was the Men's team in the 2023-4 winter league.

In 2022 we replaced the old floodlights on courts 1 and 2 with new energy efficient LED lights, and also replaced the columns supporting them. Our priority now is to raise the funds we need to resurface our courts and in 2024 we will be embarking upon a fundraising campaign, our target being £50,000 to enable us to resurface courts 1 and 2 with a modern artificial grass surface. Our campaign will include a number of social and tennis events, an on-line lottery and a crowdfunding appeal.

We would naturally be very grateful indeed for any help Willand Parish Council may be able to provide in achieving our objective.

Brian Willan

Chair of Committee, Willand Tennis Club