



<b>Trustees' Annual Report for the period</b>						
<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date	
	<b>01</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>2024</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>March 2025</b>

**Charity name** Sutton Tennis & Squash Club

**Other names charity is known by**  

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1185220

**Charity's principal address**

19 Devonshire Road	
Sutton	
Surrey	
<b>Postcode</b>	<b>SM2 5HH</b>

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 P M Ward	CHAIR		
2 T J Davies			
3 A Jennings			
4 J Jones-Smyhte			
5 S M Lewis			
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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Member nominations selected by Nominations Committee, elected by members at annual general meetings

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

During the year, the number of Trustees remained constant at 5.

Of the 5 Trustees, 2 currently have roles on the Management Committee, specifically the Chair and Treasurer. This leaves 3 further Trustees who are independent of the Management Committee. This is considered to be the ideal balance for the charity at this time.

On the year end, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, Tim Davies resigned as a Trustee. It was decided his replacement would be considered and addressed at the next AGM.

The Management Committee meet formally on regular basis, usually monthly. The Trustees are kept informed throughout the year on all relevant matters and through reserved powers, have control on the Management Committee contracting and expenditure decisions above an agreed delegated threshold.

The structure remained unchanged through the reporting period with the charity entity and a wholly owned trading subsidiary, STSC Trading Limited.

Policies and Risk registers are reviewed on a regular basis to ensure they remain current. These are maintained "on line" for trustees to review at any time and formally circulated to trustees periodically.

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of racquet sports including tennis, squash and racquetball.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

During the year membership numbers grew to 883 (+9%), weighted slightly in favour of squash / racquetball. membership subscriptions increased to £119K (+8.6%).

The Inclusivity Manager role continued with primary responsibility for overseeing delivery of all programmes, which are for the benefit of non-core members. These courses are delivered at a discount to our full membership rates, allowing us to access a section of the public who would otherwise be unable to access facilities at the club either for financial and / or disability reasons. During the year the number of individuals benefitting from these programmes grew by 25% and the total financial value of discounts by 12%.

All trustees are aware of the guidance issued by The Charity Commission with regard to public benefit and adhered to the guidance throughout the year.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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During the period, we have continued to look to expand the footprint of users of the club to all abilities and age groups. To do this we continue to work closely with a nearby club, Sutton Highfields Tennis & Petanque Club.

We have maintained coaching programmes with 17 local schools / colleges. The mix of these relationships covers a wide spectrum of academic and physical abilities from grammar schools to others with high concentration of SEN students, ensuring we make the facilities available cross the whole community.

For adults we continue to deliver a programme for the able and less able bodied, such as disability, walking, mental health and well being programmes, introducing some of these to our squash section as well as tennis.

To make delivery of these programmes available to the wider community, requires us to continue to make a financial contribution into our Inclusivity programmes, funded by either our charity or third party sponsors.

Surplus funds generated each year from our members are being reinvested back into the fabric of the club to maintain facilities and increase our court capacity in tennis and squash.

We have a strong ethic of encouraging our members to be contributors of their time as volunteers, alongside being active playing members of the club. This includes all of our Trustees, Management Committee members and event organisers.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year, a summary of our key achievements are: -

- Modest growth in core membership numbers to a new high of 880 members as at the year end.
- Growth in the funding of charitable objectives within the inclusivity programmes resulting in: -
  - Reaching 266 individuals (25% growth) during the year.
  - Maintaining the number of subsidised hours at over 5,500 during the year.
  - Increasing the value of subsidies towards our Inclusivity programmes to £19,877 (12 growth) during the year.
- During British Tour event, £2,200 was also raised by Club Members for Alzheimer's Society.
- The number of Tennis Teams has increased again to a new high of 15 teams across both Mens & Womens.
- The Squash & Racquetball section continues to flourish, bursting at the seams with just 2 courts currently. A huge thank you to Sam Hodgson our Head Coach who has helped to grow the profile of our club and for Sutton Squash Club to secure a nomination in Squash Club of the Year.
- Awards were secured in the year for: -
  - **Junior Squash Team won Bronze at London Youth Games**
  - **Currently Sutton has squash members who are ranked No.1 Boys' U17 and both Boys' & Girls' U15 No.1 players.**
  - **Our Squash Coach, Sam Hodgson, awarded England Squash Coach of the Year 2025.**

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Reserves generated by the charity are all retained within the charity.

Funds raised are used to deliver: -

- Our Inclusivity Programmes, including an increased level of subsidies.
- Maintain the fabric of the club courts and changing facilities. During the year in excess of £70K has been spent on maintenance.
- New capital investment of £120K has also been made on replacement of the playing surface of 3 courts and installation of new LED lighting for all 9 tennis courts, allowing us to significantly reduce the expenditure on electricity going forward.
- All of these improvements enable us to continue to grow the core paying membership and underpin the financial security of the charity.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

- Our principal source of funding remains core membership subscriptions, £119K during the period and continues to grow.
- Our second source of income for the year has been from court fees and floodlighting £32K (+37%)
- Our third source of income has been net contribution from Bar & Social Events £35K, the first year in many that we have recorded any surplus.
- Our fourth source of income has been Rental Income £22K from club apartment.
- Other notable incomes have been £2,500 from Donations / Grants (-50%) and British Tour £1,900, despite the loss of a key sponsor from previous years.

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**Other optional information**

None

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signature(s)**

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**Full name(s)**

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**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)**

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**Date**

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