Hythe Lawn Tennis Club

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Hythe LTC AGM 2026 – Chair's Report

Welcome to the 2026 AGM for Hythe Lawn Tennis Club, as I reach the end of my second year as Chair.

It was another busy and exciting year for the club, with an Open Day in May and sandwiched between our Men's Day and Ladies we had a brilliant Summer Party with a sit-down meal for 100. Although our social fund took a bit more of a hit than expected, it was a really great evening.

Despite the rather wet winter, there was so much tennis played throughout the year, with the TigerTurf proving ever popular. League Matches, Club Tournaments, Mix-Ins, Box Leagues, International Ladies' Day event, social play and coaching. There has also been an increase in the Walking Tennis group, Dementia Forum Walking Tennis and Saturday afternoon Pickleball. Our regular organised mix-ins and fun tournaments remain ever popular with the majority of members.

I was pleased to win the Christmas Jumper tournament, not for peeling off a different jumper for each round (as if anyone noticed), but for the tennis part!

In February, Hilary, Tracy, Karen, Dave and I attended the Kent LTA Awards evening in Gillingham. We didn't get the 'Club of the Year' this time but we did receive a runner up certificate. Congratulations to Hilary for receiving a certificate in the 'Lifetime Achievement' category.

Phase 1 of the Club's improvement project was completed, with the storage container and solar panels in place and the entrance gate and patio areas improved. I must say the entrance gate looks much more inviting to members and visitors alike.

The fundraising for this year's chosen charity, Hythe Town Council Dementia Awareness Forum, has gone extremely well, already surpassing the £3,000 mark. The October bike ride was well supported and contributed a lot to this total. Also, I still have my 'Chairman's Challenge' where I have pledged to donate £1 for each different player that I have played with during the year. My total currently exceeds 150!

There is a lot to look forward to in what will prove to be a busy summer. We have the Summer Party in June, Club Finals Day in July and the Venetian Fete in August.

Finally, may I offer my thanks to all of the committee, who have contributed so much to the smooth running of the club. A special thank you to Malcolm Mackenny who is stepping down as our Welfare Officer.

See you on court.

Name & Position	Signature	Date
Peter Ingelbrecht, Chair		7/7/26
Hilary Casey, Trustee		1/5/26
David Hounsell, Trustee		01-05-26
Fiona Michie, Trustee		07/07/26

AUDITED ACCOUNTS
Notes for Final Accounts for the year 2025-26
These notes highlight the main points of this year's Final Accounts.
The subscriptions for the financial year 2025/26 were £67,935. This includes early bird payments received this March that relate to the 2026/27 season. This compares with the previous year's subscriptions of £64,065
We have repaid a total of £1,800 loans to the LTA. We still have outstanding loans of £1,800 that will be repaid in full by December 2026.
We withdrew a net £10,000 from our sinking fund to part fund Phase 1 of the Club facilities upgrade. Our sinking fund now stands at £64,077
The major one-off expense during 2025-26 was Phase 1 of the Club facilities upgrade. This included installation of a secure storage container with solar panels and battery storage. This work was completed in January. The total cost for the work was £51,545
Major recurring expenses include ground rent (£3,200), electricity (£4,764), insurance (£973), league entry/ match balls (£1,561), affiliation fees (£1,410)
After expenses, our social activities including the summer social, supper nights, quiz nights and summer Saturday teas raised a total of £645. We retain a total of £1,512 in our social fund.

HYTHE LAWN TENNIS CLUB
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2026

	Mar-26	**Mar-25**
BALANCES AS AT 31 MARCH 2026		
Barclays Community Account	£26,725	£27,114
Cambridgeshire & Counties Bank	£64,077	£71,220
TOTAL	**£90,802**	**£98,334**

The outstanding balance on the interest free loan of £18,000 from the LTA for courts 1-4 at 31 March 2026 is £1,800

I have examined the above statements of accounts, and certify them to be in accordance with the records presented to me and the information and explanations give to me.

Auditor	Peter Stanton (signed)	27 April 2026
Treasurer	Andy Mcleish (signed)	27 April 2026
Chairman	Peter Ingelbrecht (signed)	27 April 2026

HYTHE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Accounts 2025-2026

INCOME (Excluding social)		**2025-2026**				**2024-2025**		
Subscriptions	£	71,702			£	65,434		
Guests	£	841			£	690		
Club upgrade	£	400			£	265		
Slinger	£	60			£	46		
Walking tennis	£	560			£	378		
Open tournament	£	697			£	-		
Bright Ideas for Tennis	£	-			£	1,486		
Coaching Court usage	£	2,400			£	2,600		
Match fees, ball sales	£	-			£	956		
Acct Transfer	£	46,000			£	-		
Miscel. payments/ corrections	£	113.28			£	-		
			£	122,772			£	71,855
FUND RAISING AND SOCIAL								
Teas , socials income	£	3,195			£	2,927		
Teas, socials costs	-£	1,130			-£	1,009		
Summer Event income	£	3,096			£	-		
Summer Event costs	-£	4,599			-£	1,440		
Adverts	£	-			£	250		
Clothing commission	£	83			£	78		
			£	645			£	806
Interest in C and C account	£	2,856			£	3,937		
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TOTAL INCOME			**£**	**126,273**			**£**	**76,598**
EXPENSES (Excluding social)								
General expenses	£	6,458			£	3,829		
Subs. refund	£	1,373			£	1,369		
Pavilion/ Ground maintenance.	£	6,983			£	4,396		
Club upgrade	£	49,397			£	3,138		
Court Maintenance	£	6,233			£	1,165		
CCTC/ Broadband	£	1,888			£	3,144		
Everflow water	£	718			£	395		
Waste - Trident	£	808			£	1,336		
Electricity	£	4,764			£	4,274		
Ground rent	£	3,200			£	3,200		
Slinger	£	191			£	-		
Walking Tennis	£	40			£	68		
Open Tournaments	£	209			£	666		
Bright Ideas costs	£	250			£	-		
Coaching costs, LTA courses	£	-			£	919		

Leagues/ Competition/ balls	£	1,561			£	1,303	
Affiliation fees	£	1,410			£	1,370	
Insurance	£	973			£	751	
Loan repayment to LTA	£	1,800			£	1,800	
Account Transfer	£	36,050			£	30,000	
Miscellaneous corrections	£	98			£	-	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			**£**	**124,403**			**£** **63,125**
NET INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE			**£**	**1,871**			**£** **13,473**

VOTING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

In line with the Constitution Andy Mcleish has served three years as a Trustee and must therefore stand down. Fiona Michie had agreed to take over this position.

Below are the results from the 71 online responses:

Chair	Peter Ingelbrecht	54 votes
Vice Chair	Dave Hounsell	67 votes
Treasurer	Andy Mcleish	63 votes
Secretary	Hilary Casey	62 votes
Membership Secretary	Tracy West	65 votes
Match Secretary	Fiona Michie	66 votes
Marketing & Comms Officer	Gareth Coombes-Olney	67 votes
Social Secretary	Kathy Gran	64 votes
Maintenance Officer	Julian Keet	65 votes
Welfare Officer	Sue Dinsdale	62 votes
Welfare Officer	David Allberry	55 votes
Committee (General)	Harvey Mashiter-Yates	65 votes
Committee (General)	Karen Ingelbrecht	51 votes
Trustee	Fiona Michie	63 votes

All of the above were elected en bloc to serve on the Management Committee for 2026/27.
Proposed by Cynthia Chappell and seconded by Jim Gore.

Peter Stanton had offered to stand again as Auditor and was proposed by Andy Mcleish, seconded by Allison Stroud and duly elected.

Annual Accounts and TAR submitted to the Charity Commission, 31 July 2026