



2024-2025

IMPACT REPORT



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WELCOME FROM THE QCF CHAIR *Will Morse*

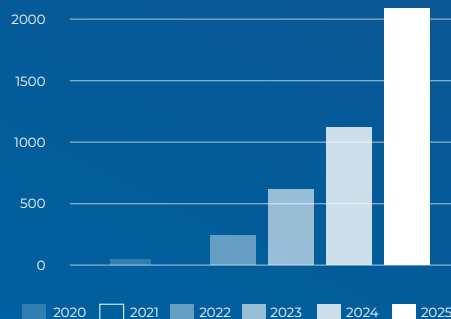
**10 years of improving lives
through racket sports**

I am delighted to bring you this impact report of the QCF in the 10th Anniversary Year of our mission to improve lives through racket sports. From the founding of the Charity in 2015, as a predominantly grant giving organisation, we have now developed through our outreach delivery into an even more meaningful and relevant Charity. Our work provides impressive social, mental, and physical benefits to over 2114 individuals from local communities through racket sports. Our vision at the QCF is for a healthy, active and engaged community, and this report demonstrates that we continue to deliver excellence in outreach. Our programmes are award winning and recognised by both the LTA and England Squash as leading examples of inclusive community sport. We continue to develop

best in class outreach programmes and on behalf of The Trustees, I would like to thank all those who have contributed over the years to the vibrant health of the Charity – including coaches, volunteers, club members, staff at the Club, The QCF office team and all our incredibly generous donors and partners, without whom we would not be able to make such a difference.

We have had 10 years of growth, providing increased opportunity to our local community and with your support we look forward to continuing that growth and our mission to improve lives through rackets sports for many more years to come.

**No. of players impacted
by QCF Community
Delivery over last 6 years**



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HIGHLIGHTS



We were National Finalists of the LTA Connecting Communities 2025 Award and winners of the County Level Award.



Delivered a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) family festival at QC where 45 children enjoyed playing tennis.



Provided 2 squash scholarships, on the Junior programme, funded by QC, as well as hosting an exhibition match between world class players Gina Kennedy and Jasmine Hutton.



Trained 102 new local female LTA Youth Leaders as part of our women & girls activation project in the run up to the WTA event at Queen's.



Delivered racket sports coaching to 2114 children and adults in 2024/2025 within the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and beyond.



Our community club squash programme was recognised by England Squash, who awarded the Queen's Club "Club of the Year in the England Squash Awards by reason of the QCF school's programme at The Club.



Supported venues locally to become more inclusive, supporting Visually Impaired, Wheelchair and Learning Disability Tennis.



Enabled 119 girls to access cardio tennis at their schools through our HSBC Tournament Activation Programme.



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COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT: TENNIS & PADEL

This is the 3rd year of our LTA Tennis Foundation (LTATF) Community Hub Project, which targets children from lower income backgrounds, women & girls, ethnic minorities, refugees and other groups.

Supported by



A highlight of our programme this year has been the continued development of our Seniors sessions. All of our tennis and padel sessions are dementia friendly and participants are welcome to attend alone or with their carers. Participants in both the tennis and padel sessions may have a variety of disabilities, including hidden disabilities, or maybe they just prefer a much slower paced class to usual.

LTATF Community Hub Project: Headline Impact 2024-25

946 participants engaged in tennis and padel through this project

428

of those
were girls

320

were from lower
socio-economic groups

450

were from ethnic
minority backgrounds

29

of those were seniors participating
in dementia friendly sessions.

Spotlight on SENIORS SESSION AT BISHOP'S PARK TENNIS CENTRE



The team at Bishop's Park Tennis Centre welcome our seniors to their weekly session. Players also enjoyed attending our annual team challenge and Christmas Party event at the centre where players 18 competed before enjoying tea and cake in the clubhouse.

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“Dear team. I wanted to thank everyone, especially Joe, for all the patience, guidance and support in organising and running our sessions. The sessions certainly have kick started my fitness programme, I am back wearing my fitbit! But the key thing is playing in the group, seeing all of us improve under Joe's fantastic coaching.”

– LINDA BROOK

“As a senior, I can't run as much, and since we mostly play on a smaller court, I don't have to. It's a wonderful balance of enjoyment without the struggle.”

– BEATA DUNCAN JONES

“I want to say a massive THANK YOU to the Queens Club Foundation for the opportunity to take part in these sessions. I would also like to thank all the coaches, tennis and padel, who have been very patient and encouraging, taking into consideration and catering to our differences in skills and abilities.”

– MARILYN

Spotlight on SENIORS PADEL AT PADEL SOCIAL, EARL'S COURT



This year our seniors padel has become increasingly popular. We now have 11 regular players who enjoy the sessions at Padel Social, who kindly provide the court to the QCF for free once a month for this popular community class. The padel court is ideal for those with limited movement and the slower ball is easier for those with disabilities to enjoy playing a point. The only complaint we received has been that we should run more sessions!

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“The padel sessions are well organised and all taking part are loving it including myself. The health benefits are enormous for staying active. Utmost Respect to all from Saleem.”

– SALEEM MIAN

“We started with a few but are many more now although far too few sessions!...We all love it, want to do more and more regular.”

– LIEVE CARCHON

“A big thank you for putting on these sessions for us. I never tried padel until late last year when Karin from the Queens Club Foundation invited the senior tennis group to try out Padel!”

– HELENA ISMAIL

“We were delighted this year to be able to support the Queens Foundation for their seniors dementia group with padel court time at our facility in Earls Court. It was always very well attended and the players seemed to love it. One of the beautiful things about padel is that is so accessible to all ages and manages to attract players who haven't played racket sports their whole life. We hope to be able to support such groups and The Queens Foundation more in the future.”

– KRISTIAN HUNTER,
CO-FOUNDER & CEO, PADEL SOCIAL CLUB

Spotlight on OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Refugees and Asylum Seekers Sessions:

Our sessions at Virgin Active Fulham Pools for refugees and asylum seekers who are in temporary accommodation at have been fully supported by Hammersmith & Fulham Council who have linked us with the participants eligible for this class. The players enjoyed weekly sessions and even a team challenge opportunity on Refugee Day, during the HSBC Championships.



We had a lovely turnout and they all left with smiling faces and rosy cheeks. They absolutely love it, having not ever played before and I can see that it makes a real difference to their mental health. Thank You to the Queens Club Foundation and the great coaches for making a difference to these people's lives.

– KERRY BENNETT, REFUGEE LIAISON OFFICER,
ECONOMY DIRECTORATE, HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM COUNCIL.

St. Andrew's Summer Camps:

“ We're incredibly grateful for the partnership with the Queen's Club Foundation and for their generous support facilitating tennis sessions at our children and youth camps this summer. We were delighted that a large number of children and young people benefitted from the sessions– word spread quickly about how much they enjoyed the sessions that we were at full capacity each day! It was great to know too that many of those who came were from families who couldn't afford to go away for summer holidays and otherwise wouldn't have access to this coaching. The children and young people clearly grew in confidence and skill level with each day! Thank you so much to you and the team.

– REV'D DR SAM RYLANDS

FBRC Rave camps:

“ Thank you so much for your incredible support over the last three weeks! The tennis sessions at our Free Water Sports Weeks (FWW) were a huge success, giving 65 children somewhere safe, fun and inspiring to be during the long summer break – a meaningful activity off the water.

– JULIA PHILIPSON,
FUNDRAISING MANAGER FULHAM REACH BOAT CLUB

Spotlight on RACHEL'S TENNIS JOURNEY FROM THE QCF COMMUNITY CLUB TO THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY TENNIS SQUAD



Rachel has enjoyed free weekly classes with the QCF as well as family festival competitive opportunities and inspirational opportunities to visit the Club. Building on that foundation, Rachel's progress has been shaped by consistent, focused training and dedicated parental support, helping her develop the skills, resilience, and competitive edge needed to excel in tournaments. Rachel has now been selected this year for the Middlesex County Squad as of October 2025 at the age of 10, offering monthly high-level performance coaching and training.

“ Rachel's love for tennis began at the age of six, when she joined a group lesson run by Kate Maurici and Clare Knowles through the Queen's Club Foundation. This was a free weekly lesson at Bishop's Park to encourage participation amongst girls in the sport in the local community. Their warm encouragement and engaging, child-friendly coaching introduced Rachel to the sport in the most inspiring way, sparking a lasting passion that has continued to grow over the past four years. We remain incredibly grateful to Kate, Clare, and the Queen's Club Foundation for providing such a positive and nurturing start to her tennis journey.

– GABBY JOHNSON, PARENT

“ As a coach working for the Foundation it's been very rewarding seeing how through fun and well-structured sessions, so many girls of various backgrounds have been introduced to the sport, and all the positive benefits it can bring like fun, fitness, and improved mental wellbeing. I hope she continues to progress and deepen her love of the sport.

– ROB EAST QCF COACH

ANNUAL TENNIS COMMUNITY CLUB SURVEY RESULTS:

Of those who have participated in tennis across all of our programmes who responded to our survey:

100% plan to play tennis in the future

76%

of parents noticed their child was really excited to play tennis each week

40% now play tennis at least twice a week

an increase of **12%** from last year

630

of the children we taught across all tennis programmes were from ethnic minority backgrounds

590

experienced financial hardship

790

were female

1335 children & adults reached through tennis

92%

rated the tennis coaching as "excellent"

56%

of parents said they felt part of their local tennis community because of the sessions





Sunday morning sessions: FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS

“These sessions have boosted my child’s self-esteem. They’ve become more active, engaged and proud of their progress.”

“Her confidence is growing and the QCF tennis sessions definitely have a very positive impact on her life. We are very thankful for that.”

“From the very beginning the QCF coaches have shown so much enthusiasm, patience and genuine care for the kids. Our child always looks forward to tennis lessons, not just for the game but because the coaches make every session so fun, supportive and motivating. It’s been amazing to see the progress-not just in technique and skills but also in confidence and sportsmanship. The way they balance discipline with encouragement is something really special. They’ve created an environment where kids can learn grow and really enjoy the game.”



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WOMEN & GIRLS

The QCF has long supported women & girls to access tennis and to encourage a feeling of belonging in the sport. This year, in the run up to the return of women to the Queen's Championships, we delivered a year long Women & Girls activation programme.

A major tennis photo exhibition curated by the QCF at Queen's celebrating women's tennis.

120 people attended our International Women's Day Event.

38 teenage girls attended our Women in Leadership Event.

119
girls introduced
to cardio tennis

790
girls engaged
through tennis

which is 59% of
the total number
of players we
have engaged in
tennis.

102
female
LTA Youth
Leaders
trained



**Women
and Girls**

Our women & girls timeline for 2024 – 2025

- NOVEMBER 24
 - Female Secondary School Leaders trained
- FEBRUARY 25
 - Teacher Training in Primary Schools
- MARCH 25
 - Cardio Tennis Sessions introduced in schools
 - International Women's Day event with photo exhibition and speakers
- APRIL 25
 - Women in Leadership outreach Day
- JUNE 25
 - Unveiling of the Women's Trophy
 - Girls Cardio Tennis day at St. Augustines with Anisimova
 - 16 LTA Youth Leaders from Phoenix Academy attending Real Tennis session with HRH Duke of Edinburgh
 - QCF Head of Foundation spoke about our women & Girls strategy at the Keith Prowse Her Story Event
 - Enabled 45 girls from our programmes to attend the HSBC Championships

Focus on OUR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT

In March 2025, the QCF welcomed over 120 guests including coaches, volunteers and supporters of the QCF to the Queen's Club to celebrate women leaders in tennis on International Women's Day.

The guests were treated to a Q&A session with women leadership figures from the Club and the QCF including Joan

Major, Sabrina Didizian, Baroness Amanda Sater and Kate Maurici, as well as a further Q&A Session with tennis greats: Olga Morozova (former Queen's Club Champion in 1973), Ingrid Löfdahl Bentzer, Yasmin Clarke, and tennis coach and entrepreneur, Sabrina Stocker. Alongside the event, guests enjoyed an exhibition of photos and objects from the Queen's archives, curated by Kate Maurici, celebrating women in tennis from 1955 to 1973.



Focus on OUR WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP OUTREACH EVENT

In April 2025 38 girls aged 15-18 attended the Queen's Club for our Women in Leadership Outreach Event. The girls experienced a workshop focussing on the leadership skills and developing leadership confidence delivered by Kate Maurici while the men enjoyed a male allyship workshop delivered by one of our QCF advisors Richard Buckingham

alongside Jonathon Dawes. As well as exploring what it means to be a female leader, the girls even competed against each other to make the tallest spaghetti and marshmallow tower. We were joined for this event by an expert panel of women leaders from different industries including Sabrina Stocker, Annabel Jones, Tara Melling and Gina Kennedy.



Focus on OUR LTA YOUTH LEADERS PROJECT

This year the QCF trained 102 girls to become LTA Youth Tennis Leaders at various schools in the Borough. Teacher feedback:

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The QCF is a charitable and kind organisation who gives the best quality teaching and time.

– MARLAN ANTHONY FULHAM CROSS GIRLS SCHOOL,

This was an excellent course. It gave the pupils the knowledge, confidence and skills to improve their leadership, all whilst having fun. They have since gone on to lead a primary mini-tennis competition which they all enjoyed

– SARAH WESTLEY, SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



Focus on OUR GIRLS CARDIO SCHOOLS PROJECT

We engaged 119 girls in cardio tennis within their schools this year and taught 12 primary school teachers how to deliver tennis within school using the LTA Youth Schools Curriculum. We could not have done this without the support and enthusiasm of the local teachers we worked with on this project. One of those,

Nick Bennett from St Augustine's primary school delivered an early morning cardio breakfast tennis club for girls at his school and the LTA, in recognition of his success activating so many girls to play tennis, later invited some girls from his school to the HSBC tournament.



“ On Monday we were able to take 11 girls to watch professional tennis. They thoroughly enjoyed this experience, one pupil said that they loved how intense the games were, and another really enjoyed being able to see a 'TV sport' in real life. Amarni was also able to do the coin toss before one of the games. Afterwards, she said 'This is the best day of my life'.

– NICHOLAS BENNETT, TEACHER
ST AUGUSTINES

Player visit to



The LTA also arranged for WTA player, Amanda Anisimova to attend the school for a QCF led cardio tennis activity, inspiring the girls further to continue their tennis:



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06 QCF AT THE HSBC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Community BROOK GREEN PARKS TENNIS EVENT

The QCF is proud that several of our community club players had the opportunity to play a major role in the celebrations surrounding the HSBC Championships this year. Together with the LTA and local parks operator, CourtFit, we launched the first ever parks tennis event linked to the tournament. Over 200 players attended and as

well as cardio tennis, and a family tennis competition, the day was made extra special by Sonay Kartal, who surprised the players with a visit.

Celebration: Unveiling of the Trophy Ceremony

Before the WTA event, one of our community club players helped Olga Morozova (who won the women's grass court event in 1973), to unveil the new trophy at a spectacular LTA pop-up tennis event in Trafalgar Square



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queensclubfoundation.co.uk

Legacy: OPENING OF THE ANDY MURRAY ARENA



Former QCF Community Club Player, Gloria Pearce rallied with Andy Murray on Centre Court during the opening of the Andy Murray Arena.

After a private introduction to Andy and Laura Robson, Gloria, who started aged 8 in our Community Club had the inspirational opportunity to partner with Andy on Centre Court at the HSBC Championships. We are grateful to the LTA Tennis Foundation who facilitate inspirational opportunities like these for our Community Club players.

Inspiration: A LESSON WITH JACK DRAPER

QCF Community Club player receives a lesson from Jack Draper at the HSBC Championships.

What started off as a chance for community club player Max Allain to have a quick photo with Jack Draper, ended up as a 15 minute lesson on the grass at the Championships thanks to Jack's commitment to supporting players new to the game. Jack even lent one of his rackets to Max for the session. We are so grateful to Jack for giving up some of his precious practice time to create an unforgettable experience for Max and also to the LTA Tennis Foundation for enabling inspirational on court opportunities for our players during the HSBC events.



Excitement:
COIN TOSS
ON CENTRE
COURT

2 of our players had the honour of carrying out a coin toss on Centre Court during the Championships.

These provide a once in a lifetime opportunity for the children on our programmes, where they get to meet the Chair Umpire for the match and the players, before stepping out onto Centre Court to perform the coin toss in front of the crowds.



Showcase: CENTRE COURT CELEBRATION EVENT

Just as the de-rig commenced after the tournament, we were lucky to be able to invite children from our Community Club to enjoy a lesson on Centre Court thanks to Queen's Club Chairman,

Alan Giddins donating his personal court time to the QCF. Our community club provides free coaching to children from disadvantaged backgrounds who might not otherwise be able to

access tennis. This event enables parents to watch their children experience a lesson from the QCF coaches and to sit courtside on Centre Court at this historic venue.



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INCLUSIVE PLAYER PATHWAY (IPP) PROGRAMME



The Inclusive Player Pathway programme, launched in September 2024 (IPP) is a 5 year programme which provides a sustainable route into tennis for disabled children and young people across Hammersmith & Fulham, neighbouring boroughs, and the wider London and South-East region.

The IPP was made possible through the generous support of Queen's Club Member Aditya Mittal, whose ambition was to improve the lives of children through sport. His vision directly shapes the IPP: to improve the lives of disabled children through tennis and give every disabled young person the chance to play, progress and, where the potential exists, to perform at the highest level of the game.



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**To achieve this,
the IPP has three
interconnected strands:**

Community

Introducing young people to tennis
in welcoming, inclusive settings

Workforce

Equipping coaches, teachers,
volunteers and officials with the
skills to deliver inclusive tennis

Scholars

Supporting talented SEND players
through bespoke performance
development

IPP: Headline Impact 2024-25

**100 SEND
children
engaged**

**100% of
participants**

said the IPP improved their
physical, mental and social
wellbeing

**73 girls &
young women**

engaged across the IPP

**96 coaches
volunteers
& officials**

involved in workforce
development

**8 projects,
programmes &
interventions
delivered**

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As a QC Member and QCF Trustee, I had the privilege of attending one of the IPP Workforce Forums and was truly impressed by the programme's impact in opening up disability tennis. The enthusiasm of participants — eager to learn, improve and create more opportunities for children with disabilities — was inspiring. I'm excited to see how the project continues to expand and grow disability tennis for the future.

— EMMA WARDLE, QCF TRUSTEE

Community

The Community strand of the IPP works in partnership with clubs, venues and local organisations to co-produce SEND tennis opportunities that are relevant, accessible and welcoming. Our focus is on creating safe, enjoyable sessions where disabled young people can build skills, confidence and friendships.

Venue Spotlight: THE WIMBLEDON CLUB

This year, the Wimbledon Club became one of the QCF's flagship IPP Community Venues.

Key outcomes:

- Four SEND children now attend the weekly session regularly
- In partnership with the Dan Maskell Tennis Trust, the QCF helped secure essential adaptive equipment including two junior sports wheelchairs, an Open Court Bag, and a LUSU Bag, supporting the long-term sustainability of the sessions
- Participants met former Queen's Club champion Olga Morozova, who visited the session
- The QCF facilitated a once-in-a-lifetime experience for participant Jack Callaby to perform the coin toss at the ATP 500 Cinch Championships



"These wheelchair tennis sessions have been invaluable. Jack is building new skills, improving his coordination and practising his wheelchair skills — all without it feeling like therapy. At his age that matters. When I asked him what he loves most, he said: 'training and hitting the ball.'"

– AMY CALLABY, MOTHER OF JACK

Joshua Spragg, Ethan's father: "Ethan is really enjoying tennis. It has helped him learn new skills, meet new people and feel happy and confident doing something he wasn't sure he could do."

– JOSHUA SPRAGG, ETHAN'S FATHER

"We have been delighted to support the development of the Queen's Club Foundation's disability programme. Providing access and nurturing passion for tennis is a priority for us. We look forward to developing more sessions and strengthening our partnership with QCF."

– VENUE PERSPECTIVE, ERWAN NICHOLAS
DIRECTOR OF TENNIS, THE WIMBLEDON CLUB

"Coaching disability tennis has been incredibly rewarding. I've seen players improve in balance, control and teamwork — but also in confidence and joy. The impact is powerful."

– COACHING PERSPECTIVE, LILIYA
KAMALETDINOVA, COACH



Venue Spotlight two: LADYWELL SPORTS CENTRE - LEWISHAM



A weekly pan-disability session for children aged 6–17 with significant and complex SEND needs. Delivered by specialist coaches from South East London Tennis with experience in high-dependency SEND education, the session provides a safe environment where players can progress physically, emotionally and socially. So far, the session has brought 5 new SEND children into tennis.



“Just wanted to say how grateful we are for the tennis classes at Lewisham – Raymond really enjoys them. Ali and Freddie are fantastic with the kids, so positive and patient.”

– SARAH OUDOMVILAY,
MOTHER OF RAYMOND

Venue Spotlight three: BROOK GREEN – PARAYHOUSE SCHOOL

Following our inaugural IPP Schools Festival, we launched a regular, local parks-based programme with Parayhouse School — the SEND school closest to the Queen’s Club.

This has created a meaningful legacy within the immediate community and an accessible, outdoor pathway into longer-term tennis participation. This session has engaged with 38 children.



A lot of our students have mobility issues, and tennis has been incredibly beneficial for them. The sessions have not only helped improve their physical coordination and confidence, but they’ve also had a noticeable positive impact on their mental wellbeing. The children have really enjoyed participating and look forward to it each week.

– JAKUB KOPER, TEACHER
PARAYHOUSE SCHOOL

IPP SCHOOLS FESTIVAL 2024

In March 2024, QCF delivered the first-ever IPP Schools Festival at the Queen's Club Junior

Highlights

43 children

- aged 8-11

6 SEND schools

from Hammersmith & Fulham and neighbouring boroughs

- Led by QCF coaches and LTA Development and Learning Manager, Matt Smith

- *Activities included:* inclusive skill stations, adapted games, and demonstrations

- Featured an exhibition match by professional wheelchair tennis player Thomas Dodds

The festival strengthened school relationships, increased awareness of inclusive tennis, and directly led to the establishment of venue 3.

Did you know?

One of our IPP Scholars Leo visited Wimbledon this year? Here is the video to hear more about the IPP and his visit to Wimbledon Club



Workforce

A sustainable inclusive tennis pathway relies on a workforce that is skilled, confident and motivated. The IPP Workforce programme ensures that every coach, teacher, official and volunteer we engage is equipped to deliver truly inclusive tennis experiences. This year, 96 workforce members took part in IPP training.

IPP Workforce Forums
Our quarterly Workforce Forums bring together professionals and volunteers

to deepen understanding and practice across wheelchair tennis, visually impaired tennis, para-standing tennis and other inclusive formats.

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK :

“Preparing the court and playing VI and wheelchair tennis gave me a renewed appreciation for the skill and dedication of the players.”

“I loved learning alongside such a diverse group of people who share a passion for inclusive tennis.”



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engaged directly in this year's forums

2024 Disability History Month CPD Workshop with KCL

In partnership with King's College London, the British Universities Tennis Club of the Year, the QCF delivered an immersive CPD workshop attended by 52 participants.

Attendee demographics:

35%
qualified
coaches

31%
from an ethnic
minority
background

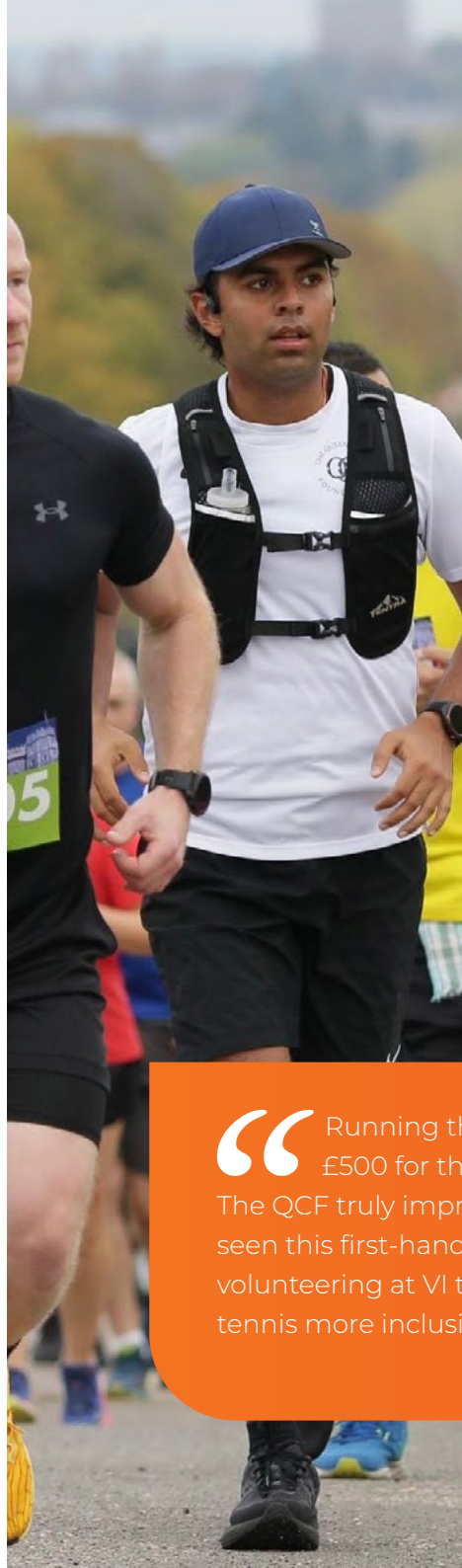
39%
female

Professional athletes including wheelchair international player Thomas Dodds and QCF Ambassador and international para-standing player Nicky Maxwell joined the session, as did IPP player Leo Charlesworth-Mark, who demonstrated his progress and shared his experiences.

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK :

"I learned practical methods and lesson ideas to make tennis more accessible."

"The immersive activities helped us understand what it feels like to move and play with different disabilities."



Volunteer case study ARJUN SINGH

The IPP project relies on a number of volunteers for its success who work alongside coaches and the QCF team. One of those volunteers is Arjun Singh, who has helped the QCF in his spare time to:

- Assist on court at the IPP Workforce forums
- Assist to meet & greet players on a VI session.
- Engage with students at King's College University Tennis to share his love of volunteering for the QCF
- Run a half-marathon to raise funds for the QCF
- Hit in on a coach LTA readiness test

“Running the Windsor Half Marathon and raising over £500 for the Queen's Club Foundation was a real privilege. The QCF truly improves lives through racket sports, and I've seen this first-hand by assisting in community tennis lessons, volunteering at VI tennis sessions, and learning how to make tennis more inclusive through the IPP forums.

– ARJUN SINGH

IPP SCHOLARS

The Scholars strand supports SEND players identified through our community work who show the talent, drive and commitment to reach performance level. Scholars receive tailored technical, tactical, physical and psychological development, delivered by leading coaching expertise. **We currently have two Scholars, Leo Charlesworth-Mark and Emerson Grant.**

Performance Programme

In 2024–25, the QCF Wheelchair Tennis Scholars Squad continued to flourish, with term-time training at the Queen's Club and additional sessions at the National Tennis Centre during ATP/WTA event preparations.

The focus this year has been applying strong technical and physical fundamentals into competitive matchplay.

Coaching Leadership

We are delighted to welcome Alison Taylor as IPP Scholars Lead Coach. One of the UK's leading performance coaches, Alison has a record of developing elite juniors, including Hannah Klugman and Arthur Fery.



Coaching Emerson and Leo has been an absolute game-changer. Their determination and talent inspire me every single session. I'm honoured to be part of their journey

– ALISON TAYLOR

SCHOLAR CASE STUDIES



Leo

Leo loves his sessions at Queen's and being part of the IPP. He has learned to be more competitive and strategic in his shot placement and wants to inspire other disabled children. This year he competed in two tournaments, winning silver and then gold. A highlight was receiving his new sports chair delivered personally by Alfie Hewett.

– NATHANIEL MARK,
LEO'S FATHER

Emerson

“Emerson has absolutely loved attending the weekly sessions. His tennis skills and confidence — on and off the court — have grown massively. It's been amazing to watch his progress.”

– ANNA-MARINA,
EMERSON'S MOTHER





The launch year of the Inclusive Player Pathway has proved transformative.

We have:

- Expanded opportunities for disabled young people to play and enjoy tennis
- Developed a skilled, inclusive workforce
- Established a high-quality performance environment for SEND players with exceptional potential
- Strengthened schools and community relationships across multiple boroughs
- Created meaningful pathways into lifelong tennis participation. Most importantly, children who once felt tennis was “not for them” are now thriving on court - learning, competing, building confidence, forming friendships and discovering what they are capable of.
- The QCF is deeply grateful to Aditya Mittal for making this work possible, and we look forward to building on this exceptional first year.



INCLUSIVE HOTSPOTS PROJECT



A project we are enormously proud of this year is our inclusive hotspots project, which we launched in September 2024 with co-funders, Middlesex Tennis. This project, which will transform local tennis venues' approaches to inclusive tennis was recognised this year by the LTA during inclusion week.

We will be supporting Visually Impaired tennis, tennis in underserved communities, deaf tennis, neurodiversity in tennis, tennis for the homeless and tennis for female refugees in this exciting 3 year project.

First 3 hotspots 2024-2025

Underserved Communities: Phoenix Academy in White City

- 26 children new to tennis aged 6-9 regularly playing at Phoenix Academy
- 1 QCF trained LTA Youth Tennis Leader from the school supporting the session
- Engagement with Black Tennis Mentors to support the session
- Equipment bags and nets donated to the school

Visually Impaired Tennis: Parson's Green Sports and Social Club

- 80 people attended our launch event with QCF ambassador world No.1 totally blind player, Naqi Rizvi, to raise the profile of VI tennis within the Club and externally with key stakeholders
- 6 Volunteers trained to set up courts and organise Meet & Greet services from the local tube station.
- Equipment donated to the Club.
- 1 weekly adult session established.
- Link with a VI school established.

Deaf Tennis at Spelthorne Community Tennis Centre

- This project is in the planning stages, but will be activated next year.



This project is all about breaking boundaries and removing barriers to inclusive tennis. We enable venues to learn about tennis and feel comfortable to deliver non-traditional sessions, supporting them with coach mentoring and education, equipment, funding and practical guidance. Working closely alongside Middlesex Tennis enables us to maximise links with the local community and tennis workforce, utilising their expertise to embed an inclusive culture into local tennis venues. This creates an opportunity for everyone to feel they belong in tennis.

“ Being involved in the Inclusive Hotspot project lets me offer my visually impaired patients something I can't provide in clinic: a safe, joyful way to stay active and connected. By signposting them to Queen's Club Foundation's inclusive tennis sessions, I'm able to turn a conversation about diagnosis into a conversation about possibility – helping people regain confidence, independence and a sense of belonging. For me, it's a powerful reminder that good eye care is not just about vision, but about quality of life.

– YUAN GAO, SPECIALIST OPTOMETRIST
IMPERIAL COLLEGE HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST



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09 PARA-STANDING TENNIS

The QCF was awarded LTA Para-standing Hub status this year by the LTA.

Para-Standing Tennis Hub 2024-2025

- A Regular Para-Standing Tennis Session at Hyde Park for adult players
- An ad hoc session for Para-Standing players at the Queen's Club
- A Para-Standing competition at Regents Park for classifications PS1-PS4
- Support for the organisation of the first ever Para-Standing Competition on grass at Surbiton Racket and Fitness Club



We are proud to have Nicky Maxwell, President of Para-Standing Tennis as one of our QCF ambassadors and have worked hard to establish opportunity at the grassroots level for Para-Standing Players to be able to enjoy tennis. We have provided a strong basis and are looking to develop increased engagement with Junior Para-standing players in the future

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REAL TENNIS & RACKETS

The 2024/2025 season marked significant growth in participation and awareness of both Real Tennis and rackets in our local community.

Real Tennis and

153 individuals

engaged with Real Tennis activities, including 99 unique participants

45% of participants were female.

58% of Real Tennis participants were **from ethnic minorities**, reflecting the programme's success in promoting diversity and inclusion.

The Real Tennis outreach initiative was launched in 2023/2024, delivering sessions to two schools and engaging 60 students. Building on this success, the program grew substantially in 2024/2025, reaching eight schools and 119 students.

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We had a fantastic visit today, thank you so much for helping to organise. The students had the best time; it really brought learning to life!

– LOUISE, TEACHER
AT CHISWICK SCHOOL

The Sir John Riblat British Open Championship is an annual Real Tennis event hosted by the Club and provides a unique opportunity for selected QCF schools to participate in an enriching experience. During their visit, students are introduced to the heritage of Real Tennis, engage in practical sessions with one of The Queen's Club professionals, and observe live championship matches as spectators. The 2024 Championship welcomed four schools, with a **total of 34 students in attendance**, including 12 female participants, reflecting our commitment to broadening access to these sports.

As part of the QCF Women & Girls programme, **16 students were selected to undergo training to become LTA Youth Leaders**. These

participants were invited to attend a Real Tennis outreach day during the HSBC Tournament, an event that also welcomed HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. The day provided a unique opportunity for students to learn about the rich history of Real Tennis and experience the sport firsthand under expert guidance.





The rackets courts at Queen's have continued to provide a valuable indoor space for much of our community activity, hosting our weekly seniors dementia friendly tennis sessions during the winter months, but also this year for the first time, providing a warm and inclusive space for our IPP workshop for Coaches and volunteers on how to coach children with Down Syndrome.

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SQUASH 2024 – 2025

In 2024/2025, our community Squash Club, supported by a 5 year grant from the Philip King Charitable Trust, expanded by 33% engaging 293 participants (49% female & 47% ethnic minorities).

– 5 schools participated in weekly sessions at the Club, including one SEND school for children with speech and communication challenges.

– The Club provided 2 scholarships for gifted children from our outreach programme to receive weekly coaching at the Club to further our vision within the squash programme of “outreach to county” encouragement.

– 28 children attended the Optasia Squash Championships (thanks to Squash Squared) and 35 attended an exhibition match with World

Class players Gina Kennedy and Jasmine Hutton, offering exposure to elite-level squash.

– England Squash awarded the Queen's Club – England Squash Club of the Year 2025 for its QCF outreach programme. When they visited to present the award, pro player Adrian Waller came along to play with the community club's participants and gave an inspirational Q&A session about his training regime.

– Beyond the weekly sessions, two outreach squash experience days were held in collaboration with local primary schools, broadening community engagement and introducing 54 new people to squash. The QCF programme also enabled children from local schools to compete for the coveted QCF Junior Cup.



“ The children really enjoyed the squash sessions at Queen's this year. They said the games were great fun and helped them stay fit and healthy. (...) Behaviour improved, lateness decreased and attendance increased on other school days.

– PEDRO LIMA, SIR JOHN LILLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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OUR AMBASSADORS

We are so lucky to have a team of brilliant, inspiring and generous ambassadors who all throw their enthusiasm into the work we do. We have increased engagement with our ambassadors this year and would like to thank them for their time and dedication to



Nicky Maxwell

Para-Standing Player
and President of Para-
Standing Tennis



Dan Evans

ATP Player



Naqi Rizvi

World No. 1 totally
blind player



Gina Kennedy

World No.9 squash
player



Pippa Horn

Sports Presenter,
Reporter and
Commentator

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THE FUTURE

In the next year, 2025-2026, The QCF will be continuing to develop deeper and more meaningful community engagement through the delivery of free racket sports coaching.

– We will drive our work in disability racket sports as well as mainstream coaching led by the needs of our local community, forging new opportunities for players.

– We will support our workforce with education and mentoring and continue to develop a confidence to deliver inclusive coaching and competition.

– We will focus on developing even better monitoring and evaluation to measure the social outcomes of our work, which does not just promise increased participation in the 5 sports played at The Queen's Club, but improved mental, physical and social wellbeing.

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