



29th November 2024

Wargrave Tennis Club

2024 AGM Voting Results and Membership Feedback v2s

Wargrave Tennis Club AGM 2024

Our 2024 AGM was run as a 3-week process from 7th-28th November, with 144 members reviewing AGM documents and voting online via a survey (with 5 email reminders). Of those voting, 125 were adult members (60% of total adult membership and above our threshold of 30% for AGM votes to be valid). Overall participation was up 22% versus the 117 members who voted in the 2023 AGM online survey. In addition, a total of 11 members attended an AGM members meeting that was held on the 28th November. Overall, we feel that this online approach encourages much greater participation versus the 20-30 members who used to attend AGMs prior to online voting options.



The aim of the survey was to maximise membership participation in how the Club is run, by encouraging more members to vote on motions and proposals in line with the Club's objective:

“Advance the game of tennis in Wargrave and the surrounding area; by encouraging and supporting more players, of all ages and abilities, to play better competitive or social tennis; in an environment that is fun, safe and inclusive.”



The online AGM was supported by the publication of the AGM Committee and Treasurers Reports. This were published online on the 7th November with hard copies available in the clubhouse. Links to the online reports were sent to all members via 5 emails.



AGM Committee Report

7th November 2024

This report provides a summary of the committee's objectives and key activities since our last AGM, together with an overview of future plans for the year ahead.

Members are encouraged to vote on important motions and provide feedback to the committee via the [online AGM survey that will run from Thursday 7th November until 8pm on the 28th November](#). Alternatively, members can provide their feedback at an AGM members meeting that will be held at 7.30pm on the 28th November in the cricket club (please arrive from 7pm so we can start on time).

Objectives and Goals

Our work as a committee is guided by the objectives and goals shown below. These were originally agreed in July 2022 and are linked to the aims and objectives set out in the Club's constitution.

"To advance the game of tennis in Wargrave and the surrounding area; by encouraging and supporting more players, of all ages and abilities, to play better competitive or social tennis; in an environment that is fun, safe and inclusive." Along with these objectives, we have three main goals:

- 1) **Grow membership to 400+** over the next 2-3 years (Adults to 250+ / Juniors to 150+) in line with potential of our facilities and catchment area.
- 2) **Keep our membership happy**, with satisfaction levels at +80% measured via the AGM annual survey.
- 3) **Manage Club finances over a 30+ year cycle** to ensure we have adequate funds to maintain and improve our facilities, while holding reserves to always match 1 year of routine expenditure.

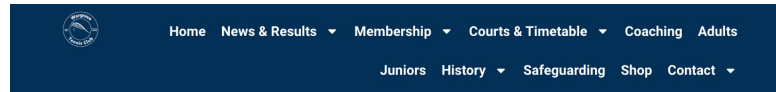
Club Video + AGM Survey

Please read the other sections of this report (using the tabs below or above), and do watch the latest Club Overview Video at the bottom of the page (which includes some great footage of the Club that was taken this year).

And don't forget to [provide your feedback and submit your votes via the online AGM survey](#).

Michael Simpson
Chair at Wargrave Tennis Club
7th November 2024

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AGM Treasurer's Report

7th November 2024

Including accounts for Financial Year Ending 30th September 2024

Introduction

This document summarises the Club's financial position for the year ending 30th September 2024; the budget for year ending 2025; and the Club's 30+ year financial forecast. Figures are based on the first set of accounts produced following the recent change of the Club's financial year end to 30th September.

Cash Reserves

The Club remains in a strong financial position with cash reserves of £81,000 at financial year end; of this amount, £60k is currently held in a 35-day access savings account.

Audited Accounts

The Club's audited accounts for the financial year ending 30th September 2024 [are available to view by clicking on this link](#).

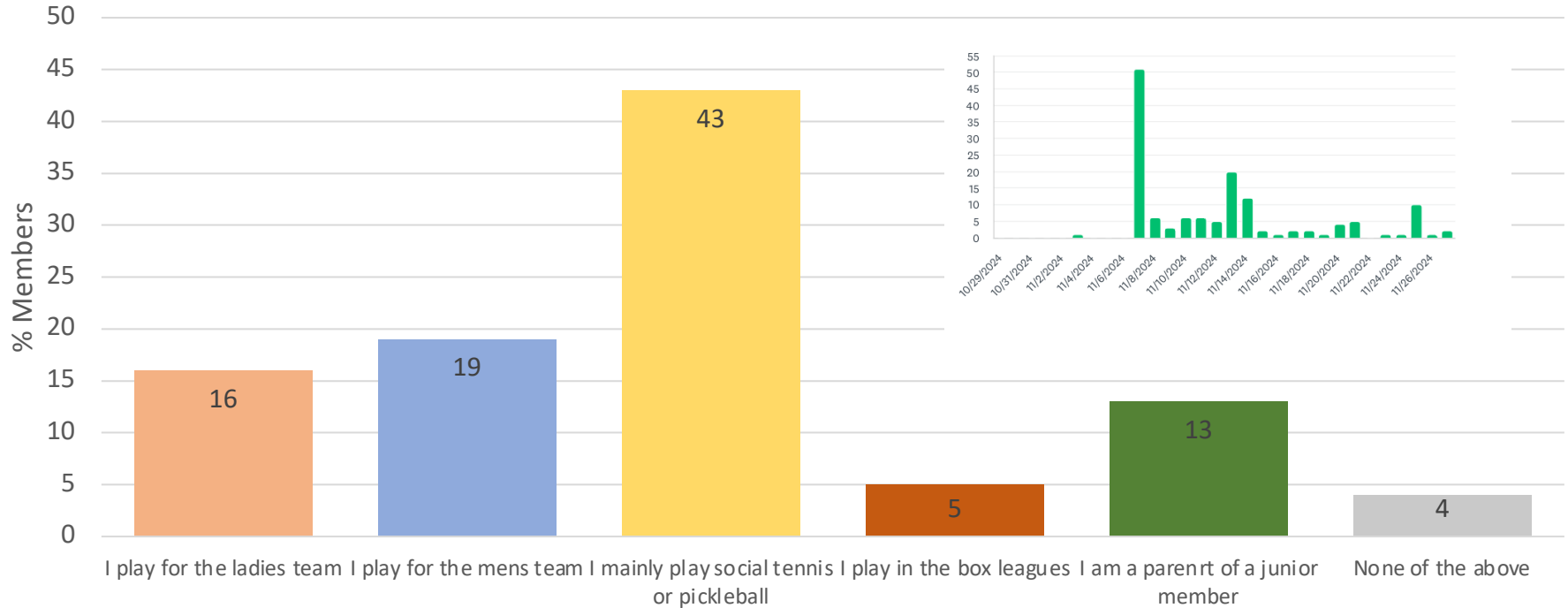
Richard Vertigan
Treasurer, Wargrave Tennis Club
7th November 2024

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AGM Members Voting Profile

% Profile of members taking the survey based on 144 responses (and 60% of adult members)



Profile of people who completed the survey based on the response to question 1. The inserted top graph shows when most people completed the survey.
 Ladies Team x 23, Men's Team x 27, Social Players x 62, Parents of Juniors x 19, Mainly play in box leagues x 7, None of above x 4.



Three AGM Motions

Nos	Motion	% For	% Against
1	The following 13 volunteers have indicated that they are willing to serve / continue to serve on the committee: Michael Simpson (Chair), Clare Belton (Secretary), Richard Vertigan (Treasurer), Wendy Franklin (Membership), Paul McDonald (Match Secretary), Liz Tripp (Ladies Captain), Kieran Martin-Davis (Joint Mens Captain), Gary Westwood (Joint Mens Captain); Katie Hodgkins (Juniors Coordinator), Tom Lewis (Box League and Club Tournament), Sarah Thompson (Welfare Officer), Rachel Hurlock (Clubhouse Maintenance) and Dale Williams (Court and Outside Maintenance). We currently have a vacancy for a social secretary.	99	1
2	Please can you vote to accept the Committee's fee increase recommendation for the 2024/25 season: "That fee rates for all membership categories increase by the current rate of inflation of between 2-3%. This is in line with our financial assumptions to ensure that our income continues to rise in line with expected increases in the expenditure of running the Club with our existing courts and facilities".	91	9
3	Please can you vote to accept the Committee's recommendation to make the following change to the Club's constitution: "To change the legal name of the Club from Wargrave Lawn Tennis Club to Wargrave Tennis Club. This brings the name in line with the name on our bank account; is in line with the name used on our website and for all the Club's branding; helps to avoid confusion in various policy documents; and reflects the fact that we no longer have grass tennis courts".	99	1

The results for these three motions are based on votes from 139 members including 123 adults (59% of adult members and above the required 30% threshold of adult votes)

Your Club Committee 2024/2025

As your committee, we will run the Club, to the best of our abilities, to advance the game of tennis; by encouraging and supporting more players, of all ages and abilities, to play better competitive or social tennis; in an environment that is fun, safe and inclusive.

Club Chair

Michael Simpson
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Club Treasurer

Richard Vertigan
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Club Secretary

Clare Belton
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Match Secretary

Paul McDonald
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Membership

Wendy Franklin
07952 606856



Juniors Co-ordinator

Katie Hodgkins
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Head Coach

Ollie Brown
07788 248028



Ladies' Captain

Lizz Tripp
07809 692035



Joint Men's Captain

Gary Westwood
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Joint Men's Captain

Kieran Martin-Davis
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Tournaments

Tom Lewis
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Court Maintenance

Dale Williams
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Clubhouse Maintenance

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Welfare Officer

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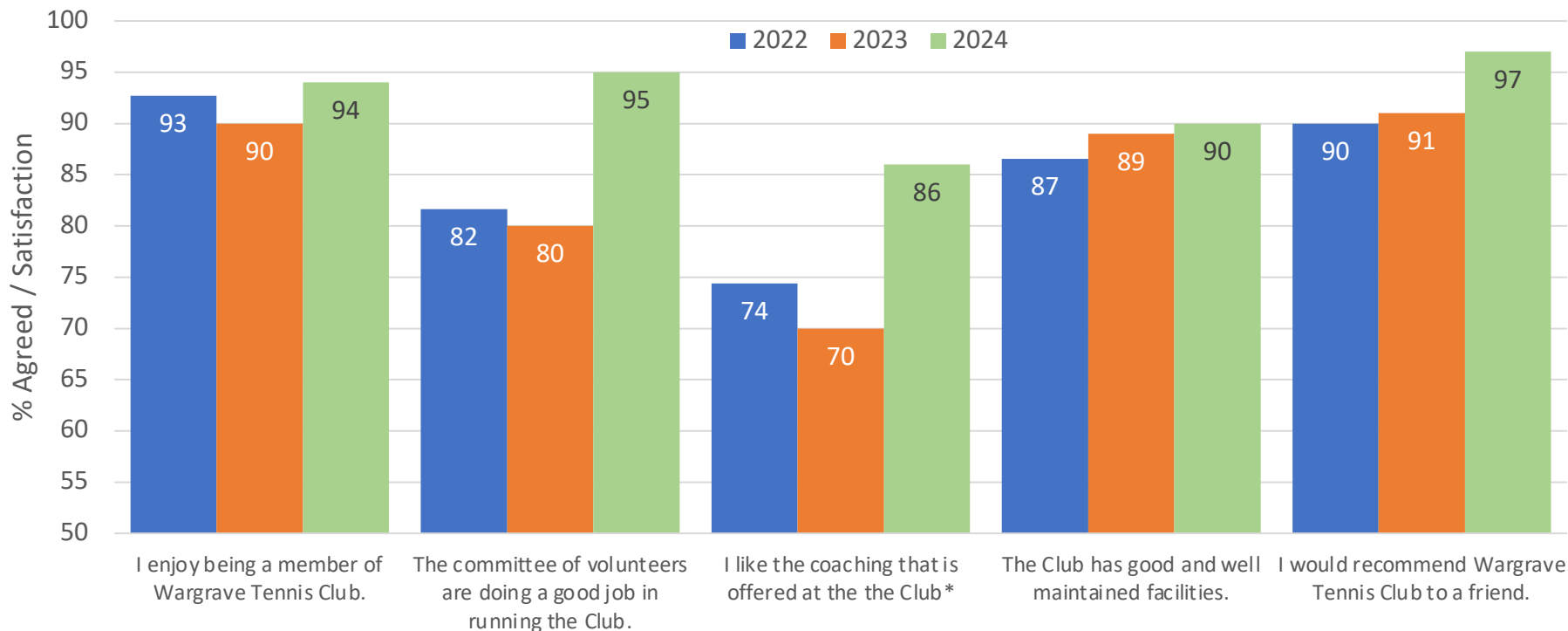


Contact or Join the Committee

Please contact the Committee at any time. We are a team of volunteers, so we are always looking for people who will help us with the running of the Club. For more information, or to send us an email, please visit the Club website www.wargravetennis.com

Membership Satisfaction Scores

Total % All Members Agreeing or Strongly Agreeing to Five Statements (based on responses from 140 members)



Notes: 1) A difference of +/- 5% points is significant based on 90% confidence. 2) The committee goal is to achieve at least an 80% satisfaction score on all these statements. 3) 2022 based on response from 82 members and 117 members for 2023. 4) For balanced comparison vs 2022 (when we had GDT), the coaching satisfaction scores in 2023 and 2024 are based on responses from members who said they received coaching during that year. For the 2024 AGM, 57 members said they had received coaching (40% of survey).

What Members Like

A word cloud of member feedback in shades of blue. The most prominent words are 'friendly', 'great', and 'facilities'. Other visible words include 'atmosphere', 'courts', 'people', 'club nights', 'lights', 'standards', 'members enjoy', 'play', 'coaching', 'social', 'tennis', 'club sessions', 'welcoming', 'year', 'clay courts well', 'Good', 'club', 'drills', 'team', 'lovebox', 'leagues', 'clay', 'Excellent', 'good facilities', 'Social tennis', and 'Friendliness'. The words are arranged in a non-uniform, overlapping manner.

What Members Like

1. Good membership base. Different playing options available each evening.
2. Playing tennis
3. Convenient friendly and accessible
4. I like playing tennis at Wargrave.
5. Social tennis
6. The facilities for my child
7. Activity and welcome
8. Great to have local tennis club in the village for Oliver to use regularly with friends. He had recently been enjoying playing at club nights.
9. Well maintained facilities
10. The location
11. Plenty of tennis for all levels. Friendly, welcoming atmosphere. Great coaching sessions.
12. Facilities and friendship
13. Great facilities and Ollie is a great coach.
14. Having 8 floodlit courts and the forward thinking approach to improve the club
15. Improvements made year on year. Feedback is clearly taken on board.
16. The Clay Courts. The Box League. Plus lots of opportunities to mix in - club nights etc
17. On the 'doorstep' - I know that I can just turf up on Monday or Wednesday mornings to play.
18. The people
19. Friendly atmosphere
20. There is a tennis club in my village! And it now has clay courts (albeit artificial).
21. Very friendly, lots of great players, great court availability, lights, box leagues, drills and team practices
22. seeing friends
23. Fantastic facilities and friendly people.
24. Local, clay courts, friendly
25. The coaching by Ollie
26. it's a well located facility. It is easy to play there. The members are pleasant. New benches and picnic tables look great.
27. The opportunity to play with others at club sessions.
28. Clay courts, great bunch of people
29. Ease of getting courts
30. Friendly with good access and facilities for players abilities
31. Club sessions
32. Very friendly and welcoming. Too early to say more.
33. The clay courts and welcoming members
34. Well attended club nights, great artificial courts.
35. n/a
36. Friendly club and good facilities
37. It's a great place to play competitive tennis in a friendly environment and on different surfaces.
38. The clay courts and the lights
39. I have, after many years, become a member again in order to play Pickle Ball. I have not been a member long enough to say what I like about the club other than it is close to where I live and the people I have met so far have been friendly.
40. Friendly just moved to the area. Parents will join next year.
41. Great community, good sessions for adults, lots for the kids.
42. Excellent standards are maintained
43. The location
44. Ollie Brown runs a brilliant coaching programme for the children. It is a very forward thinking club, and I like the developments its made in recent years.
45. Friendly people and the facilities
46. Standard of coaching is excellent. Great communications and real energy behind the club to improve it.
47. Chairman and treasurer along with the committee team are doing a phenomenal job.
48. Friendly and inclusive
49. Social Tennis and Summer Events
50. It provides a very friendly sociable and if desired competitive tennis on courts which are well maintained

What Members Like

51. Friendly atmosphere. Good court booking system.
52. The Chairman :-) On a more serious note, I really enjoy club nights great people to enjoy a game of tennis with. The clay courts are brilliant especially for my knees. I feel much safer playing on clay now.
53. Welcoming for all levels and all aspirations
54. Playing occasionally
55. The friendly attitude of the members, the organisation of the club and the league matches.
56. Excellent facilities, competitive tennis options and progressive nature of club.
57. The clay courts are amazing. Lots of friendly people and lovely to have such regular Club sessions.
58. The level of tennis, other members and the facilities
59. Good club in Wargrave, where I live, so very convenient and easy to use.
60. Friendly people
61. Friendly atmosphere Good facilities
62. Friendly members and committee. Courts are well maintained and the floodlights are great.
63. Great. More clay courts please
64. The friendliness and inclusivity
65. Good access to courts and a friendly and welcoming environment
66. Nice courts, loving the clay, very friendly group of people!
67. Very welcoming and very social and the facilities are excellent.
68. Team play Friendly atmosphere & members New clay courts
69. Friendly, plenty of opportunities to play and courts to play on
70. The atmosphere at the club has improved significantly this year as the unrest over change of coaches has died down. I particularly enjoy Monday drills night.
71. The open club sessions where I can just turn up and find other players to join
72. Convenience and availability of well maintained and floodlit courts
73. Happy, friendly, social club
74. Friendliness Quality facilities Committed members of the Committee Good communications
75. Plenty of opportunities to play social tennis.
76. It's friendly but also you have the 2 clay courts. So although wargrave is not the closest club it does have the clay courts
77. The people
78. Friendliness
79. The clay courts and friendly other members
80. The quality of the courts and the people
81. Quality of the facilities and the organisation of tournaments and teams.
82. Everyone is welcoming and friendly with a great range of abilities for all to play with.
83. Well maintained tennis facilities. Very friendly atmosphere.
84. There are 2 clay courts
85. Good facilities
86. Chairman is phenomenal!
87. I love the new clay cts and the level of team tennis and the box leagues
88. People and increased ambition of the club
89. Box leagues, well run, friendly
90. Friendly and good facilities.
91. Excellent facilities for the community
92. The people, the lights, the court availability and constant want to improve the club
93. Friendly and great facilities.
94. The social aspect and meeting new people to play
95. Good standard of local daytime tennis
96. Monday evening drills
97. Good courts
98. The facilities are great and it's inclusivity makes it a very welcoming club
99. I love the summer tennis. My son enjoys to go with his friends maybe I'll do the ladies tennis next summer.
100. The box leagues and amount of courts (and that they are floodlit well)
101. Facilities are getting better.

A word cloud of improvement ideas for Wargrave Tennis Club. The words are arranged in a roughly circular shape, with varying sizes and orientations. The most prominent words are "clay courts" and "courts". Other significant words include "clubhouse", "padel", "social events", "bigger club house", "tennis", "club", "clubhouse", "house", "think", "players", "regular", "nice", "clay", "Padel courts", "toilets", "needs", "social", "better", "addition", "play matches", "members", "play", "Add", "clubhouse", "clean", "winter", "matches", "wint", "clean", "social", "clubhouse", "house", "think", "players", "regular", "nice", "clay", "Padel courts", "toilets", "needs", "social", "better", "addition", "play matches", "members", "play", "Add", "clubhouse", "clean", "winter", "matches".

nice tennis social events bigger club house
regular tennis club club house think players
clay padel Padel courts toilets
winter clean clay courts needs
matches clubhouse courts social
Add clubhouse courts better
play members play matches addition

Improvement Ideas

1. More artificial clay. Do not like the old-style hard courts!
2. Perhaps move to anonymous surveys would allow respondents to provide more genuine feedback - thus giving committee members more accurate overall results on how their members are thinking?
3. A club house with a social space and bar for parents would be great
4. More coaching options. Still missing GDT I'm afraid.
5. To run the Club more as a social enterprise rather than a profit seeking business.
6. Need to solve the conundrum of keeping the end courts (8,5 and 6) clear of debris. Access from the overflow car park could be improved. Regular socials (although Wednesday post practice beer is a great step forward). Video analysis!
7. Encouragement of juniors to play matches
8. More Clay courts.
9. More advertising/awareness of any coaching opportunities apart from 'one to one'.
10. Add padel tennis. Make courts less slippy.
11. The wall needs improvement: it should be positioned facing north or north-east so that the sun's not in the player's eyes, it needs to be on a plumb line so the ball bounces back true instead of with a spin, and the surface should be plain, level concrete rather than an artificial grass so that the ball bounces back true (again) instead of dying.
12. I am worried about the slippiness and leaves on courts 3,4 (a bit) but definitely 7,8,5,6. We need to clear the leaves and remove off court and maintain the courts more thoroughly. Our courts are much more slippery than Shiplake where I am 3 times a week. So much focus is on clay I feel the required focus on the hard courts is insufficient
13. replace bench tables outside
14. More junior competitions
15. padel :-)
16. Weed killing round the court edges should be regular. Some courts are slippery so moss killing would be beneficial sooner rather than later. Perhaps a regular maintenance person would help especially in winter for leaves etc. The clubhouse cleaning could be more frequent especially the toilets, maybe 3 times a week. On Saturdays before a match they are most unpleasant especially after a kids tournament. A deep clean is required in the clubhouse, including carpet, upholstery and toilets. New toilet brushes installed to outside edge of the wcs. Visiting teams notice these things. Repair of broken paving which is frankly hazardous.
17. 2 more clay courts and Padel
18. Over the long term the clubhouse needs an overhaul. It should be part of the sports pavillion and given the cricket club lease has around 5 years left a plan should be in the background. As padel grows and becomes popular with old and young (and inbetween) a pdael court will stem the flow away from the club but a proper clubhouse facility is what is needed long term to stop a decline into a small village tennis facility - unless thats what the membership wants.....
19. Can't think of any
20. Share the cricket club clubhouse on a permanent basis.
21. Too early to say.
22. A better clubhouse.
23. Spend on regular maintenance e.g weeding, hedges. Use cleaning company when regular cleaner unavailable
24. clubhouse
25. I'm not sure it can be improved much without a bigger club house and a dome to attract more junior players
26. can't think
27. None so far other than seats by the courts would be nice.
28. Padel court
29. The ability for the working population to play on week nights that aren't club or social nights with the older group
30. It would be fantastic to have padel available at WTC. I am a regular player, having been a regular tennis player, and this would make me sign up as a member immediately.
31. Must keep the coaching standards as high as they are now. Padel courts would be an excellent addition for attracting new members and possibly more young women to the club. I would be happy to pay to play / contribute towards those.
32. More clay courts!

Improvement Ideas

33. Two more fresh clay courts. Padel courts.
34. More social events, especially in summer.
35. A better clubhouse / hospitality offer would be a step forward. Padel tennis would also be a great addition.
36. Full induction for new members. I found it awkward navigating how things are done and definitely still learning. Seems some people have keys to the club house but others don't. Would prefer it was the same for everyone
37. A larger club house, with a bar would be a nice to have. More social events!
38. Two story clubhouse with views out over the courts from above!
39. None
40. Nothing of any note.
41. Padel ;)
42. Would love some more clay courts in future, but also love the idea of installing a Padel court. That's definitely something I'd use.
43. To continue the recent trend to make improvements where appropriate
44. Bigger Club house Puddle free carpark
45. More social activities
46. Courts 5 and 6 could be cleaned more regularly to make them less slippery in the winter. A dome on two of the courts would be fantastic for the winter. Coaches could do a better job of cancelling some of their block coaching bookings when they know the courts won't be needed.
47. Hardcourts become slippery during fall/winter and could maybe benefit from one more moss clean a year
48. Nicer clubhouse, more clay courts
49. Padel??
50. 2 more clay courts Introduction of new ball sports .. padel and pickle
51. would be good to get social tournaments going again Padel
52. toilets more regularly cleaned please. Outdoor furniture needs replacing
53. improved clubhouse / bar option
54. More clay courts. Pickleball club sessions in an evening, besides Monday. More social events, and a bigger club house
55. Addition of a padel court.
56. Add another couple of clay courts - I haven't participated in the the leagues at the moment as I cannot guarantee playing on the clays
57. Balls! I think this area needs work, question do the clay courts affect the life span of the balls we use, my issue is the lack of consistency some even feel like the air has been taken out
58. Bar
59. Padel Courts!
60. By adding padel courts
61. Add a further 2 clay courts
62. The addition of Paddle courts
63. Padel Court, Two more clay followed by a state of the art club house
64. Roofed court would be beneficial especially to young players.
65. More clay cts
66. More clay courts. 3 set matches in Club Champs!
67. Feel having more clay courts would bring in more new members.
68. Doubles box league/ladder
69. More clay courts.
70. More morning/daytime group sessions
71. More clay courts Tarmac car park
72. Bigger better club house Covered Padel courts
73. The toilet facilities need a good clean. Painted in a washable paint. The wood effect now looks grubby and dirty.
74. More clay courts. When playing matches if you're in a lower team you never get the chance to play matches on clay as it is now
75. 2x more artificial clay courts please.
76. More courts!
77. More clay courts, introduce 2 padel courts with covers and use income from padel to enhance / extend the clubhouse. In addition, improve security of the club with a gate system and lower fencing to improve viewing of matches.



Coaching Improvement Ideas

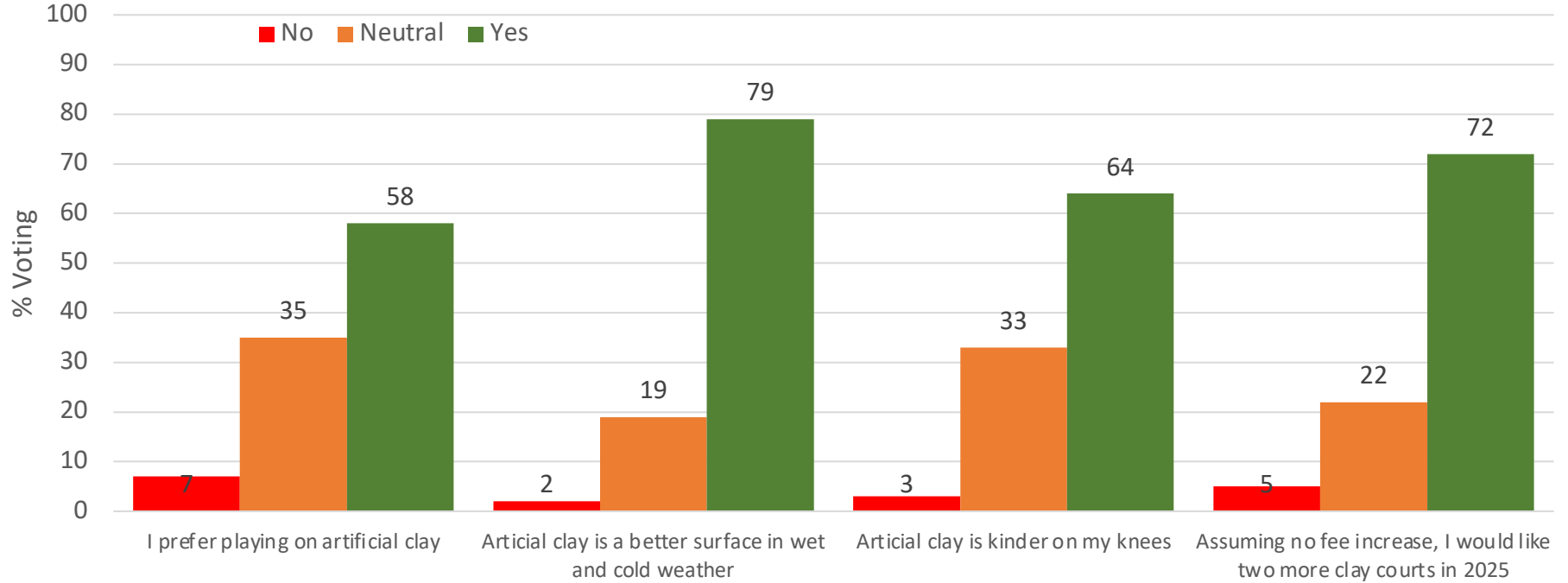
1. I am not sure Ollie has the time or maybe the interest in teaching the slightly older ladies whenever I have tried he takes days to respond and it's difficult to get his availability from him
2. Coaching and a court for Padel would be fantastic
3. It would be great if there were some U18 coaching sessions again (used to be Thursday evenings) for the older juniors. I realise that there is a junior match practice session planned for Mondays (which is also great) however unfortunately clashes with school training for Oliver at the minute.
4. 6-8pm is best for me, which I appreciate doesn't work well
5. n/a
6. Coaching pathways. Personally, evenings and weekend mornings work best for coaching sessions.
7. An intro to pickleball would be great. Day time or evening after 7.30
8. I prefer individual coaching
9. Group coaching in relatively small groups suitable for adults retuning to tennis after considerable break. Mornings or early evenings in summer.
10. Monday-Wednesday mornings are best for me.
11. I am sure there is an opportunity to creat/build a much bigger rusty rackets and intermediate/improver groups at the weekend
12. I haven't had coaching
13. Not specifically
14. Too early to say.
15. Have found it really hard to book coaching sessions for my son, so more junior coaching sessions available at weekends would be good.
16. No tennis coaching at the moment for me but my grand daughter benefitted from Ollie's tuition.
17. 2 Junior players so half price Saturday morning.
18. Evenings weekdays (aware Olly is working on a thurs eve thing)
19. Padel coaching would be fantastic. Evenings are best - 7pm onwards.
20. An early evening Cardio session as I cant always join the lunchtime session due to work
21. All good
22. This may be something that already happens and I've just missed it. I'd love a group coaching session that one can sign up to - beginner, intermediate, improving a particular skill - possibly sessions of an evening or early morning so people can come before or after work.
23. Small group coaching (4-6)
24. groups (4 people) with focus on technique and game strategy. Evenings or mornings
25. I have coaching with Ollie every week.
26. Additional (intermediate)adult group drills session ..any time
27. more cardio sessions - one evening and one day to attract younger women adult rusty rackets and intermediate drills
28. A group 'role up' session would be really nice - my previous club held these
29. As Ollie is on his own he does a good job, I do miss on social evenings the challenge of playing against a coach
30. More options for drills
31. Group sessions focusing on one key element per week (as per Neilson holidays). Saturday morning?
32. Day time drills for team players
33. Small groups for veterans!
34. Cardio tennis Another adult drills Late morning to lunch (9:30-14:00) or evening
35. Doubles coaching Weekday during the day
36. Overall pretty Good. More mixed sessions, other than only when mixed matches are playing.
37. I'd love to learn tennis. Maybe a beginners lesson? For ladies during school hours? I could bring a few ladies I'm sure.
38. More group sessions to encourage new players.
39. None, I like the new match practice for juniors - think it is a good addition

Clay Court Feedback

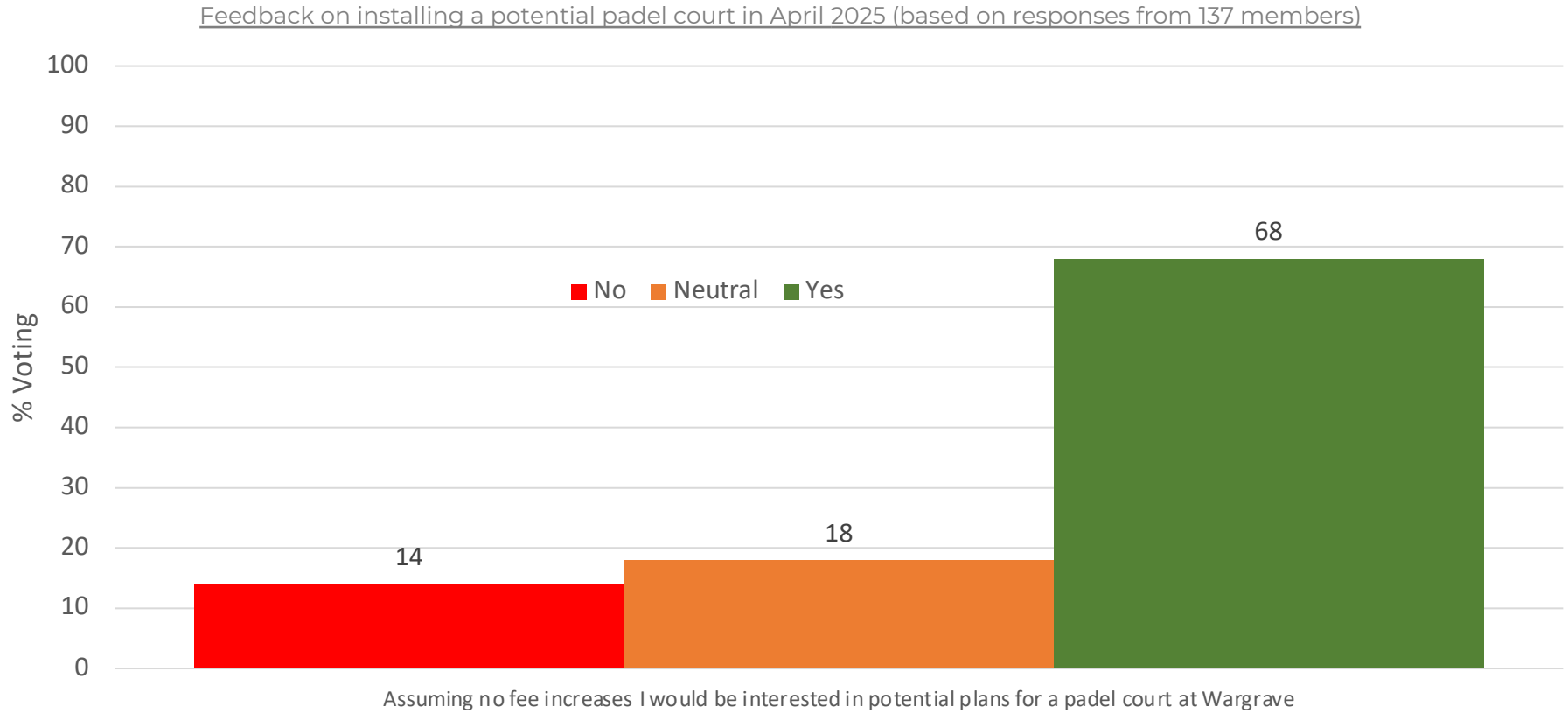


Artificial Clay Feedback

Feedback to artificial clay courts (based on responses from 137 members)







Comments and Other Ideas

1. Thank you committee for all your work!
2. I find it somewhat disturbing that despite being assured by the chairman that there would be no increase on annual subs you are discussing an increase.
3. I would prefer to see a Padel court at the club over more clay courts. Also a tiered membership for tennis, Padel and Rackets so people can choose what they're paying for.
4. Additional clay courts are a marginal benefit in my view and funds should be directed towards padel
5. The artificial clay courts are OK...but the ball bounce is poor even with brand new quality balls. I am opposed to increasing the clay court provision and would recommend deferring any intention to increase that provision until further research has been done on alternative types of artificial clay that may be available.
6. Both more artificial clay and padel are a great idea. The artificial clay is much better to play on than I had anticipated and is much safer and more enjoyable in damp weather. I am a convert! It would be a shame to lose our best hard courts 3,4 & 7 for the clay / padel. It would be preferable (although I don't have a solution) to improve 5,6 and 8 and bring them up to make the facilities truly first class. I appreciate there are some difficulties with this due to debris on the courts. Would covering the netting with screening / some sort of surround at the back help? Or introducing skirting board to keep leaves / twigs out. I realise this wouldn't entirely resolve the problem (because much blows over the top of the surrounds) but it might help. These three courts are undoubtedly the least popular to play on and most difficult to maintain. Introducing a padel court may also increase court congestion at peak times. Is there any possibility of using the space behind the clubhouse in the overflow car park? I suspect not because it's not our land!
7. It has not been made clear whether a new Padel court would mean losing one of the existing tennis courts. If so, I'm against it.
8. Whilst I think further clay courts are a good idea, my concern is that there won't be any decent playable safe hard courts left if court 3 & 4 are used for the clay courts. Please could we not invest in any more permanent markings for pickleball as its not really viable to use court 8 for tennis anymore. Thanks for all hard work and improvements to club :-)
9. I am happy to play on clay. But I don't prefer it. The bounce is low and the games are slower. It clearly suits slice and the slowness causes points to go on and on. We also need to manage the maintenance of our hard courts better. They need leaf and debris removal off court not just blown into the corner. Crucially they need treating to stop slippiness. Our courts are far more slippy than Shiplake hard courts. I don't know why. Finally I am seriously concerned what we will be left with for hard courts after clay, padel and pickle. Court 7???
10. The clay courts will offer much more flexibility to play in poorer weather conditions.
11. Padel padel padel padel! :-)
12. Presuming there was planning permission and no objections from the parish council or cricket club who lease the recreation ground, where would a court be located? What is the maintenance aspect of this and what is the cost? At Royal Berks, they seem to have stopped providing bats etc as they have been 'lost' and quite a bit of litter not cleared, I have been told, so any contract should include these issues if we go ahead.
13. I prefer to keep all the courts for tennis
14. A roof covering option would be good. This would make the hardcourts available when damp and increase winter play. Clearly with options of clay courts/padel/potention roof covering/ clubhouse etc there should be some sort of wider dialogue about where the club is trying to get to long term and how we get there.
15. I like the idea of padel. Will really help the club grow. I think we should consider the social side of the club in and around the club house. As the club house is not conducive to social gatherings in my opinion.
16. Too early to say.
17. I love playing on the clay courts and Padel sounds exciting. The club house isn't a very exciting place to hang out. I go to the cricket club, when open instead. Realistically I know that a new clubhouse is probably prohibitive financially but is there a chance to discuss wit a shared interest in the cricket club if or when they are altering their building? Eg adding a patio facing the tennis club and removing the bushes in between with a shared bar??? Just a thought!
18. Need to keep 5&6 courts better maintained
19. n/a
20. Lawn Tennis is the name of the game and not the playing surface. signed The Pedant

Comments and Other Ideas

21. Seats on the court
22. I like the clay courts but find it somewhat frustrating that they are rarely available as always used for club sessions.
23. Padel would be amazing for both adults and kids. Two courts would be better!!
24. We should absolutely have padel courts I run a [whatsapp](#) group that has 40 members who play padel multiple times a week. (but don't play tennis)
25. I wholeheartedly support the introduction of padel to the club. As the fastest growing racket sport globally, it has huge potential for the club to increase revenue and get more people playing at the club. Given the lack of local facilities, it would also encourage people to travel to the club from outside Wargrave. I think the hourly rates to play could even be increased slightly more - perhaps £30 - £40 per hour, given the price of other facilities nearby, making more investment for the club. I think the club could also consider a crowd funding platform to provide investment for further courts. I certainly would put forward investment, and I know a lot of people who would also support it. This could be offset with some 'founding member' benefits. I would love for my children to be able to play padel as well; [however](#) at the price of commercial padel courts, this isn't possible. a local court would enable junior members to learn and play, driving further use and benefit of the court(s).
26. If viable and fundable 2 padel courts would make better sense.
27. If Padel is set to replace one of the existing [courts](#) it means less tennis courts available for membership fees. I would be disappointed to see a fee increase for less courts that don't require additional payment for use
28. Just a jolly well done to the Committee for all the improvements that continue to be made! Great job everyone
29. Priority of investment should be 2 clay courts, padel and then expanded club house
30. I think both are great ideas!
31. Would love to see some further investment or expansion of the club house.
32. Upgrade club [house](#). seating area
33. Would be good to understand how Padel would work alongside pickleball. I see huge potential for Padel - interest from members and to attract new audiences
34. I've never played, but with a damaged shoulder, it might be better for me to [play padel](#) and pickleball
35. I love playing on clay because it is easier on my feet and [legs](#) ,so much so I only play on clay. In the long run will attract more new members.
36. Padel is an obvious addition that would help grow the membership and support from the village. 2 courts would be [possible](#) and they would comfortably pay for themselves in under a year.
37. Padel - Having played a lot of padel, I would strongly recommend the 'as permanent as possible' style of court. There are now also 'hardy' courts for British weather that I think would be worth considering. I strongly support padel over further clay or pavilion upgrades.
38. I think Padel will become essential to maintain the future of the club, [otherwise](#) we may [lose](#) members to other Padel facilities/clubs that offer Padel
39. More clay [cts](#) will bring more players and grow the club
40. Happy to support investment in a Padel court
41. Having [more clay](#) courts and the addition of padel can only enhance the club and bring in more members.
42. Clay is the future... and Padel with clay will bring in members.
43. Instead of putting the Padel court over court 7/8, could there be a possibility of putting it on the empty patch of land behind the clubhouse. Just an idea to save court space as in the summer, match practice and [clubnights](#) sometimes use all 8 courts so would be a shame to lose one. But I'm all for Padel!!
44. Covered Padel court would get significantly more play throughout the year
45. I disagree with converting two courts to panel because we would be losing two perfectly decent tennis courts. I joined this club from Twyford because there are loads of courts, but if we lose two it will be very tough booking courts midweek evenings in the summer
46. Use padel to grow membership and in turn, use this extra income to enhance the clubhouse and other facilities.

Next Steps

The committee will review all the comments and feedback from the AGM at our next meeting on the 10th December. And based on the strong feedback for clay and padel, we will probably run an EGM in January for members to vote on potential plans to introduce a further 2 artificial clay courts (probably on courts 3 and 4) plus plans for a single padel court (probably on court 8). It is assumed that both proposals would not require any further changes in fees for 2025/2026.

