

Wargrave Tennis Club 2026 AGM Report

Results of Online AGM 28th October – 19th November 2026

AGM Report Agenda

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2. AGM Voting and Results
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AGM Reports Available Online



2026 Annual General Meeting Committee Report

Please read this **Annual Committee Report** and take 5 minutes to complete our **AGM Members Survey** to provide feedback on how the Club is run and to vote on important motions, including proposals to extend our clubhouse.

This Committee Report, together with our AGM Treasurer's Report, provides an overview of the Club's achievements over the past 12 months and our plans for the coming year.

The deadline for AGM voting is Thursday 19th November at 6pm, ahead of our members' meeting at the Cricket Club at 7.30pm that evening.

Click Here to Vote and Complete the AGM Online Survey



Members at the opening of our second padel court in June.

https://wargravetennis.com/committee-report-for-2026-annual-general-meeting/



2026 AGM Treasurers Report

Accounting Period

Accounts for Financial Year Ending 30th September 2026. Prepared October 2026.

Introduction

This document presents the Club's financial position for the year ending 30th September 2026 together with the budget for the financial year ending 30th September 2027 and the Club's 30+ year financial forecast.

For the second year running the Freeagent accounts system has been used and contains the necessary historical data for direct year-over-year analysis.

If you reading this document on a mobile phone, you might want to turn to landscape mode (full screen) so that the charts are easier to interpret.

Independent Examination

The accounts were prepared by Richard Vertigan, Treasurer, Wargrave Tennis Club, October 2026.

The accounts have been independently examined by J D Williams.

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1. Highlights

Record membership (up 79% since 2024) has resulted in membership subscriptions increasing by 87% over the same period. Over the last year alone the subscription growth has been 45%. Overall club income in the year has increased to £120k, an increase of 50% over the previous year.

This has helped fund a second padel court and provides the basis for investing in clubhouse improvements going forward.

The Club has cash reserves of £119,000 at the financial year end (of which £87,000 is held in a 35-day access savings account). The cash reserves are partly funded from loans (from members) of £100,000. The first part

https://wargravetennis.com/2026treasurersreport/

Five Years of Transformation



30th September 2021

- Eight tennis courts
- Old halide floodlights
- All hard surface
- Tennis only
- 305 members
- 190 adults + 115 juniors
- Annual turnover £32k

30th September 2026

- Ten courts including 2 padel
- Modern LED floodlights
- Clay and hard courts
- Tennis, Padel and Pickleball
- 601 members
- 414 adults + 187 juniors
- Annual turnover £120k



Meeting The Club Objectives

OBJECTIVE – 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 (*including padel and pickleball).

GOALS - 1) Promote and retain membership at 600+ (Adults 415+ / Juniors 185+) in line with current membership levels, our improved facilities and catchment area. **2) Keep our membership happy, with satisfaction levels at +85%** via the AGM 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.**



Adult Competitive Play



Facilities + Fees



Adult Social Play



Focus on Juniors



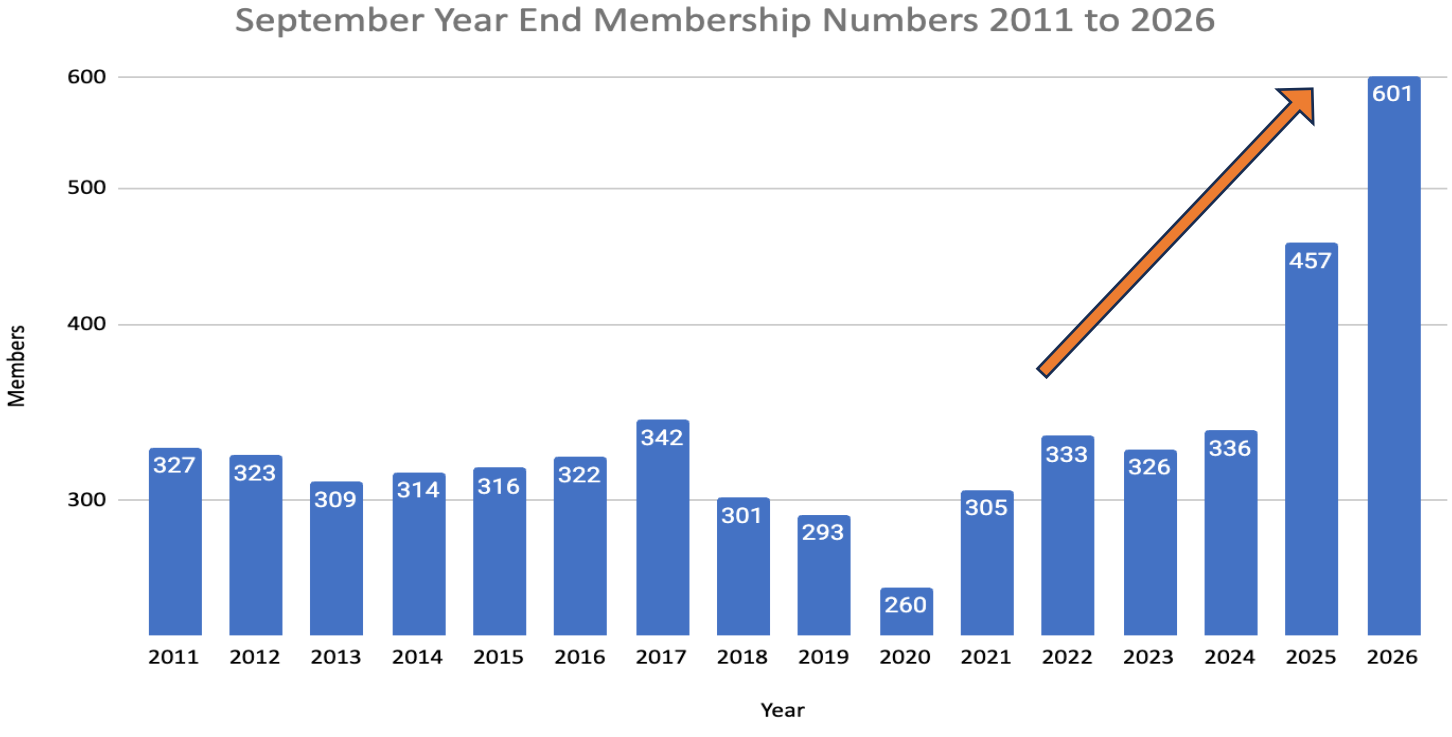
Membership + Community



Club Coaching

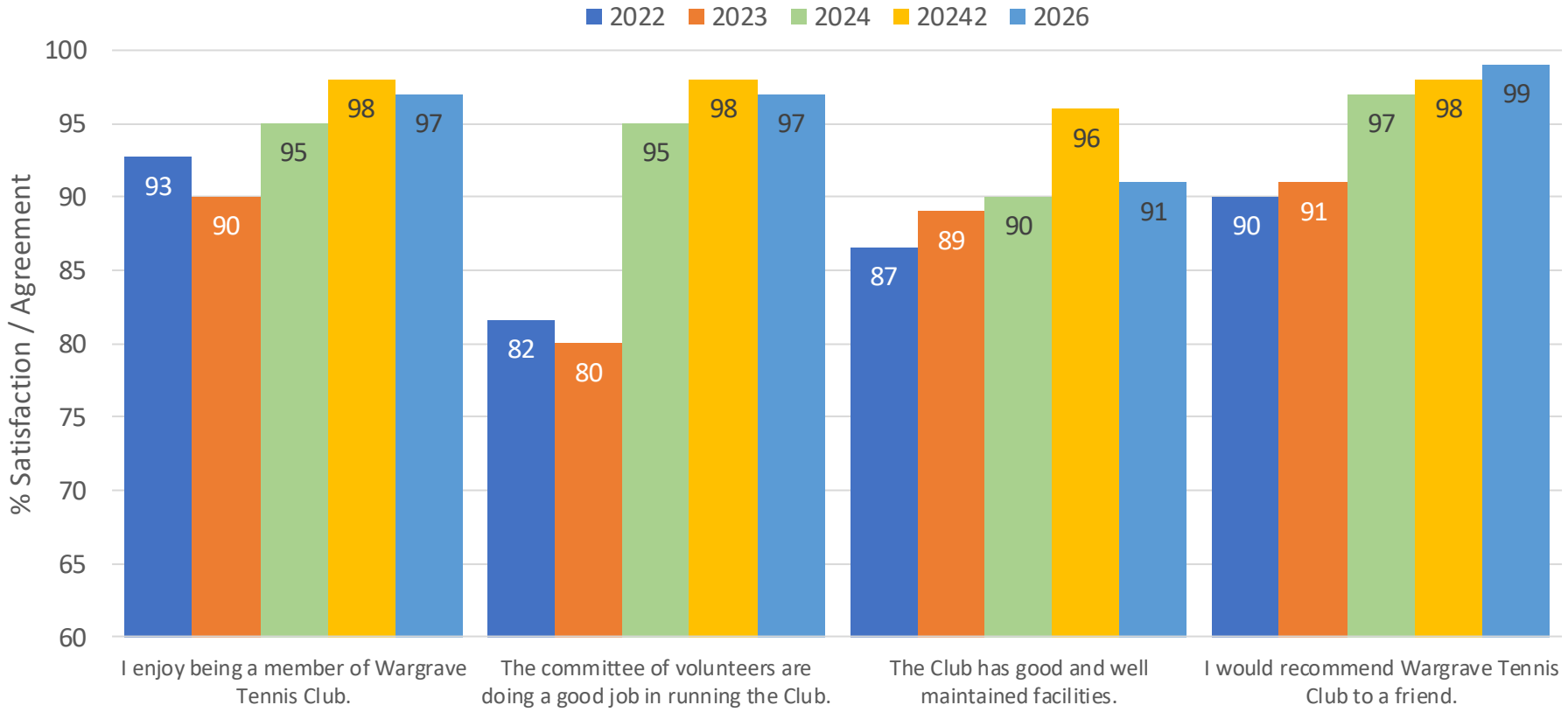
Promote and Retain Membership

- Year-end membership 30th September = 601 (414 adults, 187 juniors)
- + 80% growth in membership numbers vs Sep 2024 and +97% vs Sep 2021
- Total membership on the 20th November 2026 = 622 (428 adults, 194 juniors)



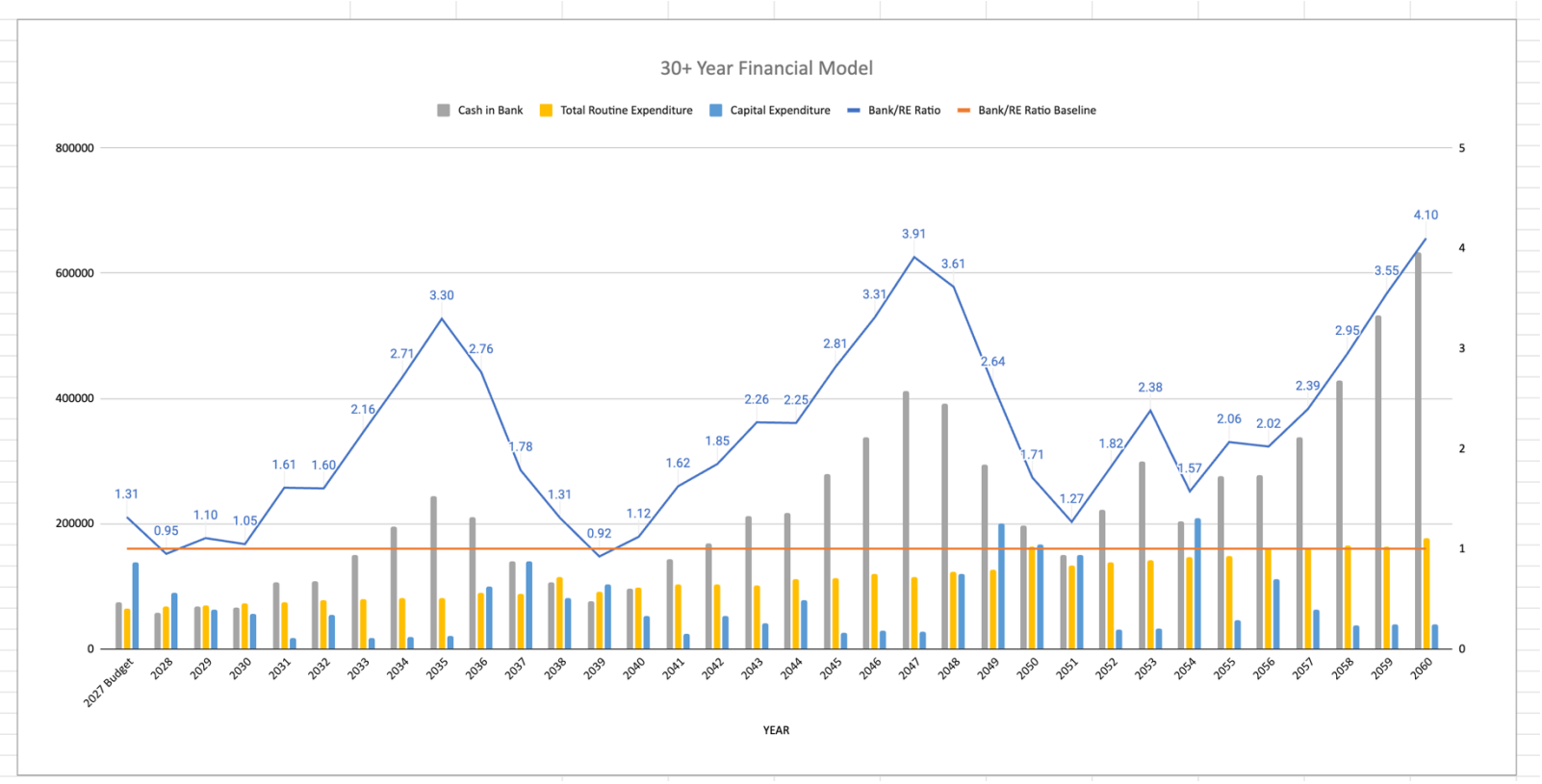
Keeping Members Happy

"Core membership satisfaction ratings over the past five years – our target is 85%".



Manage the Club Financials

We manage the Club's finances over a 30-year cycle, building reserves to maintain and improve facilities, but without generating excessive surpluses. We aim to hold at least 12 months of routine expenditure in reserve (red line, ratio 1.0). The forecast below includes the proposed 2026/27 clubhouse extension investment.



More Details on Our Website



Membership Documents

1. Members Welcome Letter
2. New Members Survey
3. Membership Rules and Code of Conduct
4. Court Priority and Booking Rules
5. Court Booking Terms and Conditions
6. Club Constitution
7. Club Objectives and Goals
8. 2026 AGM Committee Report to Members
9. 2026 AGM Treasurer's Report
10. 2025 AGM Membership Survey Results

Policy Documents

1. WTC Safeguarding Policy Statement
2. WTC Safeguarding Policy
3. WTC Diversity and Inclusion Policy
4. WTC Online Safety and Communication Policy
5. WTC Anti-Bullying Policy
6. WTC Photography and Filming Policy
7. WTC Safe Recruitment Policy
8. WTC Privacy Policy



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AGM Voting and Results

Results from our 5th online AGM survey, which ran from 28 Oct to 19 Nov 2026. A total of 192 members voted, compared to 143 and 168 members who voted in the 2024 and 2025 AGMs.



A Good AGM Voting Response



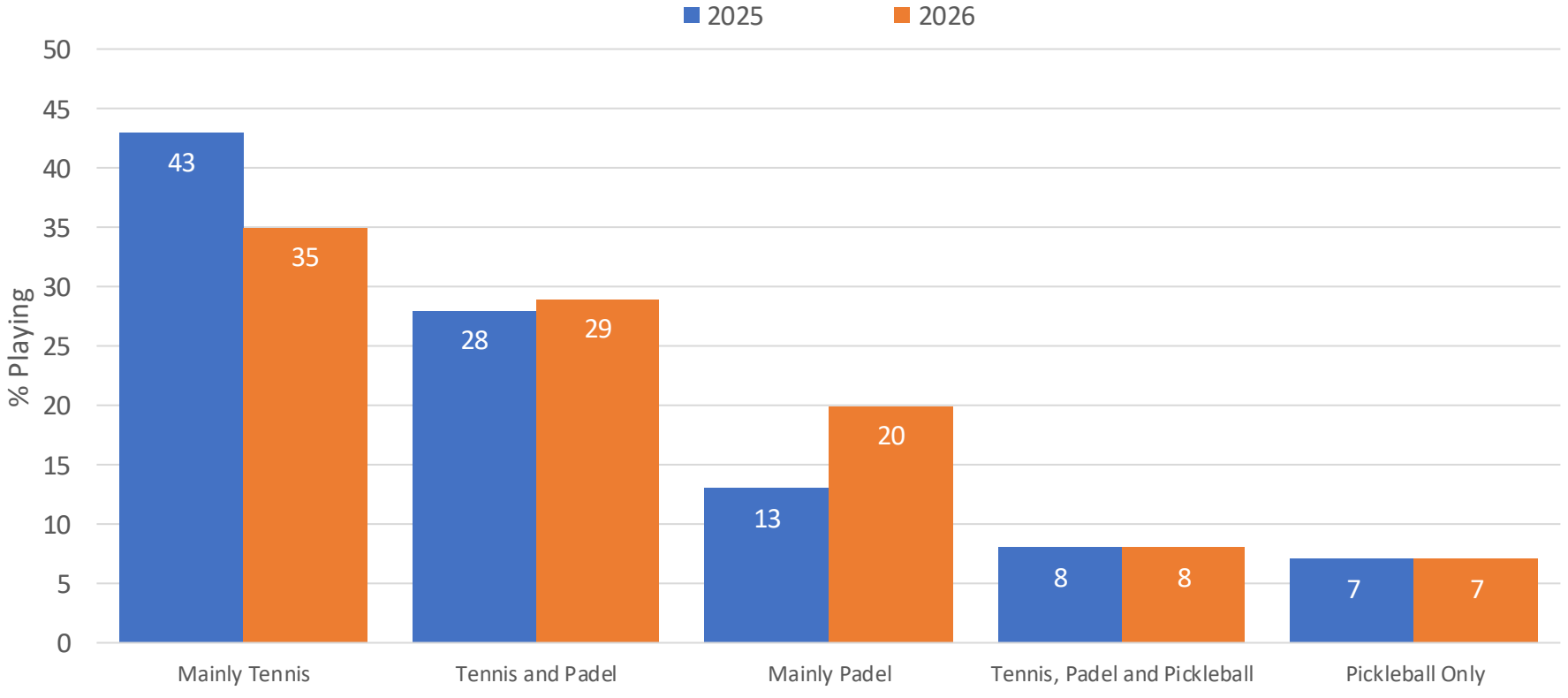




- **192 members voted, representing 42% of adult members** (our AGM/EGM quorum is 30% of adult voters, and local election voting is typically around 35%-45%).
- **48% of voters are "competitive players" with 45% "social" and 6% "pickle only"** (similar profile to the 2025 AGM, although pickleball voting at 6% is higher than actual pickleball only membership which is currently 3% of membership).
- **24% of voters represented our junior membership** (includes 20% of adult members with children plus 8 other parents voted).
- **30% joined WTC the last 12 months** (30% is the actual figure).
- **37% had coaching in the last 12-18 months** (similar to the % level in the past 3 AGMs).

Membership Profile

"Tennis remains the most popular racket format for 79% of members, with 57% of members playing padel (up from 49% in 2025), and 15% are playing pickleball."



Results of Three AGM Motions

Nos	Motion	% For	% Against
1	**The following 16 volunteers have indicated that they are willing to serve/continue to serve on the committee:** Michael Simpson (Chair), Clare Belton (Secretary), Richard Vertigan (Treasurer), Paul McDonald (Match Secretary), Nicola Chand (Membership), Liz Tripp (Ladies Captain), Jon McCarthy (Joint Mens Captain), Gary Westwood (Joint Mens Captain); Katie Hodgkins (Juniors Coordinator), Mark Nockles (Padel Coordinator), Tom Lewis (Club Tennis Tournaments), Sarah Thompson (Welfare Officer and Social), Rachel Hurlock (Clubhouse Maintenance), Rich Hodgkins (Court and Outside Maintenance), Alex Bishop (Social Media and WhatsApp Community), Ollie Brown (Head Coach).	100	0
2	**Please can you vote to accept the Committee's fee increase recommendation for the 2027/28 season:** "That fee rates for all membership categories increase by up to 3.5% in line with the current rate of inflation. This equates to an extra £9 a year for our 31+ adult rate and £2 for our lowest junior rate. Keeping our fees rising in line with inflation will ensures that our income continues to rise in line with expected increases in the future costs of running the Club e.g. future court replacements, new fences, routine clubhouse maintenance etc".	97	3
3	**Please can you vote to accept the Committee's following recommendation for an investment to extend and improve our current clubhouse**: "To spend up to £115,000 to extend and improve our clubhouse to provide better social space and facilities for a membership that has more than doubled since the current clubhouse was built. The investment will be funded by club reserves that have been strengthen by our rising membership and the success of padel (£95,000), and via an additional members loan (£20,000). Before voting we encourage members to review plans and extra information that is available on the website and/or to meet any member of the committee."	96	4

Note: Results based on a response from 192 members, including 42% of all adult members (above the 30% threshold for an official AGM quorum as per the constitution).

Your Approved Committee

Your Club Committee have agreed to serve the Club for another 12 months. Please don't hesitate to get in touch either directly at the Club or send a message from the contact us page on the website.



Fee Rate Approval for 2027/28

Membership Category (ages at 1st April 2027)	Full Rate 1st April 2026	Members Rate 2026	Full Rate 1st April 2027	Members Rate 2027	Members £ Increase	Actual % Increase
Adult 19-24	**111**	100	**115**	103	3	3.0
Adult 25-30	**190**	171	**197**	177	6	3.5
Adult 31+	**269**	242	**278**	250	8	3.3
Adult 70+	**220**	198	**228**	205	7	3.5
Adult Pickleball Only	**134**	121	**139**	125	4	3.3
Family Membership	**564**	508	**584**	525	17	3.3
Junior 4-11	**57**	51	**59**	52	1	2.0
Junior 12-17	**89**	80	**92**	82	2	2.5

Clubhouse Extension Approval

The overall scheme will provide much-needed social space and better facilities for a membership that has more than doubled since the current clubhouse was built in 2008.







For more details, visit:

https://wargravetennis.com/clubhouse-improvement-plans-for-agm-membership-approval/.

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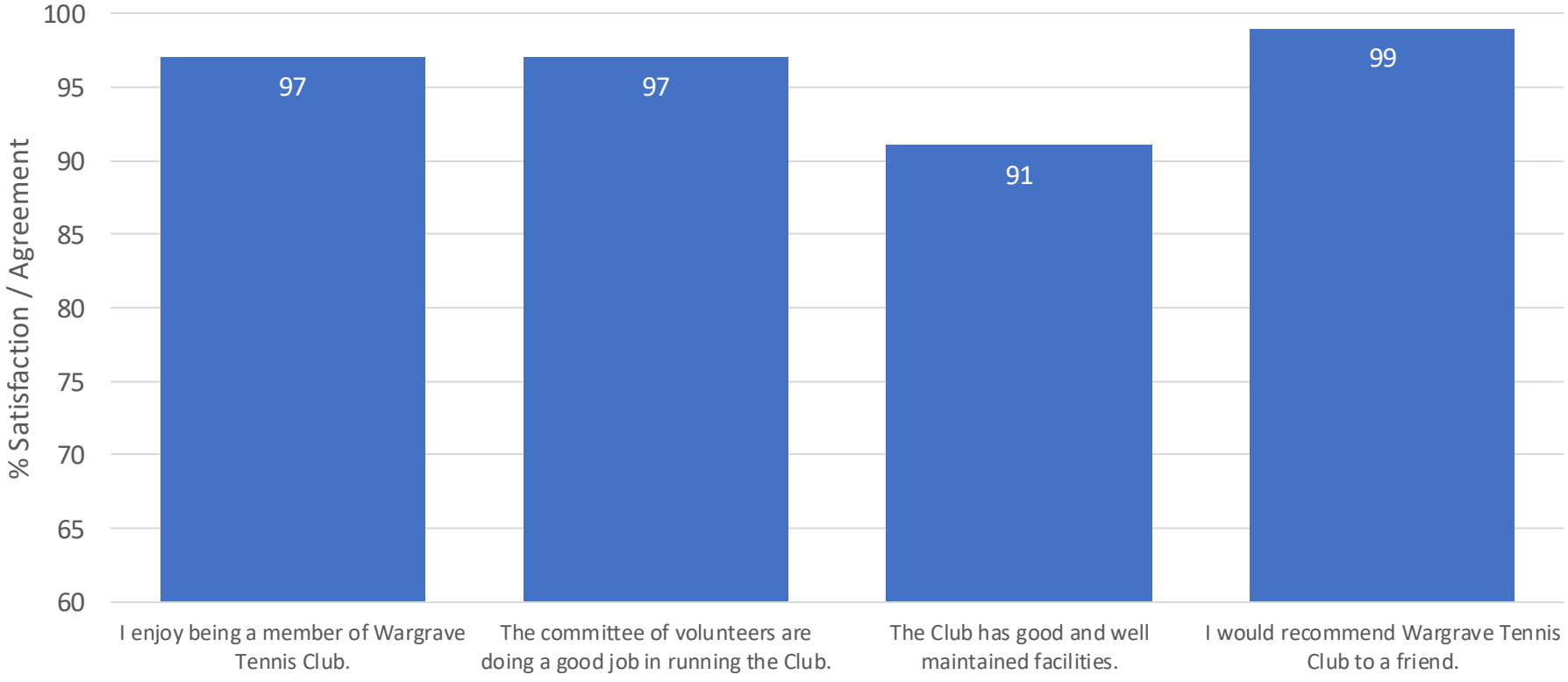
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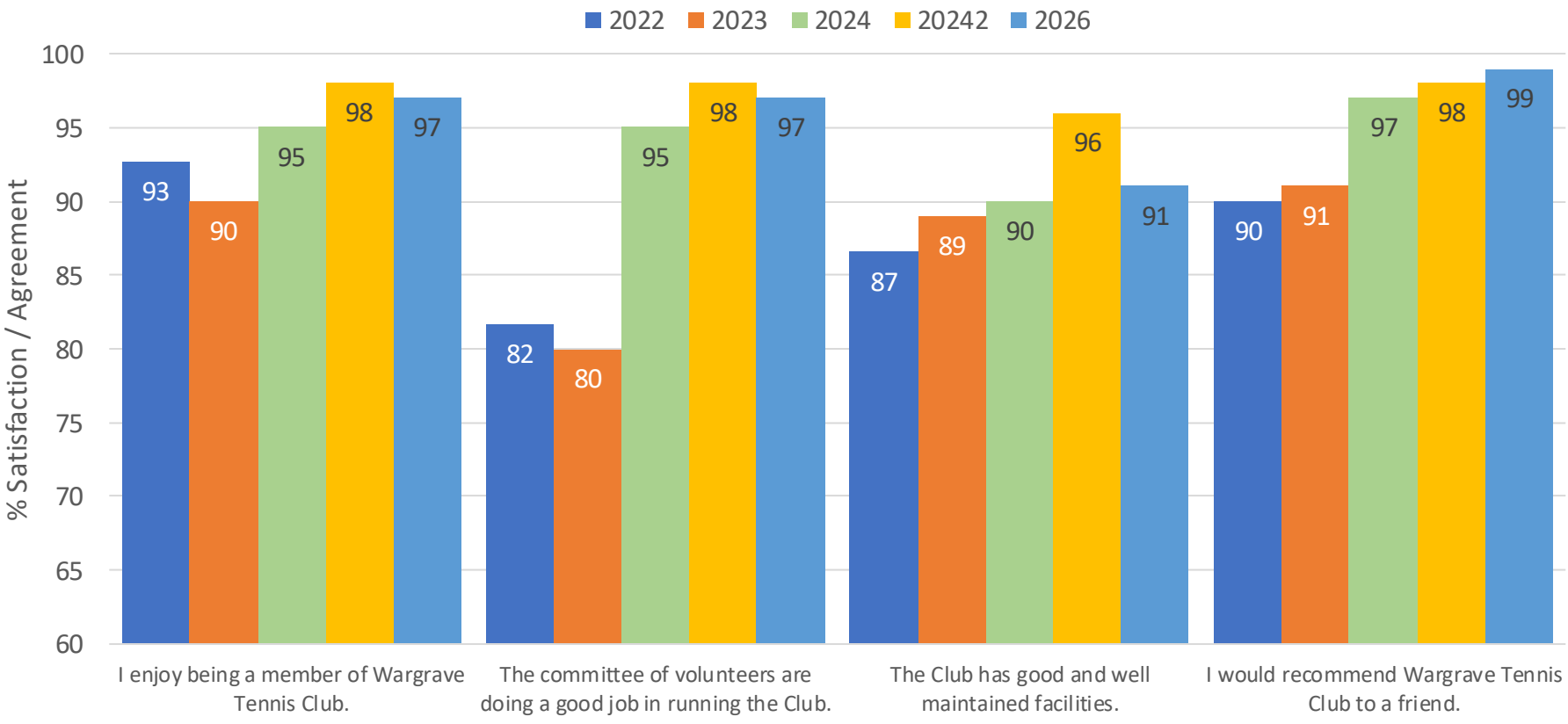
Membership Satisfaction

"Our members remain happy, with all core ratings over 90% vs our 85% target".



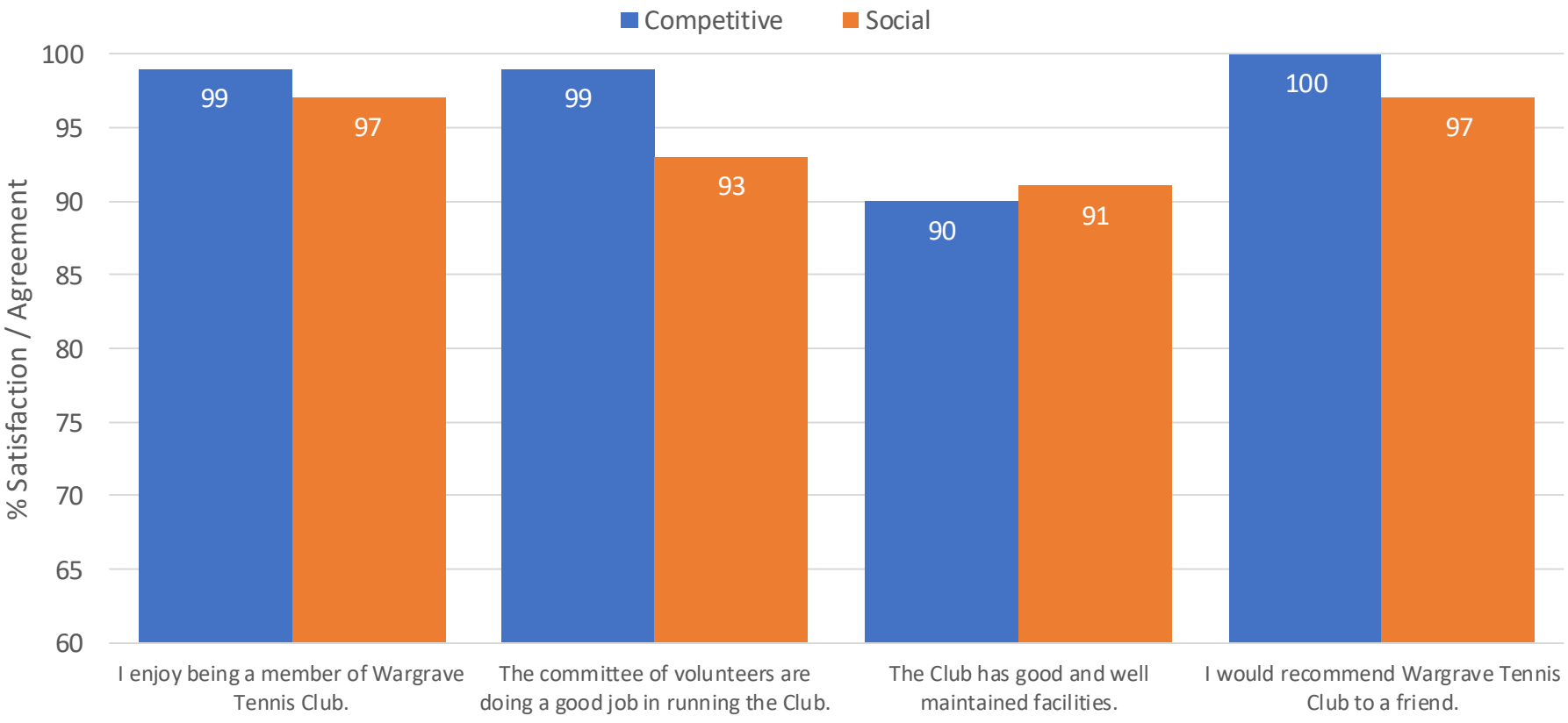
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"Overall satisfaction has been consistently high over the past five years vs our target of 85%".



Membership Satisfaction

"The satisfaction levels are equally high for our competitive and social players".

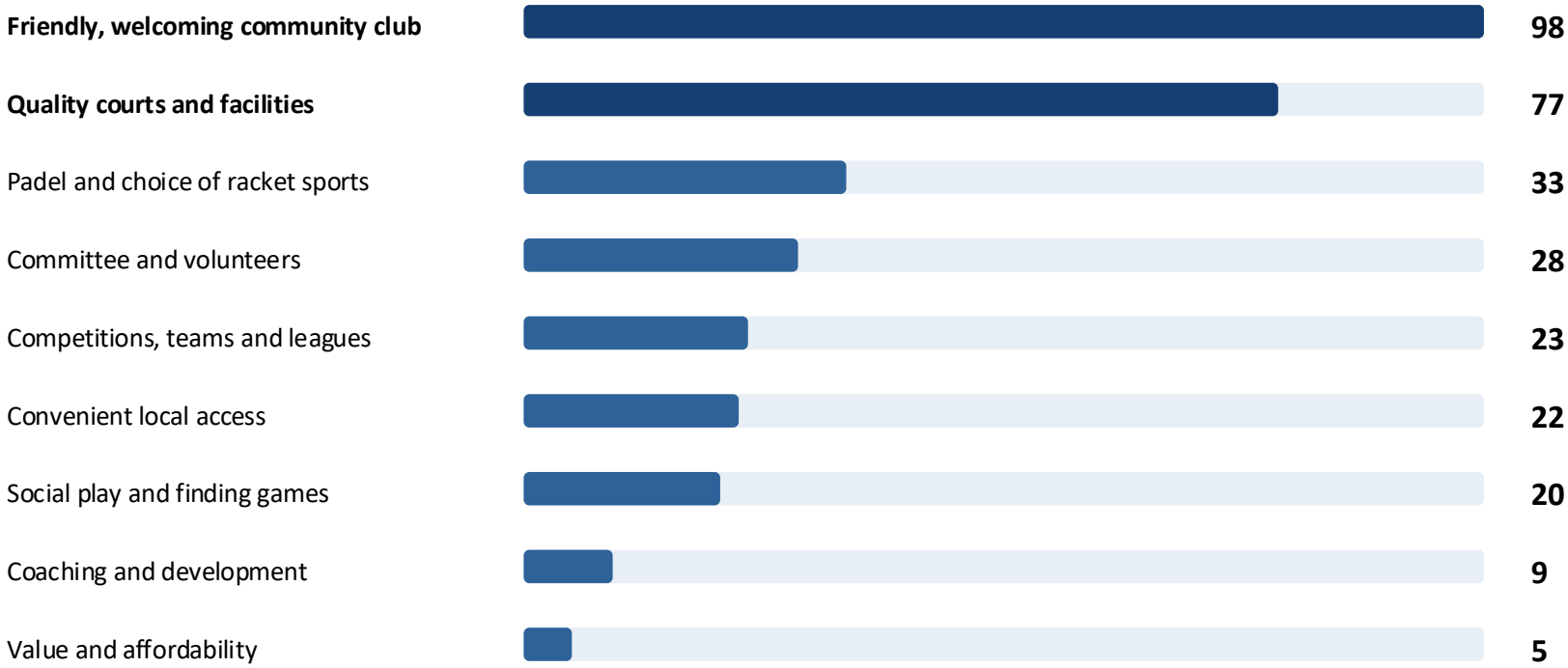


What Members Like



2026 AGM member survey | based on 144 comments. Larger words represent the strongest recurring themes; wording consolidated from member comments.

What Members Like



2026 AGM survey | 144 open-text responses | Themes ranked by mentions

Examples of What Members Like

"I really enjoy the club facilities, but what makes Wargrave Tennis Club special for me is the people. Everyone is so welcoming, friendly and sociable."

"Only limited use so far, but an extremely well-run and very welcoming environment. The commitment to the club by those who run it is clear to see."

"The people. The atmosphere. The fun. The competition."

"Club competitions and social nights. Friendliness of committee members and community feel. Ball machine!"

"Good number of quality courts and the club's contribution to the Wargrave community."

"Great atmosphere and lots of opportunity to find someone to have a game with even for beginners, whether through the Americano league or Rusty Rackets"

"The excellent work from the volunteers (thank you!) and the great facilities"

"The variety of tennis, padel and pickle and the wide membership that it attracts"

"Love how much the club is always looking to improve and try new things. Pro-active committee making things happen."

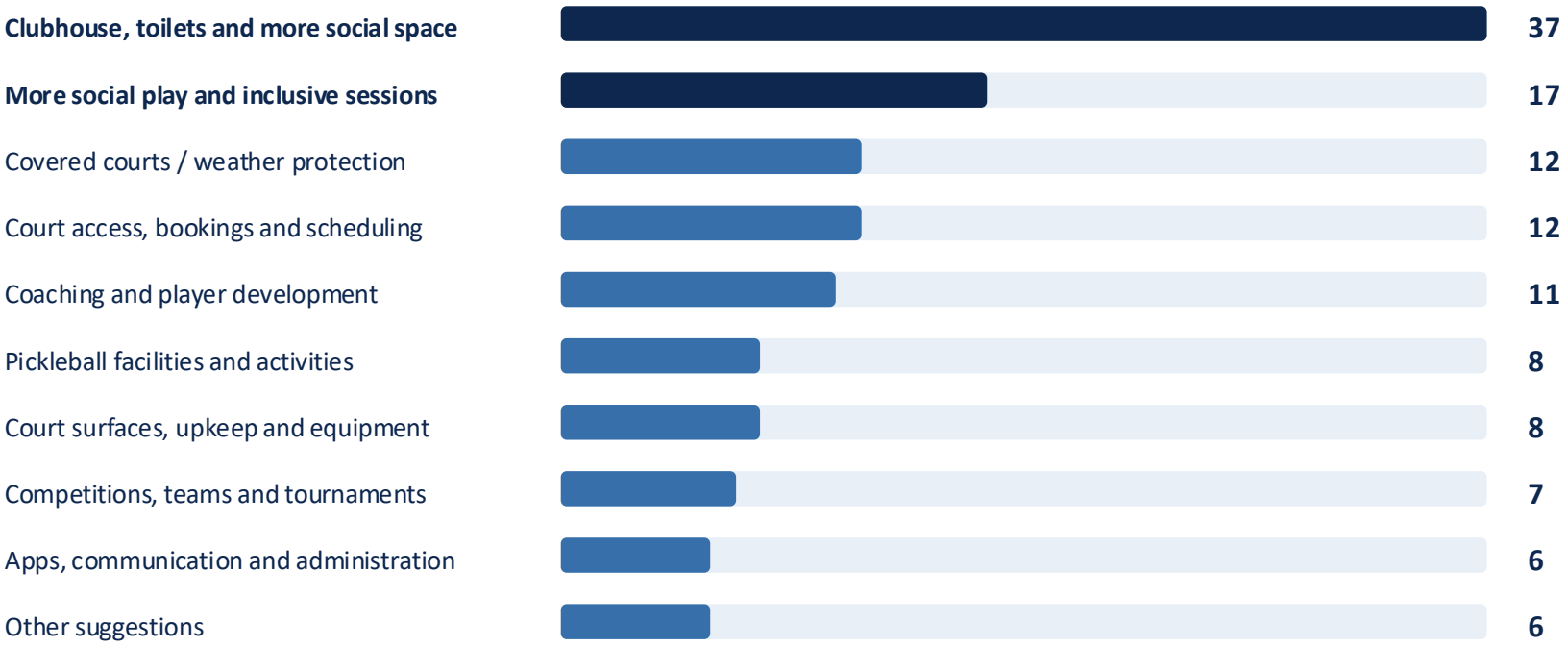
2026 AGM survey | Example of Improvement Ideas Shared (all 144 ideas will be reviewed by the committee)

Improvement Ideas



2026 AGM member survey | based on 111 comments. Larger words represent the strongest recurring themes; wording consolidated from member comments.

Improvement Ideas



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Examples of Improvement Ideas

"Continue to help local youth groups / schools make the most of the facilities and to promote the game and give the youngsters opportunities play both tennis and padel."

"Would be great to have a club house where people can congregate more"

"Would love women's group lessons for intermediate and above- I don't have time to commit to a team and the team training."

"More homely, comfortable clubhouse. Better toilets."

"Roof on padel courts to protect from rain and sun"

"More courts available to book in the evenings Monday-Thursday for booking"

"Less leaves on the padel courts. Better scheduling Wednesday nights are sometimes over subscribed but on other nights the courts are half empty"

"Improve the pickleball lines. For oldies with poor eyesight the current colour is impossible to see."

"More Social Tennis and Social Padel organised. In the mornings. Every court used to be social tennis in the mornings. That has disappeared."

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Feedback on Padel







- **57%** of all our members are playing padel (up from 49% in 2025), with 20% “mainly playing padel”.
- **87%** of all members feel that padel has added value to the club (up from 79% in 2025), and only 1% disagree.
- **85%** of our padel players say that it is “relatively easy” to book a court and 87% think our charges are good value (only 1% and 3% disagreed).
- **77%** of padel players are pleased we introduced the Americano competition, and no one disagrees.
- **92%** of padel players agree that they like to play with players of a similar ability.

Padel Feedback

Question with % response from all 182 members who completed question (with % response from 109 who say they play padel at Wargrave in brackets)	% Disagree	% Neutral	% All Agree Including Strongly	% Agree Strongly Only
I have played on the padel courts in the past 6 months.	16 (2)	12 (1)	**72 (98)**	53 (82)
I have found it relatively easy to book a padel court at the Club.	4 (1)	36 (14)	**60 (85)**	30 (46)
The hourly court hire fees of £10 off-peak and £20 peak represent good value.	5 (3)	23 (12)	**72 (87)**	38 (48)
I like being able to meet and play with padel players of a similar ability.	2 (0)	31 (8)	**67 (92)**	33 (50)
I am pleased the Club introduced the new Americano competition.	2 (0)	44 (23)	**54 (77)**	30 (46)
I like that the Club offers and runs two weekly club padel sessions	3 (3)	42 (31)	**55 (66)**	25 (35)
I like the padel coaching that is offered at the club.	3 (3)	68 (58)	**29 (39)**	12 (16)
Having padel at Wargrave really adds value to this tennis club.	1 (0)	12 (3)	**87 (97)**	62 (76)

Feedback on Clay Courts





- **76%** of members completing the survey have played on our clay courts in the past 6 months.
- **77%** of members feel that the clay courts has added value to the club, with only 1% in disagreement.
- **63%** of members, and 80% of our clay court users, prefer clay to hard court surfaces.
- **74%** of our clay court users say that it is "relatively easy" to book a clay court and 67% feel that having 4 courts are enough for the club at this stage.

Clay Court Feedback

Question with % response from all 182 members who completed question (with % response from 137 people who have played on the clay courts in the past 6 months in brackets)	% Disagree	% Neutral	% All Agree Including Strongly	% Agree Strongly Only
I have played on the artificial clay tennis courts in the past 6 months.	15 (0)	9 (0)	**76 (100)**	58 (77)
I prefer playing tennis on the clay surface compared to hard tennis courts.	4 (5)	33 (15)	**63 (80)**	43 (57)
I have found it relatively easy to book a clay court at the Club.	4 (5)	39 (21)	**57 (74)**	25 (33)
Four artificial clay courts are enough for the Club at this stage.	10 (14)	36 (19)	**54 (67)**	22 (27)
Having artificial clay courts at Wargrave really adds value to the Club.	1 (1)	22 (6)	**77 (93)**	52 (64)

Feedback on Social Tennis



- **45%** of our members describe themselves as social players, and 46 people who completed the AGM survey say they are ”regular attenders" of club social tennis sessions.
- **29%** of “social players” like how social sessions are currently run although 75% of “regular attenders” are happy.
- **74%** of regular attenders prefer having the session run by a coach and 62% would like the session split by ability.
- **63%** say there should be a minimum ability for social sessions, although 13% disagree with this.
- **65%** of regular attenders would like a competition with players split by ability, and 54% would like to see a monthly social tournaments.

Social Tennis Feedback

Question with % response from all 87 "social players" who completed this question (with % response from 46 people who "regularly attend" social sessions in brackets)	% Disagree	% Neutral	% All Agree Including Strongly	% Agree Strongly Only
I regularly attend Club social tennis sessions at Wargrave.	26 (0)	44 (0)	**31 (100)**	11 (35)
I like the way the Club social tennis sessions are run.	4 (7)	67 (18)	**29 (75)**	9 (26)
It helps when a coach manages the Club sessions.	0 (2)	57 (24)	**43 (74)**	14 (33)
The club sessions should split players by ability level.	6 (11)	51 (27)	**43 (62)**	5 (15)
There should be a minimum standard of play for anyone attending a club social tennis session.	16 (13)	49 (24)	**35 (63)**	7 (20)
We should have a club social tennis competition with players grouped into leagues by different abilities.	6 (9)	56 (26)	**38 (65)**	10 (22)
The Club should run monthly social tournaments.	5 (11)	60 (35)	**35 (54)**	7 (15)

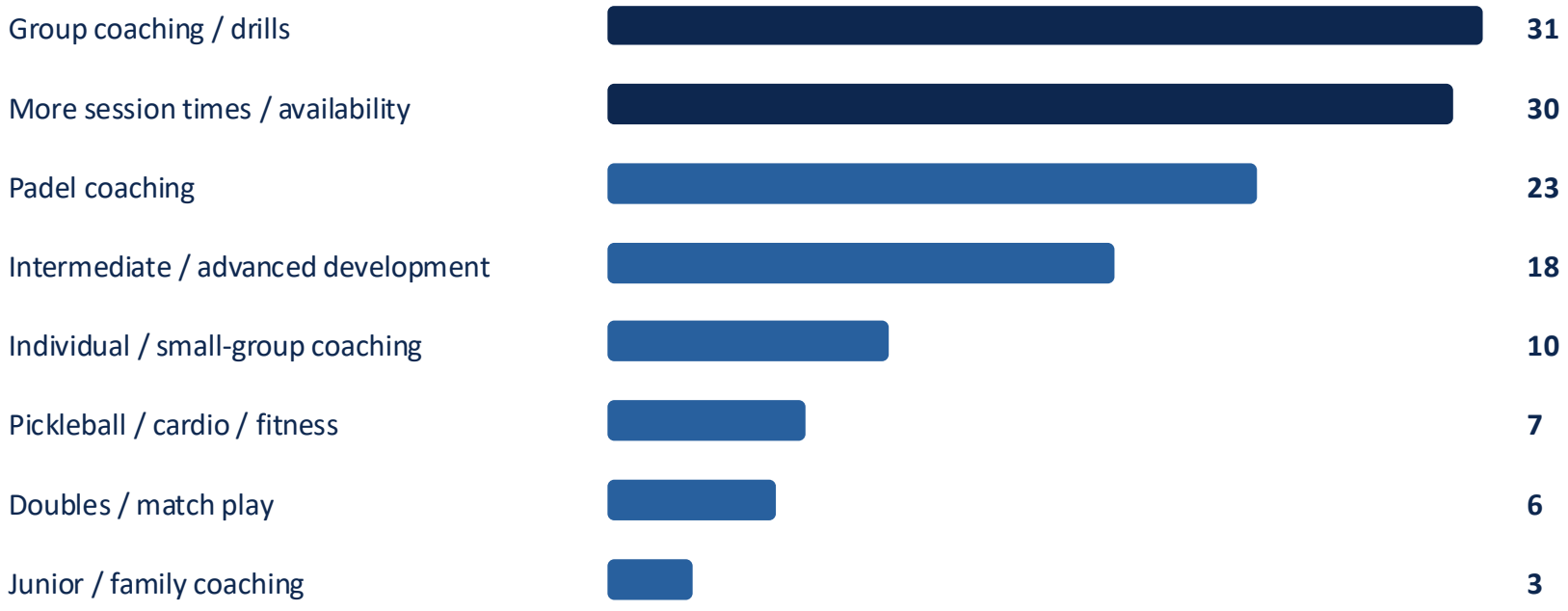
Feedback on Coaching



- **37%** of the survey (91 respondents) had coaching at the Club over the past 12-18 months – groups, private lessons, or camps.
- **64%** of respondents had group coaching, 49% had individual lessons, and only 11% had children who attended holiday camps.
- **84%** like the coaching that the club offers, with 43% "strongly liking" the coaching, with only 1% disagreeing.
- **39%** of our padel-playing members like the padel coaching that the club offers, with only 3% disagreeing.

Coaching | What members would like to see

2026 AGM survey • 100 coaching responses • requests grouped by recurring themes



Themes overlap: a response may mention several ideas. Counts indicate mentions, not approval ratings.

Examples of Coaching Feedback

"Coaching offered is already great."

"Ollie's coaching is excellent for tennis."

"Really enjoying the intermediate padel group coaching."

"Great that Emma has joined us."

"Adult coaching sessions are great!"

"the current coaching plan that ollie has is very good."

"Individual coaching sessions for my family with Ollie are great."

"Peter is fantastic."

"Good to see ladies doubles drills starting up."

2026 AGM survey | Example of Coaching Feedback (all 100 comments will be reviewed by the committee and Head Coach)

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Committee AGM Next Steps

1. To share AGM voting results and report with the membership.

2. To action the three AGM motions including the new volunteer team, the 3.5% increase in fee rates for 2027/28, and to progress plans for the clubhouse extension.

3. To review AGM data to help guide the decision with regards a membership waiting list.

4. To review results and implications of specific survey questions linked to padel, clay courts social tennis and coaching.

5. To review and discuss all the other detailed membership feedback, including future improvement ideas.



