

Increasing Sports Participation and Protecting Playing Fields



Tennis has never been more popular at Albert Road Recreation Ground

The London Borough of Haringey entered into a Deed of Dedication with Fields in Trust in 2012 to protect the site as a public playing field and recreation ground in perpetuity. With the support of Fields in Trust and The London Marathon Charitable Trust, grant funding has enabled new changing rooms and storage to be built to encourage new participants and increase the regularity of the existing users.

Pavilion Tennis delivers an incredibly successful tennis and sports programme, and with the support of the Council and the Friends of Albert Road Recreation Ground a thriving community facility has been created. There is rarely a day that the courts are not full, with new initiatives such as free beginners coaching, social tennis nights and cardio tennis.



It's easy to see why Albert Road Recreation Ground won the prestigious Getting Active Award at Fields in Trust National Awards in 2012 in recognition of the dedicated volunteers and coaches who have brought the community together around sport.

Outcomes

Increase in participation from
400 to 600 regular players

"We have a record of making things happen and with the new changing rooms, the facilities will be enjoyed by many more people in the future"
Robby Sukhdeo, Pavilion Tennis

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Community Tennis Club at Blakers Park

Blakers Park is owned by Brighton and Hove City Council who entered into a Deed of Dedication with Fields in Trust in 2012 to ensure the facilities are protected in perpetuity.

The two tennis courts are free to use and open to the public at all times alongside Blakers Park Tennis Club practice sessions and league matches. With standard of play to suit all abilities there is a real sense of community created around the tennis courts

The park is a well-loved and well-used community space in a highly residential area with an active Friends Group supporting and promoting the facility.



Tennis for free in Epsom and Ewell parks

Fields in Trust protects a total of ten sites with Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, including twelve tennis courts. The Council also offers free professional tennis coaching sessions and equipment.

At Alexandra Recreation Ground, a friends group 'The Alex Rec Racquetees' help to run the sessions. Similarly at Court Recreation Ground, Epsom Community Tennis runs the tennis sessions and links with neighbouring Ebbisham Tennis Club so players can be signposted to the club.



Outcomes

54% increase in participation
from 60 to 90 players each week

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council benefitted from £58,000 of attributed grant funding via Fields in Trust through the support of The London Marathon Charitable Trust. This includes resurfacing the tennis courts at Court Recreation Ground.