

Sweffling Tennis Club 21-2022 Report

After a successful 2019-20 season we were keen to capitalise on the new membership assisted by 'lock-down', so our focus was on maintaining membership activity and fund raising for the resurfacing of the court.

Thankfully membership was retained, helped by the increased participation in the 'Rusty Racquets' regular get togethers. Judging by the amount of court time that now occupies, clearly some of our older members are now a lot less rusty!

We had been hampered in 2019 with our attempts to raise funds, as rightly, all charities were focussing on covid related needs. Thankfully this situation changed, and after numerous applications to local and sports related bodies, we were successful in receiving a grant for £2000 from the Suffolk Sports Fund. This was in addition to generous £500 donation from a personal trust in Bury St Edmunds. The balance was made up by the club savings over the past 22 years, and so early in 2022, we were able to give the go ahead to the contractor. Work started in April '22, and after the new surface has been painted in fresh blue and green, the court will be available for play later in May.

The club is hoping to capitalise on the lure of the new court surface and welcomes all local residents along to give it a try. There will be an evening BBQ and tennis event on the 11th June, to which all locals are invited.

For membership details please contact the club secretary, Sue Rusack (SueRyderR@rusack.myzen.co.uk), or myself, Steve Ashurst (ashurst.stephen@talk21.com).

Thanks, Steve (Chair – Sweffling Tennis Club)