



Website: <https://crostonsportsclub.co.uk/tennis/#page-content>

Dear Member

We are pleased that you have decided to join Croston Sports Club, Tennis Section and wish to extend you a warm welcome. This letter provides you with useful information about the Club and its facilities.

Location & Facilities

Croston Sport Club Tennis Section is situated in the centre of the village behind the cricket and football pitch on Westhead Road. There are 3 tarmac courts and fund-raising is underway to add floodlights and a 4th court.



Access to the Courts & Clubhouse

The gate to the courts is secured with a combination padlock. This will be confirmed when you join the club either via email or on the social WhatsApp group.

The key for the clubhouse door is kept inside a KeySafe adjacent to the door. The code for the KeySafe is the same as the court combination lock.

For security reasons if you are the last person to leave make sure that the courts and clubhouse are locked and the door key replaced in the KeySafe.

Inside the Clubhouse

There are toilet facilities and a kitchen / seating area (additional toilet facilities are located at the main Croston Sports Club on Westhead Road).

The clubhouse also contains a first aid.

The Club does not provide balls for social tennis. However, when available you are welcome to use any previously used matched balls in the clubhouse. Please return these after use.

Use of Courts

The courts can be booked by members seven days a week. Courts can be booked using the website and clicking on the link at the bottom of the page.

The booking system will indicate if the court is not available due to matches, coaching sessions or general social tennis (club sessions).

Club Sessions (Social Tennis)

The Club has open sessions every week where you can come along, meet other members, and enjoy a game. These sessions vary throughout the year depending on match fixtures.

August Club Sessions

- Monday evenings 6pm until dusk
- Wednesday 10am to 12pm
- Sunday afternoons 1pm onwards

September Club Sessions

- Monday evenings 6pm onwards
- Wednesday 10am to 12pm
- Sunday afternoons 1pm onwards (alternate Sundays please check website)

Coaching Sessions

Coaching is provided by LTA accredited coaches. Chris Anders (Level 4) and his assistant Jack Parker (Level 2).

Current coaching sessions are as follows:

Adult Coaching (From August 9th onwards) pay on the night £5 per session

- Wednesday 6 pm – 7 pm (intermediates)
- Wednesday 7 pm – 8 pm (team players)

Junior Coaching (From August 6th onwards) pay on the day £5-£6 per session

- Sundays 9:45 – 10:30 am (Mini Red – 5 - 8 yrs.)
- Sundays 10:30 – 11:30 am (Full Ball – 11 – 16 yrs.)
- Sundays 11:30 – 12:30 pm – (Mini Orange – 8 -10 yrs.)

Junior Tennis – Club Night (From September 9th onwards) £6 per session

- 4:30 – 6:30 pm (5 – 16 yrs.)

NOTE: Please check the website for up dates.

Juniors

Juniors are able to book courts using the online booking system but must be of 13 years of age or older to play unsupervised.

Junior members will be invited to attend Club Sessions if other members feel that they are of a standard where they would benefit from these social sessions.

We do not have any junior leagues but U18s may be selected to play in senior league matches.

Club Social Events

Details of social events and newsletters are sent by email and are also posted on our website and Facebook page.

Community Links

Croston Tennis Club have links with 'Croston Men in Sheds' who use our Club House Thursday mornings 10am – 12pm. Members are still able to book and use our courts during this time. However, please be aware that the club house will be shared with 'Men in Sheds' and the area surrounding is used for wood working.

For more information see: The Croston Shed <https://www.facebook.com/groups/330431382380209/>

Match Play

There are opportunities for members to represent the Club in external matches.

Summer League

We have five mixed teams, three in the Southport League & two in the Ribble League.

Autumn League

We have two ladies' teams and two men's teams in the Ribble League.

Winter League (indoor)

We have one mixed team in the Bolton League.

Visitor Fees

Members may bring guests to use the courts. The first visit is free and subsequent visits incur a fee of £5 per adult, payable to the Club Treasurer or other committee member.

Please ensure that you collect visitor fees when playing with a non-member or, better still, encourage them to join so that they can benefit from full club membership.

Safeguarding Policies & Guidance

Any safeguarding concerns should be reported directly to Our Welfare Officer, Jane Godsland email: jane.godsland@gmail.com Tel: 0751521608. 'Reporting a Concern Forms' are available on the Club House noticeboard. Alternatively contact committee members: Sheila Wastell email: sheilawastell@aol.com or Chris Harrison email: chrisharrison777@sky.com

We acknowledge the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk. The club is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and LTA requirements.

We would ask that you take time to read the Club's Safeguarding Policies & Guidance. These documents are available in the Policies folder inside the Clubhouse and on our website: <https://crostonsportsclub.co.uk/tennis/#page-content>

Registering for LTA Advantage Membership

Croston Tennis Club is registered with the LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) and one of the benefits of affiliation is that members are able to apply for FREE LTA Advantage Membership. As an Advantage member you will receive access to offers, discounts on tournament tickets and clothing, access to the Wimbledon ballot as well as being kept up to date with the latest British tennis news. Apply for membership at www2.lta.org.uk/advantage

Further Questions

Do not hesitate to ask if you have any further questions. To conclude, we thank you for your membership and look forward to seeing you on court. On a final note, the Club is managed by a small group of committee members, all of whom are volunteers. If you would like to be involved in any aspect of the Club we would appreciate your assistance.

Enjoy your tennis with us.

Croston Tennis Club Committee Members