



**Annual
Review
2019/20**

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Editor's note: This review covers departmental and financial matters for the year to March 31, 2020. For competition and performance matters, obituaries and notable achievements, the period covered is the 2019/20 season.



Sandra Deaton



“ Before lockdown, table tennis was in a good place. We had passed through some turbulent times, and were able to focus on providing and facilitating the enjoyment of our sport to all ages and all abilities. ”

Twelve months ago, none of us could have imagined the situation we currently find ourselves in. Table tennis, like every other aspect of our lives, has suffered as we take necessary measures to turn the tide against this global pandemic.

I want to begin my short review by remembering our friends and members of the table tennis family who have sadly lost their lives during this time. I also want to pay tribute to our staff, our volunteers, our members, my Board colleagues and everyone connected with our sport for working with us, showing patience, and supporting us and our sport through these unprecedented times.

I promise you all that we will return to the sport we all love as soon as it is practical and safe to do so.

In this report, I also want to share with you some of the positive initiatives we were taking before 'lockdown'. Table tennis was in a good place. We had passed through some turbulent times, and were able to focus on providing and facilitating the enjoyment of our sport to all ages and all abilities.

We had had a successful take-up of TT Kidz, a new initiative to give youngsters a taste of table tennis in a fun and imaginative environment. Our coaches and clubs around the country had embraced this concept and we were seeing a new generation of children coming into the sport in an enjoyable, creative manner.

Local leagues - the bedrock of our sport - were accepting the challenge to adapt to meet the needs of a changing market. In order to grow and survive, some leagues were embracing new formats, such as junior leagues to encourage younger players - as well as enhancing their traditional structures.

Table Tennis England had been 'on the road' taking our regional conferences around the country and meeting members and local clubs, to hear your issues, offer guidance and support, and the opportunity to network with others in similar situations in order to make 'best practice, common practice'.

Our connection with the membership was strengthened as MAG - the Members' Advisory Group - became more involved in specific

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Charlie Childs will be much missed by the Board and the sport

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projects. The creation of MAG was a major recommendation of an Independent Review of our sport - and MAG, all of whose members are from within the table tennis community, is now providing the Board with advice on issues of particular relevance to our membership, such as ranking, coaching, volunteers and promotion of the sport.

We have also reached out to the membership directly on consultations on British League and ranking to ensure that we have direct input from our players on the issues which affect them the most.

Our motivation is captured in our slogan - 'Table tennis . . . a sport for all, for life'. We have been making great progress on bringing table tennis to all standards of play. At the 'mass' end of our programme, tables were popping up in shopping centres and communal areas and, in some cases, providing a central focus for community groups as well as a fun experience for many.

At our elite end, our top players continued to make great progress on the international stage, and we welcomed many of our brightest young prospects into our Hopes and Aspire squads to ensure that they have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

You can read more of these and other events later in this review.

However, I want to end this short report, where I began. The global pandemic we are all facing has brought challenges none of us could have considered. I want to thank our Table Tennis England staff, led by CEO Sara Sutcliffe, for supporting the membership and providing opportunities for them to keep in contact with our sport through this time - with webinars, Zoom meetings, website news, liaison with our elite athletes, who themselves have contacted and supported our younger players, and also for the clarity in making fair arrangements to close our season earlier.

I would like to thank my colleagues on the Board who have met regularly via Zoom meetings to deal with the tough, but necessary, strategic and financial decisions during these uncertain times.

And finally, I'd like to thank our members for their understanding and co-operation - and for demonstrating their continuing love of the sport - at a time when I know many of you faced personal difficulties.

On a personal note, I would like to express my deep sadness at the loss of our friend and Board colleague, Charlie Childs, who passed away following a stroke. Charlie was one of our Elected Directors and a life-long supporter of table tennis, a knowledgeable coach and a great asset on our Board. He is sadly missed.

I look forward to welcoming you all back to playing table tennis in the not too distant future.

International Matters

As with all International Sports Federations, the ITTF has had many difficult decisions to make over the last few months.

A significant one was the postponement of the World Team Championships in Korea. This was scheduled for March at the time when most countries were experiencing the establishment of the coronavirus pandemic. A potential alternative date in September was identified but with the ongoing uncertainty for many countries it has been further postponed until 2021. However, it is confirmed that a virtual AGM will be held on September 28th 2020. The 2021 Worlds in Houston cannot take place on the planned dates due to the rescheduled Tokyo Olympics. We await more news on this.

The regional qualification for the Olympic team places was held in January in Portugal with a disappointing result for the Great Britain as neither the men or women's team managed to qualify. This meant that the only representation by GB players would need to be achieved through the singles qualification process. However, once again the pandemic caused a cancellation of the event. Subsequently the International Olympic Committee postponed the 2020 Games until July 2021. It is hoped that the singles qualification process will resume in 2021, giving the GB players an opportunity to be part of the representation in Japan 2021.

Despite the necessity to cancel events, the ITTF has continued to move forward with the establishment of World Table Tennis. This is the commercial arm of the international body which will take on the total responsibility of running all the events and championships. They have already identified some new event formats. It remains a key part of our strategy to hold international events so we are negotiating with World Table Tennis to move this forward.

Continuing in my role as chair of the European Table Tennis Union youth committee, I attended the European Youth Championships in Ostrava and the Youth Top 10 in Noordwijk.

The European Team championships were held in Nantes in September 2019, with the congress also taking place. There remained some continual concern about the new format for the qualifications to the 2022 World Championships.

Following the cancellation of the World Championships in Korea, the ETTU held an extraordinary congress in Budapest. It was clear that the relationship between the ETTU and ITTF needed to be discussed in depth. It was unanimously agreed that there needed to be a detailed and constructive conversation to return to a positive partnership. The meeting was also informed that table tennis had the opportunity to be one of the sports in the multi-sport European Championships in Munich in 2022. This was very well received and subsequently it has been confirmed that table tennis will be included.

In late July 2019 a successful Commonwealth Championships was held in India. As is customary during these championships, an election took place for the Board and executive committee. Alan Ransome OBE has chaired this organisation for well over a quarter of a century, making sure that it gets the correct recognition. However, this time the membership of the organisation felt that it was necessary to have a change of personnel at the helm and a new chair was elected. England still has a representative on the executive as Susie Venner (Hughes) was elected as deputy chair. It is important to record the dedication and devotion Alan has given the Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation over the whole time he was chairman.

Finally, everything is continuing to be planned and moving forward for the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham 2022. We are continually in consultation with the organising committee and delighted that we were able to secure the inclusion of para table tennis into these prestigious Games.



Sara Sutcliffe



"In this time of crisis, Sport England stepped up to the plate very quickly, providing security to the bodies it funds. However, we are also very reliant on our own revenue and it is therefore vitally important that members do re-join at the beginning of the season so that the work of the Governing Body to get the sport back on its feet can continue."

It continues to be my great pleasure to write the Chief Executive's report for the Annual Review. It is obviously a period of unprecedented challenge for all of us as we manage the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. I hope that you and your families are well.

It has been an exiting year for Table Tennis England. The new season saw the introduction of TT Memberships (by Sport 80) and TT Leagues (by Rocca Creative). Both systems saw upgrades and new developments released during the year and with more planned in the coming season.

TT Kidz really got off the ground this year. It was a shame for the second phase to be cut short due to the coronavirus crisis but we look forward to getting going again.

We engaged Sport England's help with some mystery shopper visits and the results were fantastic and particularly reflected well on the clubs and individuals involved in the sessions (who did not know that they had a mystery shopper in their ranks). What became really apparent was that the atmosphere, the personal welcome and small touches were what made it a great experience that had the children and their parents wanting to come back week after week.

This is true of everything we and you do - the experience is what brings people back. You don't go back to a restaurant that has awful service, poor hygiene or a bad atmosphere, no matter how good the food is. A visit to a sports club has to be treated the same way, we can never assume that people will come back just because they want to play table tennis. They need to want to come back, they need to feel welcome and have an enjoyable experience.

This is where the focus of our BeTT programme lies, in helping clubs and leagues deliver programmes that make the experience of starting, coming back to or improving in table tennis better. So many of our clubs and leagues are embracing this thinking now and seeing the benefits of doing so. The sharing of experiences or ideas between clubs and leagues, the creation of a network build on shared experiences, has been an important part of our regional conferences and now our webinar series.

Ping Pong Parlours and Ping in the Community really got into their stride this year with record numbers of people engaged. We can't wait to get going again.

After four years of a successful partnership, PG Mutual stepped

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The Aspiration Fund grant has been very important for the performance programme - and the athletes in turn aim to inspire the next generation, as they are at this TT Kidz taster session



From page 5 down as sponsors of the National Championships series. Without their support we would not have been able to make recent step-changes in the professionalisation of that event and improve it year on year. We will be forever thankful to Mike Perry and his team at PG Mutual for their support.

In an exciting development, Mark Bates Ltd have now grabbed the baton and we were very excited to announce a five-year partnership as title sponsors of the National Championship series. And our relationship with Mark Bates Ltd, providers of a wide variety of every day insurance products, goes deeper than just sponsorship. Over the coming months we will be announcing how that will work and how through purchasing insurance products through Mark Bates Ltd you will be supporting the long-term sustainability of table tennis.

We remain grateful to Sport England for their ongoing support of table tennis. In this time of crisis, Sport England stepped up to the plate very quickly, providing security to the bodies it funds.

Within days we were reassured that not only was current funding secure, but reporting targets were relaxed and all attention was to be placed on surviving the crisis and being ready to support the sport and activity sector as soon as doors could reopen.

The Community Emergency Fund was launched and at least £80,000 of grants have made their way to support table tennis clubs. Guidance and advice was given, they lobbied Government and influenced the decisions and policy statements as much as possible.

Importantly, we also received the news that the four-year funding cycle was effectively being extended into a fifth year (2021/22) with funding guaranteed at the same level as Year 4. In a period of such uncertainty for so many businesses and sectors we are very grateful for Sport England's leadership at this time. However, we are also very reliant on our own revenue and it is therefore vitally important that members do re-join at the beginning of the season so that the work of the Governing Body to get the sport back on its feet can continue.

UK Sport have also played an important role in the sector. As we are not recipients of a World Class Performance grant, we have less interaction with UK Sport. However, as an Olympic (and Paralympic) sport and as recipients of an Aspiration Fund award which was granted to us on behalf of British Table Tennis to target Olympic qualification, we have also been the beneficiaries of their support and guidance for which we are grateful.

Without doubt, the awarding of the Aspiration Fund grant in the last year has been very important for the performance programme. The Home Nations held a meeting of Chairs, CEO and Head Coaches as we considered how to improve performance standards collectively across the British Isles.

We have welcomed some new faces to the Board this year. As we said goodbye to Keith Thomas, Mike Smith, Andrew Nixon and Kelly Skeggs we welcomed Tony Catt and Charlie Childs who were elected along with Susie Venner as Elected Deputy Chairmen and then later in the year we welcomed Steve Kemish and Priya Samuel as independent directors.

It was a very sad moment for his family, club and the sport as a whole when Charlie Childs passed away in March and we offer our condolences to them all. Our thanks to Keith, Mike, Andrew and Kelly for their outstanding contributions to the Board.

These unprecedented times have given us all a period of reflection. Organisations that can be adaptable to the changing environments will be the ones that flourish. The world around us is changing. As we edge closer to celebrating our centenary as the National Governing Body for table tennis in England we must be able to adapt to ensure that table tennis not only survives but thrives going forward. We are here to preserve the past, manage the present and be ready for the future.

The infrastructure of the sport will be tested, from the availability of facilities and venues to numbers of coaches and officials ready to go again. As your Governing Body we will do everything we can to support all of you to return to playing, whatever that may look like in the early months. We all want normality to be resumed but we will adapt as necessary.

We had planned to publish a revision of the Mission 2025 strategy this year. Despite having done most of the work on it we have decided to pause until we fully understand the impact of the Covid-19 crisis. This will involve much more consultation with all parts of the sport in coming months.

I would like to record my enormous thanks to the staff who have demonstrated immense resilience this year especially in the last few months. My thanks is of course also extended Sandra Deaton and to the Board who have been on hand to manage the current challenges as well as support and guide the executive team throughout the year.

And finally my thanks to all the volunteers up and down the country who have shown resilience and adaptability in the last few months and who are working hard to help get table tennis ready again. You are the army that will march on.

National Council

National Council acts as a channel of communication between the Board and the membership.

In 2019/20 the Board, staff and councillors worked hard together to do this effectively whilst minimising the cost and staff resources needed to achieve it. Meetings have moved to our new HQ which is a more suitable venue and achieves a significant cost saving.

National Councillors are keen to engage with the Board and staff. Directors and staff have many calls on their time but councillors welcome them to meetings and to networking during the meeting day whenever they are free.

Meetings were held in September and December. The coronavirus crisis forced the cancellation of the March meeting at short notice but the Board provided a webinar on the proposed changes of membership categories and revision of affiliation fees and the consultation on the ranking scheme. The Board also provided reports and answered written questions from councillors. The crisis had not passed in time for the June meeting so we held it online.

Other topics discussed during the year included club and league development and making better use of IT systems in table tennis.

The Code of Sport Governance expects sporting bodies to be accountable and transparent. We now publish National Council papers on the website for the benefit of the membership. These include reports from the Board, the chairman and the CEO as well as Council's own papers.

A problem in any large meeting is that newer members are less confident about speaking. So we now hold part of each meeting in smaller workshop groups. These have discussed marking our centenary in 2022, voting and company membership and membership strategy. A workshop on encouraging children and young people in the sport had to be postponed due to coronavirus but will be held when we return to conventional meetings.

We have established an excellent relationship with the Members' Advisory Group (MAG) and consider papers from each other at our meetings.

As National Council Chairman, I would like to express thanks to the Board and staff for all their help, in particular to Jo Keay-Blyth who has provided a first-class service as National Council Secretary.

Estyn Williams

Members' Advisory Group (MAG)

The formation of a Members' Advisory Group (MAG) was the main recommendation of the Independent Review Panel on Governance.

The Review recognised the need to improve the advice available to the Board and to ensure effective two-way engagement between the Board and the wider table tennis community. This would create a more effective, robust organisation that would be better placed to face the challenges of developing table tennis into the future.

Accordingly, MAG has been established as a source of strategic and operational advice to the Board on a broad range of issues relating to table tennis.

Members of MAG come from all parts of the table tennis community – including players, clubs, leagues and counties, coaches, umpires, and schools. The 12 inaugural MAG members were: Craig Bryant, Kevin Buddell, Joanne Green, Neil Hurford, Brian Kean, David Maddison, Dean Nabarro, Sandy Nash, Raj Patel, Steve Pratt, Stuart Sherlock and Dan Simms.

During the year, three members of MAG (Brian, Craig and Raj) have stood down. As of the beginning of June, a recruitment process was under way to appoint three new members. We hope to have the new members in place by mid-July.

MAG has adopted a project-based approach to its work programme – identifying discrete pieces of work for which it puts together a suitably experienced project team. Ideas for projects come from a variety of sources – from MAG members themselves, from the Board or from the wider table tennis community. The decision to go ahead with a project is taken jointly by MAG and the Board.

The projects that are currently under way or in the pipeline are:

- Ranking – we provided advice to the Board that was incorporated into the recent ranking consultation
- Volunteering – volunteers are the back-bone of table tennis, and this project is developing a strategy for enhancing the volunteer experience
- Coaching – we have brain-stormed the landscape of issues associated with coaching. The Board has identified two specific projects on coaching that they would like us to undertake that flow naturally from this overview of the coaching landscape.
- Changing the perceptions of table tennis – modern social media platforms



The members of MAG have been meeting online during the pandemic

provide a great opportunity to change the perception of table tennis. We have presented ideas to the Board who have set up a Working Group on which MAG participates to explore this further

- Clubs – clubs are key drivers of development in table tennis. We want to engage in a dialogue with clubs on how Table Tennis England can best help them and ensure they have a stronger voice
- IT Systems – IT is critical to any modern organisation, particularly one with a diverse membership base such as Table Tennis England. This project will explore the ways in which the various systems currently available can best meet the needs of table tennis.

So far, the project team for each project has exclusively consisted of MAG members. But as we progress with our project-based approach, we will aim to include non-MAG members so that we broaden the expertise available to us.

Active engagement with the table tennis community is seen as important to the success of MAG. Now that we have a work programme in place, we want to ensure that we have processes in place for hard-wiring engagement with the membership into our operations.

In order to kick-start this process, we have started on a programme of engaging with counties, leagues and clubs via online meetings over the summer months.

Neil Hurford

Governance

The Board is the ultimate decision-making body and exercises the powers of the organisation. The Board is responsible for: setting the strategy of the organisation; approving the long-term financial plan and annual budget; monitoring delivery of the operational plan, priorities and objectives; periodic review of the financial plan and performance against annual budget and periodic review of major risks and programmes.

Day-to-day management of Table Tennis England is delegated by the Board to the senior leadership team under the leadership of the Chief Executive. Financial authorities are in place for each level of the Executive structure.

There have been significant changes to the Board during the past year, and we were very sad to lose Charlie Childs, who

passed away earlier this year, less than a year after he was elected. In all, the election of three new elected directors and two independent directors further enhanced the Board's diversity.

The Board met in full four times and held five additional Board calls to discuss the ongoing impact and forward planning following the Coronavirus situation. Summaries of the full Board meetings are available on the website.

Following the resignation of two Board members in July 2019, two new directors were appointed; Steve Kemish and Priya Samuel, both attending their first Board meeting in December.

The following directors attended all four full Board meetings: Sandra Deaton, Sara Sutcliffe, Simon Griew, Susie Venner and Tom Purcell and the following attended two

or three: Tony Catt, Mark Quartermaine, Doug Livingstone, Priya Samuels, Steve Kemish and Charlie Childs. Dee Paterson attended one meeting.

In addition, every Board member sits on at least one of the Finance and Audit Committee or the Governance and Risk Committee, each of which meets in between the Board meetings. The terms of reference for those two committees are available on the website. The details of all Board sub-committees are listed on the 'About Us' section of the website.

The National Council elected a new Chairman this year, Estyn Williams. The National Council met in September and December and the minutes are available on the website. The March meeting was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic and a Zoom call was held in its place.

Profile

As we continue to work to build the image and profile of the sport, we again worked alongside 1080 Media to ensure the Mark Bates Ltd National Championships Finals Day was shown on the BBC Sport website.

In total, the BBC reported almost 33,000 stream starts and an average watch time of just under 18 minutes. Both of these were up on the previous year from 21,000 and 16 minutes respectively.

The first two days of the Nationals were shown on our Facebook and YouTube channels.

Our social media reach continues to grow organically and as at June 16, the number of followers on our key social media platforms was:

Facebook: 19,983 (plus 18,462 likes)
Instagram: 9,140
Twitter: 14,957

In the 365 days to March 19, 2020, we had 945,000 views on our YouTube channel, comprising more than 118,000 watch hours (seven million minutes).

We continue to proactively contact media outlets and respond to requests for media appearances for the England athletes, which this year included among others arranging interviews with Liam Pitchford on TalkSport, BBC online and Press Association, and with Liam and Paul Drinkhall on Sky Sports television.

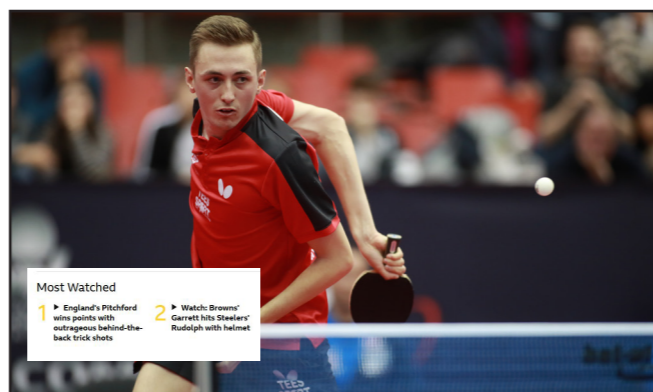
The Press Association interview resulted in articles appearing in more than 500 UK media outlets, mostly in the regional press but also including the Sky Sports, BT Sport and Daily Mail websites. According to our media monitoring service, the combined reach of the 500+ outlets was more than 158 million, with an Advertising Value Equivalent (AVE) - the amount of money it would have cost to buy the same amount of space in those media - of almost £1.5 million.

We also, through liaison with the ITTF, provided video to the BBC and Sky Sports of Liam playing two behind-the-back shots against Jun Mizutani at the Austrian Open. These featured on BBC Breakfast and Sky Sports News bulletins, while a tweet of the shot on the BBC Sport Twitter page was viewed more than 834,000 times.

Liam also spoke well to the BBC website about his battle with depression, while he and Sam Walker recorded a podcast about mental health which was shared with our members. Further planned podcasts were put on hold because of the pandemic.

Various members of our staff, as well as clubs and players, featured on a number of regional TV channels, covering subjects from Ping Pong Parlours to lockdown activity.

More than 350 press releases were sent out to national,



Liam Pitchford spoke about depression on the BBC Sport website (top) - where video of his behind-the-back shots against Jun Mizutani was the most watched video of the day

regional and trade media, comprising mainly updates from domestic competitions and international events involving English athletes of all ages. These generated coverage with a combined reach of 70 million online and 2.6 million in print, with a combined AVE across both media of around £680,000. These figures are likely to fall in the year beginning April 1, 2020, due to the cancellation of events during the coronavirus pandemic.

Using the Dotdigital email platform, we sent around 1.4 million emails to more than 123,000 recipients. Our open rate was 29%, above the sport industry benchmark of 19.6%, while the click-through rate was 6.7%, again above the benchmark figure of 3.8%.

Participation and Places

The Table Tennis England membership stood at 29,622 on March 31, 2020. This significant decrease, from 44,652 the previous year, is almost entirely because Associate Members were not automatically renewed for the 2019/20 season.

This was due to our review of membership categories and benefits and the subsequent restructuring for the 2020/21 season and beyond. We aim to ensure that a wider cross-section of regular players is reflected in the membership numbers and will therefore be asking Associate Members to renew in the new category which is most relevant to them.

There has been a small increase in the number of Licensed members and a decrease of 700 in Player members. This was due to a variety of factors, including data cleansing during the move to the TT Memberships platform, a small number of clubs and leagues no longer operating, and some players choosing to no longer play competitive table tennis.

This was the first year of operation of the new TT Memberships system and a lot of work was carried out to ensure members received the help they needed to transition to the new platform.

TT Kidz

TT Kidz, our programme aimed at engaging more 7-to-11-year-olds in the sport in clubs and schools, was launched at the National Conference at the end of March 2019.

The first phase of delivery was in clubs in the autumn of 2019 and the second phase got under way in February 2020, although this could not be finished as scheduled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

In all, more than 750 7-to-11-year-olds have taken part in the programme to date at a total of 64 programmes in 45 different locations. Of those participants, 29% have been female. The programme also engaged thousands of other participants as part of taster sessions and promotional sessions.

TT Kidz for Schools was piloted in 18 schools from January and had been due to be launched nationally in April. It is now planned to launch in September.

Premier Education Group is our official primary schools delivery partner and will deliver table tennis in schools across England, primarily through TT Kidz, enabling thousands more young people to have their first experience of the sport. Through this partnership, more than 100 Premier coaches have been trained to deliver the programme in schools.

Agreement was also reached with Table Tennis Australia to allow TT Kidz to be licensed for delivery in Australia. A TT Kidz awards scheme is in development and scheduled to launch in the autumn.

Be TT

Be TT is our support programme for affiliated clubs and leagues,

Total membership		
	18/19	19/20
Associate	19,122	4,799
Licensed	2,361	2,368
Player	23,169	22,905
Total	44,652	30,072
Membership by age		
Cadet	5,646	3,715
Junior	3,570	760
Senior	10,004	5,626
Veteran	25,432	19,971
Membership by age - Licensed		
Cadet	668	595
Junior	354	436
Senior	614	579
Veteran	725	758
Membership by age - Player		
Cadet	2,020	1,871
Junior	1,106	1,123
Senior	3,938	3,421
Veteran	16,105	16,040

The TT Kidz success story

750
participants in Year 1 through TT Kidz clubs

73%
enjoyed taking part in exercise and sports more since taking part in TT Kidz

46 Clubs have run TT Kidz sessions

113 TT Kidz Activators

72%
felt more confident when exercising and playing sports since taking part in TT Kidz

95%
participants rated TT Kidz as very good or excellent value

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Views on the TT Kidz website

“It was a fabulous first TT Kidz session. Henry absolutely loved it, and the instructors were brilliant.”

“We really enjoyed our TT Kidz session at Wintonley Table Tennis Club. The booking process was straightforward and hassle free and the coach, Peter, was clearly passionate about the sport and delivered a fun, interactive session my daughter very much enjoyed.”

“The session went off with a bang. Congratulations to a terrific performance - the training information flow and marketing resources are first rate. Archway Peterborough TTC.”

“It has been a struggle to find a physical activity that Bella would be committed to doing as a regular basis. However, TT Kidz was a game changer. Bella has been looking forward to her sessions and her love for table tennis has improved.”

“Always a first day of a new course. The of being able to have lots of fun and learning how to play table tennis. Can't wait for week 2. Nice to see the new generation of players at our club. Peterborough Kingsley TTC.”

designed to deliver better experiences across our sport. Year three of Be TT saw a record 66 applications from 50 clubs, 14 leagues and 1 joint club and league application, of which 36 were brand new to the Be TT programme.

A total of 50 funded projects were accepted onto the programme broken down into 39 clubs, 10 leagues and one joint club and league application. Each was funded a maximum of £750 and could use the funding for one project or multiple focus areas. Every project is required to contribute partnership funding which may be in the form of discounted venue or in-kind coaching.

The three areas of focus were women and girls (16 projects), short-format leagues (18 projects) and under-11s (26 projects, of which 13 were TT Kidz). Of these Year three projects, 37% were in the top 30% areas of deprivation in England.

Some projects were cut short or were not able to start due to the impact of coronavirus but aim to start when restrictions are lifted in the future.



Since 2017 Be TT has engaged almost 7,000 individuals through funded programmes, with more than 30% of those being female.

Bat and Chat continued to grow in Year 3, with 15 new club/league sign-ups, taking the total number of registered clubs and leagues delivering a Bat and Chat programme to 39. The average number attending each session is 17 participants, with the average age being in the 50+ age group. Be TT funding was used for some projects.

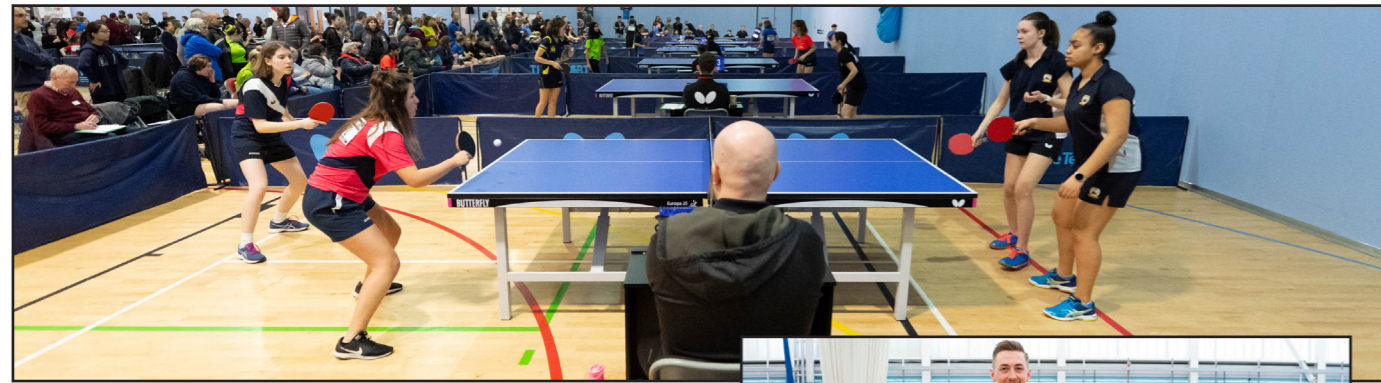
From Year three feedback, the impact that the programme has on participants, coaches and the clubs or leagues that they are hosted at is clear. Participants reported a positive impact on their mental and physical well-being which in turn led them to become more active and involved in either table tennis or other sports. Coaches, from delivering sessions, reported a positive impact on their own confidence, happiness and even their own playing experience. Clubs have also seen a boost in their membership

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A Bat and Chat session in Falmouth

Participation and Places



From Page 9 revenue and volunteers coming from Bat and Chat social sessions. Towards the end of Year three, the Back to TT programme was launched. This programme is aimed at those returning to the sport or who are already active in other sports and is suitable for both clubs and leagues. Sessions are encouraged to be very flexible: ranging from structured coaching to matchplay. There were 19 sign-ups from clubs in the first week, however, few sessions were able to start before the lockdown.

Clubs & Leagues

In total, we are working with 389 clubs. Of those, 170 have PremierClub status, the same level as 2018/19. The number of Associate Clubs rose from 137 in 2018/19 to 219 this season.

A series of regional club and volunteer conferences was again held around the country, bringing together clubs, volunteers and Table Tennis England staff for a day of networking, workshops and sharing best practice. Conferences were held in Birmingham, Durham and Tonbridge, with 48 delegates in total. Of those, 95% rated the conference as 'excellent' or 'good' in terms of the information given to them at the event and the value of the time spent there.

A date of June 5-6 has been set for the 2021 National Conference, which will incorporate the Pride of Table Tennis Awards presentation evening.

The Satellite Club programme continues to be a success, with targets in many areas being surpassed. In 2019/20 43 new satellite clubs have been developed, engaging a total of 1,817 young people. 29% of participants have been female, which exceeds the Table Tennis England female membership of 9% and the programme target of 20-25% female participation. 40% of participants have been from ethnic minority groups, and 77% from IMD (Index of Multiple Deprivation) bands 0-70%.

The target of 82 sustained clubs has also been surpassed this year, with a total of 105 Satellite Clubs continuing activity without funding support.

In order to support the day-to-day running of a table tennis club, PremierClubs are able to access the ClubSpark Club Management platform. There are currently 57 table tennis clubs with active ClubSpark profiles.

The platform, which is free to PremierClubs, enables Clubs to take payments for memberships, create a website, manage bookings for sessions and holiday camps, and much more.

Table Tennis England continues to work closely with the Sport England Club Matters team to ensure that table tennis clubs are able to access the latest tools and resources. Workshops have been included within the Club Conferences, and a series of virtual webinars were due to be held in late spring.

After the coronavirus lockdown came into effect in March, we supported clubs online through a series of webinars which continued throughout the lockdown period. Subjects included how clubs could benefit from the Be TT and TT Kidz initiatives and our other programmes, guidance on preparing to return to action after the lockdown, club management and safeguarding.

The webinars were well attended and well received by those



Above: Liam Pitchford inspires youngsters at the Jack Petchey Team Finals. Top: The Butterfly Schools Team Finals

who participated. We also supported clubs to apply for grants through the Sport England Community Emergency Fund set up in response to the pandemic.

Schools

The schools competition programme was curtailed by the coronavirus pandemic – the team event was completed, but the individual finals were cancelled. In all, around 10,000 players competed in the local, regional and national stages of these competitions. The Primary Schools International and Senior Schools International were both cancelled. Our thanks go to Butterfly for sponsoring the team and individual events, to the Schools Committee and to the event organisers Richard Hudson (team), Gail Johns (individual) and Steve Burge (international).

The Jack Petchey Table Tennis Programme aims to enrich young people's lives in London and Essex through regularly engaging them with table tennis opportunities. It is founded on the successful partnership between the Jack Petchey Foundation and Table Tennis England.

The partnership entered its 10th year in February 2020 and across the 2019/20 season, 242 tables were donated to schools, 38 tables were donated to youth clubs, more than 1,000 young people took part in schools' competitions and 10 schools were represented at the This Girl Can Ping event on National Table Tennis Day. Across the 10 years of the partnership, more than 50,000 young people have directly benefited from the programme.

The Table Tennis England Schools equipment offer has been revised and a new range of packages was due to be launched in the spring.

The new Table Tennis Teachers Award was introduced in September 2019. This was aimed at Secondary School staff, with the new TT Kidz Activator course designed for Primary staff. This change also reflected an increasing demand from schools for support with GCSE moderations.

From the beginning of September 2019 to the end of March 2020 we hosted 14 courses, with 231 candidates and we are still receiving plenty of interest for future bookings. The course has been especially popular with universities working with trainee PE teachers as they view table tennis as a good option to engage with a large number of pupils across genders and in limited space, and as a useful bad weather option when many of the outdoor facilities are unavailable.



Community participation

The growth in the Ping Pong Parlours initiative has overtaken the traditional Ping! festival component of our mass participation programme and is now the project which records the largest number of participants. In the year to March 31, 20 new Parlours opened and an estimated 1,500,839 people used one of the locations. Participation numbers are estimated by a combination of footfall counters at a number of Parlours, plus manual observations. The delivery model has evolved so that shopping centres pay for signage and equipment, ensuring a very cost-effective delivery model.

In total, since the project started, there have been more than 60 Parlours across the country. A large number of those deliver weekly structured sessions, mainly in the form of Bat and Chat sessions which engage older people (50+). A number of Parlours have links to clubs or coaches registered with Table Tennis England and there are numerous examples of people who started playing in Parlours going on to join 'traditional' table tennis clubs. We have seen examples of teams formed within Parlours and some locations organising their own leagues, managed by the participants themselves.

Alongside Cambridge City Council, we have part-funded the position of an activator who works part-time in the city's Parlour and he has been instrumental in setting up a number of sessions for the local community to attend. This sees the Parlour acting as a community hub, offering further sports such as boccia and table cricket for disabled visitors, as well as table tennis. We were on the point of expanding this initiative across another 10 Parlours when the coronavirus pandemic resulted in a halting of activities. The intention is to pick this up when circumstances allow.

Our new Community Champion Award, comprising a 30-minute course online, aims to recruit regular participants at Parlours who are willing to play a championing role to engage more participants. The course includes advice on welcoming visitors, setting up tournaments and managing any conflicts which may arise. Around 35 people have completed the course to date.

We have been gathering more detailed insight about the impact that Parlours are having on users' health and behaviour, looking at physical and mental health benefits, personal development, community development and economic development. This is



Above: Youngsters take part in a This Girl Can Ping! event at the Greenhouse Centre in London. Top: Cambridge Ping Pong Parlour

enabling us to learn more about the impact that the Parlour project has on people's lives, information which Sport England had asked us to provide.

Also under the Ping! umbrella is Ping in the Community, which has seen another good year of growth both in terms of the number of projects, as well as the range of community groups we have been able to engage with through our network of partnerships.

Ping in the Community has now surpassed 480 projects, with 216 new community groups introducing a project this year, resulting in an estimated 3,240 participants. We have continued to engage with national community organisations and charities to grow social table tennis within their local groups, including Stroke Association, Versus Arthritis, Access Sport and Age UK, which have all received packages from us.

Many of these projects are targeted at deprived areas and/or engage women and girls or BAME communities.

Across all our work, 33% of projects were in areas of deprivation, 59% of participants increased their activity levels through our programmes, 48% of participants are female, 18% of participants have a disability and 20%

of participants are from ethnic minority backgrounds. We have received a lot of feedback from partners that table tennis is a highly versatile sport which can deliver on a wide range of agendas.

The summer of 2019 saw the 10th anniversary of the Ping! initiative, which was marked by a series of 10 films under The Power of Ping! banner, put together in partnership with the media company Media Pack. The films were shared by Sport England and other partners, showcasing the breadth of our work with community groups to a wider audience. The films resonated with a wide range of people and groups, as illustrated by a spike in Ping in the Community sales resulting from the films. An average of 30 projects a month was added through the summer months, compared with the more usual number of around eight a month.

The estimated number of Ping! participants using the outdoor public tables in 2019/20 was 780,887, although we believe this figure to be much higher as we were unable to obtain data from London, where we have the largest number of public tables.

Our Loop at Work programme saw 50 new companies introduce table tennis this year, accounting for an estimated 800 participants. In total, more than 490 Loop at Work packages have now been sold. Plans have been put in place to launch a Business Membership for companies, which will provide companies with several benefits – including a year's subscription to The Ping Pong Hub, our online office competition platform.

We have begun partnerships with Everyone Active and Serco Leisure to introduce pilot projects with a view to upscaling delivery at leisure centres across the country. We are working with them to train staff to be more confident to deliver recreational table tennis during under-used time slots.

We are also working with Fred Perry clothing and UK Table Tennis to place up to 40 branded tables in public locations in English cities over three years, connecting the brand and the sport with a younger demographic.

If we charged each visitor to a Ping Pong Parlour just five pence, that would cover our staff salaries, which when compared with other projects delivered by Sport England is significantly below the normal costs of delivery and makes the project more sustainable.



WBL umpires in their new kit and, inset, Daniel Bullen umpiring at the Mark Bates Ltd National Championships

Our sport could not happen without the commitment and expertise of our workforce of volunteers, coaches and officials. Providing support and training for them, including a structured qualifications pathway, is a key part of our work. It also flows from our Mission 2025 strategy to invest in People as one of the enablers (alongside Places) of the sport, from which Participation and Performance will result.

We also ensure that the role played by volunteers is recognised, through our Pride of Table Tennis Awards programme, which honours volunteers at local, regional and national levels. This is covered on page 24 of this review.

This year has been the first of our Women and Girls Action plan, which was launched at last year's National Conference, to increase female participation in our sport. Updates are included in the sections below.

Officials

Recruiting female umpires and those under the age of 25 has been a priority, with a target of 15 in these demographics reaching qualification Level 2 or above in time to officiate at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

In the year ended March 31, a total of 39 new umpires were recruited, of whom 41% (16) are from the under-25, BAME and female demographics. The majority of these experienced umpiring at British League weekends and/or the Mark Bates Ltd Senior National Championships before the lockdown period. A number of them have been mentored by the Technical Officials Committee (TOC) to achieve Level 2 status.

A number of further Level 1 courses around the country were in the planning stage at the time of the lockdown.

The first ever Level 2 umpire training session was held during the Senior Nationals, with 21 Level 1 umpires in attendance, of whom 16 booked to take the Level 2 exam and practical assessment once a date can be arranged.

The training and mentoring process has been overseen by experienced officials Karen Tonge MBE, and Margot Fraser, alongside Chris Newton from our staff.

We are working with the Technical Officials Committee (TOC) towards implementing a quota system for young and female umpires at National events from 2020/21.

On the international front, congratulations to Jo Outhwaite and Jenny Sanders, who achieved Level 3 status and to Lyndon Griffiths and Josh Reynolds, who qualified as Blue Badge umpires.

Eight Level 1 referees attended a Level 2 training course, with five booked to take the Level 2 exam once a date can be arranged.

Following a review of officials' kit, a new and modern uniform was tested at three national events, including the Mark Bates Ltd National Championships. The coloured kit will be issued to umpires (blue), referees (red) and technical officials (purple), with the full roll-out to be completed during the 2020/21 season.

We made a successful bid to the ITTF to host the International Referees' Conference in Birmingham in November 2020. At the time of writing, no decision has been made whether this will take place as planned or be postponed to a future date.

Coaching

Following the development of the Level 1 Session Coach qualification, the popularity of the course continues to rise. In



In October, some of Europe's top coaches shared their knowledge and expertise when we hosted the European Table Tennis Union (ETTU) Coaching Conference at the Greenhouse Centre in London. Around 80 coaches from across Europe, including 40 from England, attended the three-day event. The series of lectures included two by Germany's Richard Prause, a former

international player and national coach who is currently sporting director of the German Table Tennis Association. Benjamin Schmitz, the German TTA fitness coach and Dimitrij Ovtcharov's personal trainer, also presented a lecture. Alongside these and other lectures, coaches had the chance to network and share their own knowledge with colleagues from around the continent.



Left: A female-only coaching course; Right: A Tournament Organiser course at Draycott TTC

the year to March 31, 29 courses were organised, of which three were cancelled or postponed due to coronavirus restrictions and another four cancelled due to non-viability. A total of 301 candidates either completed or were booked on a course, and some courses had more than 20 participants.

The pathway has been strengthened to enable new coaches to continue their development and will be continued over the coming year, notably by developing the new Level 2 Lead Coach qualification, which will ensure the entire pathway is up to modern standards of learning.

In the year to March 31, five Level 2 courses were organised, of which one was postponed. A total of 38 candidates were enrolled on these courses.

The Level 3 Head Coach qualification continues to develop and grow year on year with 10 newly qualified coaches in 2019 and 12 candidates signed up for the 2020 course.

Our partnership with the University of Gloucestershire to deliver the Level 3 course, combining the theory elements of coaching provided by the university and the sport-specific knowledge provided by Table Tennis England, has been highlighted by UK Coaching and attracted a great deal of interest from other NGBs.

One coach qualified at Level 4 High Performing Coach.

In total, the number of licensed coaches increased from 585 up to 771.

The number of applications we received for our new Female Coaching Bursary surpassed expectations and 23 of these were



supported, ranging in age from 16 to 70. Of these, 15 enrolled on Level 1 courses, six on Level 2 and two on Level 3. Nine of them are aged 16-25. Bursary applicants receive ongoing online mentoring from three mentors via the #slack platform, both during the programme and after they begin coaching, and can also support each other and share advice via this online community.

Continuing a successful partnership with Badminton England, we run a yearly Level 3 Tutoring and Assessing in Sport course. Following the launch in 2019 the popularity of the course continues to grow. Twelve tutors are progressing through the current course which will finish towards the end of 2020. On completion of the course the new tutors/assessors will be able to deliver the Level 1 Session Coach, Level 2 Lead Coach (dependent of coaching qualification) and a series of our introduction courses.

After the lockdown began in March, we launched a series of weekly online coaching webinars delivered by expert guest presenters, which proved to be in high demand with coaches. At the time of writing, these were continuing and are likely to prove an ongoing focus for our work.

Volunteers

The Female Ambassador programme was launched to help improve the visibility and celebrate the contribution of women and girls in the sport. There are a total of 17 ambassadors of all ages, most of whom are active promoting the sport in their local areas.

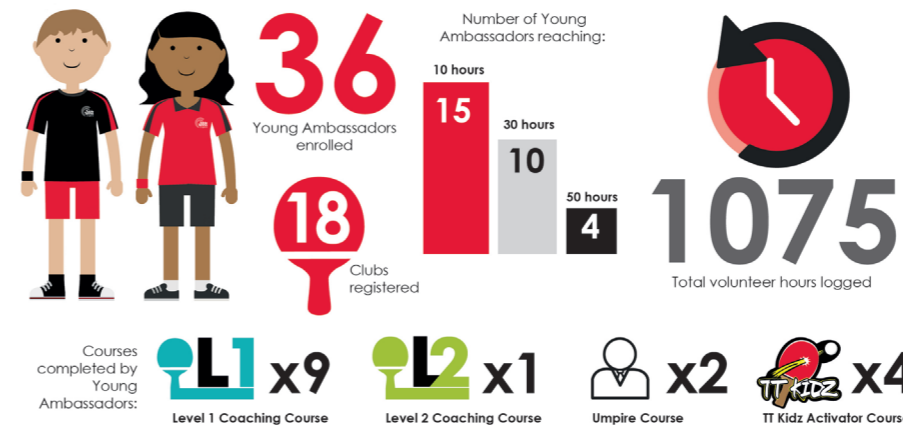
The Table Tennis Young Ambassador (TTYA) programme aims to benefit young people looking for great volunteering experiences, and table tennis clubs looking for a few extra pairs of hands.

Clubs which sign up to the programme are given the tools to grow their volunteer base and enable young people in their club and community to gain personal skills, qualifications and vital experience to enhance their CV. Young Ambassadors receive a series of incentives to reward the volunteering hours they log.

This year, a total of 36 Young Ambassadors logged 1,075 volunteer hours between them at 18 clubs, four of them reaching 50+ hours. Between them, they completed a number of courses, as detailed on the graphic (left).

A recruitment drive took place to find volunteers for the Mark Bates Ltd National Championships which, alongside relevant training and provision of kit, aimed to enhance the experience for both volunteers and spectators at the event.

Young Ambassadors



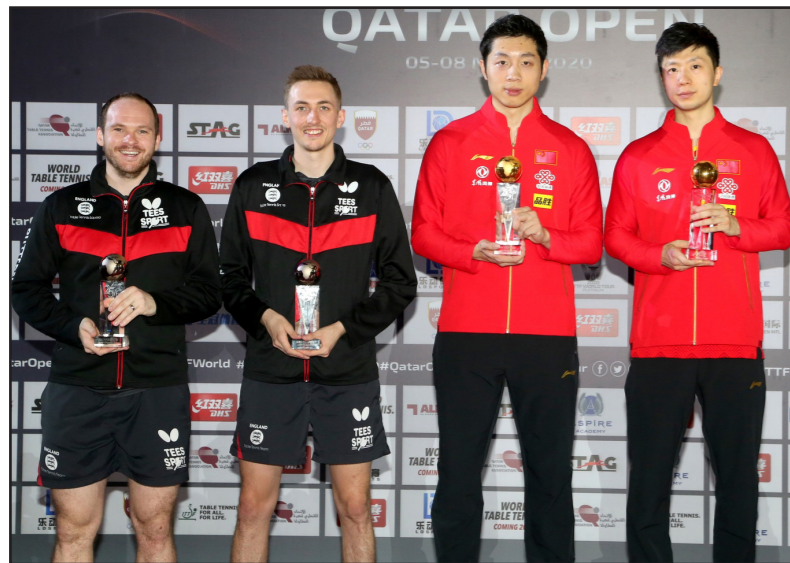
The Young Ambassadors encourage and help young players to build confidence in their whole table tennis development.

I am now on the league committee so I am Voice of the Youth, to help make decisions ... getting the opinions from the younger players as most of the league teams are older.

The club also benefits from getting young people and their parents involved more fully in the wider club, which they are more likely to support in future years, if their experience is good. One of our young ambassadors has joined our league committee and helps organise a yearly youth presentation event, outside of assistant coach duties.

Seeing a fairly quiet youngster develop the confidence to speak to a group of players while organising games, drills etc. I can see that this has a definite positive effect on his self-esteem and sense of worth.

For myself, it gives me enormous satisfaction to be able to offer this opportunity to young people, enabling them to develop confidence, a range of interpersonal skills, and also giving them something that they can offer too.



Left: Paul Drinkhall & Liam Pitchford on the podium at the Qatar Open, where they became the first English pair to reach a World Tour doubles final. Above: Liam on his way to beating Xu Xin in the singles semi-finals. Following page: the medal-winning England squads at the Commonwealth Championships

The following represented Great Britain

Olympic Team Qualifying Tournament: Charlotte Carey, Paul Drinkhall, Tin-Tin Ho, Tom Jarvis, Liam Pitchford, Maria Tsaptsinos, Sam Walker

The following represented England

ITTF Team World Cup: Paul Drinkhall, Tom Jarvis, Liam Pitchford, Sam Walker

European Team Championships: Paul Drinkhall, Tom Jarvis, Liam Pitchford, Sam Walker

Commonwealth Championships: Emily Bolton, Tin-Tin Ho, Tom Jarvis, David McBeath, Denise Payet, Sam Walker

***Home Countries International - Senior:** Evie Collier, Lois Peake, Shayan Siraj, Ethan Walsh; **Junior:** Joe Cope, Rhys Davies, Erin Green, Gemma Kerr; **Cadet:** Naphong Boonyaprapa, Connor Green, Sienna Jetha, Amy Marriot

***European Under-21 Championships:** Matthew Daish, Denise Payet

European Youth Championships – Cadet: Mari Baldwin, Naphong Boonyaprapa, Ruby Chan, Louis Price, Thomas Rayner, Millie Rogove; **Junior:** Charlotte Bardsley, Megan Gidney, Mollie Patterson, Denise Payet, Ben Piggott, Shayan Siraj, Ethan Walsh

Euro Minis Championships: Naomi Coker, Joseph Dennison, Sienna Jetha, Mia Longman, Oliver Maric-Murray, Ralph Pattison, Jakub Piwowar, Chui-Que Wong

** Events indicated were self-funded (unless player reached last 16 of European U21s); all other events in these lists were funded.*

We would like to thank our Official Clothing Supplier, **BUTTERFLY**, and also Tees Sport, the Butterfly partner in the British Isles, for their ongoing support

The following competed at ITF tournaments*

Senior: Emily Bolton, Matthew Daish, Paul Drinkhall, Tin-Tin Ho, Tom Jarvis, Sam Mabey, David McBeath, Denise Payet, Liam Pitchford, Luke Savill, Maria Tsaptsinos, Sam Walker

Under-21: Emily Bolton, Matthew Daish, Tom Jarvis, Denise Payet, Luke Savill

Junior: Sajad Ali, Charlotte Bardsley, Naphong Boonyaprapa, Joe Cope, Rhys Davies, David Goffton, Anna Green, Connor Green, Erin Green, Joseph Hunter, Megan Jones, Gemma Kerr, Amy Marriot, Anaya Patel, Mollie Patterson, Ben Piggott, Jakub Piwowar, Louis Price, Thomas Rayner, Millie Rogove, Rebecca Savage, Peter Smallcombe, Maxim Stevens, Jie Fu Tham, Felix Thomis, Ethan Walsh, Josh Weatherby, Sam Wilson, Jasmin Wong, Harry Yip

Cadet: Sajad Ali, Naphong Boonyaprapa, Georgios Gerakios, Anna Green, Connor Green, Erin Green, Joseph Hunter, Megan Jones, Amy Marriot, Ben Piggott, Jakub Piwowar, Louis Price, Thomas Rayner, Millie Rogove, Rebecca Savage, Jie Fu Tham, Felix Thomis, Harry Yip

Hopes: Georgios Gerakios, Jakub Piwowar

**All entries self-funded.*

The following officials were selected for overseas events

Referees: Stuart Sherlock, Karen Tonge MBE; **Umpires:** Nico Caltabiano, David Edwards, Lyndon Griffiths, Harry Jutte, John Mackey, Kim Mudge, Tom Purcell, Josh Reynolds, Alan Thomas

A season which ended in global uncertainty amid the coronavirus pandemic started on a high note when Charlotte Bardsley reached the last 16 at the European Youth Championships. Charlotte defeated two seeds, including the fourth, on her way to recording the best singles finish by an English female player since Tin-Tin Ho's 2016 semi-final.

At the Commonwealth Championships, both England teams won silver medals and the men came within three points of winning gold as they led hosts India 2-0 in the final but unfortunately could not complete the victory. Tom Jarvis beat world No 32 Achanta in three straight and Sam Walker came from 2-0 down to defeat world No 24 Gnanasekaran. David McBeath lost a deciding set 11-8 in the third match and India went on to win 3-2 overall.

Tom also had a string of good victories in the singles, reaching the semi-finals. There were also bronze medals for Tin-Tin Ho in the singles and for the partnership of Tom and Sam in the doubles.

Summer 2019 saw the positive step of an expansion and evolution of the England pathway programme. The youngest Hopes squad was expanded in numbers, while the 913 squad became Aspire and was expanded in terms of the number of days our coaches work with the players. The oldest section became the England Junior Squad (EJS).

One of the intentions of the programme evolution was to expand its reach and this was successful, as illustrated by the total number of players applying, which significantly increased to 88. A large percentage of those were new applicants who had not had previous association with our coaches.

The EJS shrunk in numbers – a deliberate strategy allowing us to focus on working with players who wanted to engage with the programme and helping them to improve physically, mentally, technically and emotionally.

A number of players felt that engaging with the EJS directly was not the right approach for them, but they continue to liaise with our coaches as they undertake their own journeys.

At the European Team Championships, for which only the men's team qualified, England lost to Sweden in the quarter-finals, having earlier beaten Belarus – a match in which Liam Pitchford again beat Vladimir Samsonov.

While reaching that stage gave the team the opportunity to be in the first pot of seeds for the next qualifying stage, there is no hiding from the disappointing nature of the defeat. After the championships, coach Marcus Sjoberg resigned, feeling that he was no longer able to have the impact he wished for the players to be successful. Marcus left with our gratitude after a tenure which included the highlights of the bronze medal at the 2018 ITTF Team World Cup, plus beating Japan and Chinese Taipei at the World Championships in the same year when reaching the quarter-finals. His departure meant we faced the challenge of replacing the

coach with a very short lead time before the Olympic Qualifying Tournament and we were fortunate that Gavin Evans agreed to take on the role and that his employer, Grantham College, agreed to release him on secondment. His first match in charge was at the Team World Cup and resulted in England beating Japan on their home soil in Tokyo, en route to reaching the quarter-finals. This tournament saw a first team outing at world level for Tom Jarvis.

Back in England, Liam and Sam opened up about mental health in the first of a new podcast series with our athletes, an initiative which was well received and which will return after the coronavirus outbreak has subsided.

The Olympic Team Qualifying Tournament in January saw disappointing results for Great Britain. The women's squad, which included Charlotte Carey of Wales, was defeated in its first match by Spain, a higher-ranked country to whom England had lost on a number of occasions recently.

The men's team, ranked seventh, started well against Argentina but, in a match where the winner qualified for the Olympics, could not get on the right side of the scoresheet against a Croatia team ranked ninth – the highest-ranked opponent they could have faced at that point. Two teams seeded higher than Great Britain – India and Austria – also went out at this stage and joined GB in the repechage, where GB hopes were ended by Hungary in the first of three potential matches.

The undeniably disappointing outcome underscored that while our team can beat any other nation on their day, they have not done so as consistently as they would like.

The Olympic qualification campaign then turned to singles but, at the time of writing, it is not yet known how the revised process will run once the international calendar resumes after the coronavirus pandemic.

The qualifying process has been underpinned by Aspiration Fund support provided by UK Sport, for which we record our gratitude.

In individual competitions, the undoubted highlight was Liam reaching the final of the Qatar Open, the first English athlete to reach the final of an ITTF World Tour platinum event, beating world No 1 Xu Xin of China in the semi-finals. In the doubles, Liam and Paul became the first English pair to reach a World Tour doubles final, losing to Ma Long & Xu Xin.

Liam also reached the quarter-finals of the Europe Top 16, losing to Timo Boll, and the semi-finals of the Hungarian Open, recording some impressive victories against high-ranked players and demonstrating his ability to bounce back from the disappointment of the Olympic Team Qualifying Tournament a couple of weeks earlier.

In between Hungary and Qatar, Paul and Liam produced a top-quality men's singles final at the Mark Bates Ltd National Championships, with Liam recovering from 2-0 down to win the title for a sixth time. As a pair, their seventh title came after another compelling match against Sam and Tom and set them up well for their Qatar Open run.

In the world rankings, Liam reached a career high of No 12, and stood one place below that when the rankings were frozen in April as a result of the competition shutdown. Paul was at No 55, his highest for some two years, while Sam has remained in the top 100 since August 2018.

Tom also hit his ranking high of 160 during the season and had his best results on the World Tour with quarter-final appearances in Belarus and Poland, with some notable victories over higher-ranked players.

In the team world rankings, England stood 10th in the men's list,

England and GB results 2019/20

Commonwealth Championships (Cuttack, India)	European Team Championships (Nantes, France)
Men's team	Group 6
Stage 1	England 3 Luxembourg 1
England 3 Cyprus 0	England 3 Belarus 1
England 3 Sri Lanka 0	Quarter-finals
Stage 2	Sweden 3 England 0
England 3 Singapore 1	ZEN-NOH ITTF Team World Cup
England 3 Australia 1	Group B
England 3 Nigeria 2	England 3 Japan 1
Semi-final	England 3 Austria 0
England 3 Malaysia 1	Quarter-finals
Final	Chinese Taipei 3 England 0
India 3 England 2	European Games (Minsk, Belarus)
Women's team	Quarter-finals
Stage 1	Portugal 3 Great Britain 1
England 3 Nigeria 1	Olympic Team Qualifying Tournament (Gondomar, Portugal)
England 3 Bangladesh 0	Women
Stage 2	Spain 3 Great Britain 0
England 3 Australia 1	Men
England 3 Singapore 1	Great Britain 3 Argentina 0
England 3 Sri Lanka 0	Croatia 3 Great Britain 0
Semi-final	Hungary 3 Great Britain 1
England 3 Nigeria 0	
Final	
India 3 England 0	

having been as high as ninth. The women remain in the high 30s.

Gavin Evans has now taken a sabbatical from Grantham College to stay with the men's team for the rest of 2020. Craig Bryant was appointed to lead the women's team into the World Championships, before their postponement. The players were heavily consulted in the process, including Tin-Tin being part of the women's interview panel. Thanks are also due to Danny Reed, who remains a member of the England selection panel.

On the club front, we were pleased to support Liam's move to the Japanese League ahead of the Tokyo Olympics, and he has picked up a number of notable results there. He will remain in the league for the 2020/21 season. There were also good performances from Sam, who moved to Hennebont in the French League, Paul at Schwalbe Bergneustadt in the German Bundesliga and by Tin-Tin in the Austrian League.

In the Junior ranks, Charlotte Bardsley achieved the significant milestone of winning the singles gold medal at the Slovakia Junior and Cadet Open, and there were regular medals from the ITTF Junior circuit, as detailed in the Notable Achievements section of this publication.

Charlotte has been ranked as high as No 34 in the world in her age group and inside the top 20 in Europe. In the Cadet age group, Naphong Boonyaprapa was 24th in Europe as of January 2020.

In collaboration with Butterfly, our Official Clothing Supplier, we have been working on a new England kit design which was to have been launched at the World Championships in April, before the shutdown. This will be launched in due course, once competitions have restarted.

The interruption to competition is frustrating for the players, particularly given the form Liam and Paul were in, but we of course support the course of action taken by the ITTF and by the UK Government and other authorities.

We have supported the players at all levels of the pathway to adapt their regimes and think 'outside the box' in order to train and practise during the restrictions. The elite players have played a strong role in supporting and mentoring the younger players during this time.



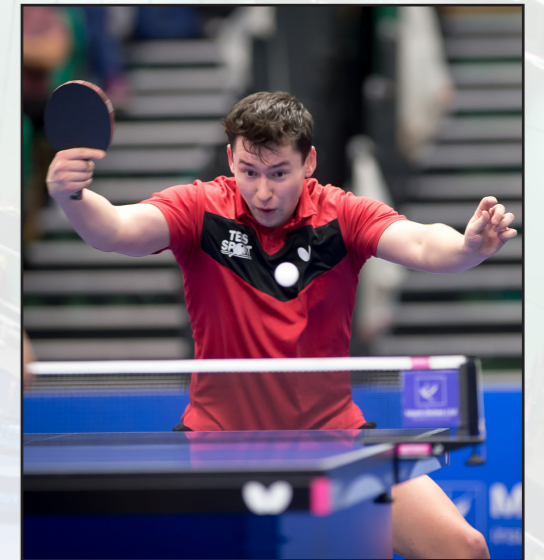


Clockwise from above: Women's Singles champion Tin-Tin Ho with Mark Bates; Men's Singles champion Liam Pitchford; the para class 3-5 final as Jack Hunter-Spivey faces Dan Bullen; para class 7-10 champion Ross Wilson; the Women's Doubles podium; the Under-21 Women's medallists; Under-21 Men's winner Luke Savill; Mari Baldwin and mascot before the Women's Singles final; Zak Cantor; Paul Drinkhall



Senior Nationals
University of Nottingham,
February 28-March 1, 2020

- Men's Singles**
Liam Pitchford
- Women's Singles**
Tin-Tin Ho
- Men's Doubles**
Liam Pitchford & Paul Drinkhall
- Women's Doubles**
Denise Payet & Emily Bolton
- Mixed Doubles**
Sam Walker & Tin-Tin Ho
- Para class 3-5**
Jack Hunter-Spivey
- Para class 7-10**
Ross Wilson
- Under-21 Men's Singles**
Luke Savill
- Under-21 Women's Singles**
Denise Payet



Competitions and Events



Right: Lee York receives some coaching advice at the Mark Bates Ltd Nationals, where a wheelchair event was successfully integrated. Below right: Significant progress was made with the recruitment and support of volunteers at the event



In a season cut short by the coronavirus pandemic and subsequent lockdown, we were grateful to be able to complete our flagship event, the Mark Bates Ltd National Championships. This was the first of a five-year staging of the event under the Mark Bates Ltd banner, as covered elsewhere in this publication.

The Nationals Qualifying Tournament grew to more than 90 entrants in this its second year, up from 67 in the previous season as the event gained traction with participants vying to join the elite at the Nationals 'proper'. The upward momentum of the Qualifying Tournament translated into the level of entries at the Nationals being very close to capacity, an improvement on recent years.

The David Ross Sports Village at the University of Nottingham once again hosted the event – and also, for the first time, the Qualifying Tournament – allowing for year-on-year improvements in planning and delivery. We would like to extend our thanks to the team at the venue for their continued partnership.

Responding to feedback from players, officials, spectators and guests, a number of changes were made to the format and layout of the event.

This included the introduction, in partnership with the ITTF, of a live scoring system which comprised in-venue and courtside display screens and real-time website updates, a significant step-change in the staging of the Nationals.

A wheelchair event was successfully integrated for the first time in several years, and the two para class finals were played on Finals Day – all the action on that day was once again shown live on the BBC Sport website.

The 'open-plan' layout with no dividing curtain in the playing hall, was also very well received by those in attendance, while extra seating was provided adjacent to all tables, and on all sides of the show court on Finals Day.

Significant progress was made with the recruitment, deployment and support of a team of volunteers to help spectators, officials and players have the best possible experience of the event.

These changes resulted in generally very positive feedback in the post-event surveys.

Every metric in the players/officials survey saw a positive shift on 2019, with the average rating rising from 6.5 to 8 out of 10. The



Top: The Mark Bates Ltd National Championships arena at the David Ross Sports Village provided an enhanced spectator experience, including (above and below) live scoring screens



same was true of the guest/spectator survey, with the average rating for 'overall experience' rising from 7.1 to 8.6 out of 10.

Unfortunately, the two age group National Championships, all three National Cups, the English Leagues Cup Competitions and the Inter-Regional Championships were all casualties of the lockdown, as was the Butterfly Schools Individual Finals.

Two of the five Grand Prix events took place (in Preston and Hatfield) before the lockdown. The series remains a valuable competition opportunity across various multiple formats – including Banded events, open singles in which all ages are integrated, and one of the few under-21 competitions on the calendar.

The three Grand Prix events which did not happen were at Redbridge, Wolverhampton and Gloucester and we are working with these and all venue partners to mitigate the impact of the lockdown on our respective businesses.

Approved competitions from mid-March onwards were also cancelled as a result of the pandemic, but the calendar had been as busy as ever up to that point. We would like to thank the members of the Tournament Approval Panel, headed by Harvey Webb, for their support and expertise through a testing period.

The department undertook two major consultation exercises in early 2020, one to inform a strategy for the future of British League and the other on the future of the rankings and ratings system. The responses give us a framework to move forward with these projects and we thank the many people who responded to one or other consultation. Special thanks are due to Simon Griew, one of our Board members, for carrying out significant work on the rankings consultation process and accompanying guidance document.

The Competitions Review also progresses and members will be asked to input into this in the 2020/21 season.

On the technology front, a new British League website was launched, with new functionality coming online throughout the season. A membership API is being created from Sport80 to the British League website, which will enable ranking and other checks to be carried out more easily.

The rankings were migrated from TT365 to Sport80, a process which was not without its teething problems, but which is now running smoothly and integrating well with TT Memberships.



British League

A number of process refinements, primarily tidying and tightening the regulations, are scheduled to come into effect before the next British League season, while a British League Officer will join our full-time staff for next season, a significant step which furthers the process of putting members and participants at the heart of our investments.

The bulk of the British League season was finished, with Junior, Women's and Veterans' competitions all completed and these continue to be highly valued by the participants.

The Senior British League was not able to be finished before the lockdown and the divisions were therefore deemed to be incomplete, with no promotion or relegation resulting.

The Senior British League Premier Division, in which the teams are awarded prize money according to finishing position, was finalised on a points-per-game ratio and Urban were awarded the title. We would like to thank all clubs and teams for their forbearance in what was a difficult situation.

We would also like to thank all officials, volunteers and committee members who have played such important roles in supporting the British League competitions, with particular thanks

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to Gary Wood and Malcolm Macfarlane who have both put in considerable time, energy and expertise.

Roll of honour

Senior British League

*Premier Division: Urban

* Finalised on points per game ratio; all other Senior British League division incomplete

Women's British League

Premier Division: Joola Plymouth

Division 1: Drumchapel

Division 2: Joola Plymouth II

Division 3: Cardiff

Division 4: Dun Laoire

Division 5: Wensum

Junior British League

Premier Boys: TableTennisDaily

Premier Girls: Ackworth School

Division 1 Boys: Mid Ulster

Division 1 Girls: London Academy

Division 2 Boys: Joola Plymouth Torbay Academy

Division 2 Girls: Brighton

Division 3 Boys: Draycott & Long Eaton II

Division 3 Girls: St Neots

Division 4 Boys: Greenhouse II

Division 5 Boys: Birmingham TTA

Division 6 Boys: Nottingham Sycamore II

Division 7 Boys: Rotherham Scorpions

Veterans' British League

Premier Men: Bribar St Neots Saints

Premier Women: PPong

Division 1A Men: Wolves Vets

Division 1B Men: Topspin Fusion

Division 1 Women: Ellenborough

Division 2A Men: Draycott III

Division 2B Men: Cippenham

Division 2 Women: Sutton at Hone

Division 3A Men: Whitworth Academy

Division 3B Men: Nailsworth Phoenix

Division 4A Men: Foresters E

Division 4B Men: Joola Plymouth

County Championships

A total of 237 teams entered the championships: Cadets 35 (-1); Junior 46 (-1); Seniors 45 (+5); Veterans 78 (-4); and Over-60s 33 (+4), which overall was an increase of three teams from the previous year.

Nine teams withdrew from the championships during the season, three from the Cadets, two from the Juniors, one from the Seniors and three from the Over-60s divisions. The Over-60s returned to two sections in Division 1 and just one section in a new Division 2. The Seniors second division increased to three sections from the previous two.

Most disappointing was the withdrawal of two Cadet teams from the Premier Division due to unavailability or lack of girls, and one Junior team from the Premier Division. The persistent issue with insufficient Cadet/Junior girls will be taken into consideration in the competition review.

Two of the Over-60s Premier Division teams did not play during the second weekend of matches on 14th/15th March, which was due to the coronavirus outbreak. Cadet 1A and Junior 2C divisions were incomplete due to the coronavirus outbreak with their final matches due to be played over the weekend of 4th/5th April.

In the Senior Premier Division, the champions were Sussex for

From top: British League champion teams Joola Plymouth (WBL Premier), Bribar St Neots Saints (VBL Premier Men), PPong (VBL Premier Women), TableTennisDaily (JBL Premier Boys), Ackworth School (JBL Premier Girls)



Notts Seniors (left) and Juniors (right) were both winners of their respective County Championships Premier Divisions

the fifth year running and in the Veteran Premier Division, the champions were Nottinghamshire for the fourth year running.

In the Cadet Premier Division, Lancashire retained their crown as champions, whilst in the Junior Premier Division, the champions were Nottinghamshire and in the Over-60s Premier Division the champions were Sussex.

No fewer than 10 teams had 100% win records in their sections, with a further 20 teams remained unbeaten during the season.

Just two divisions were decided on games countback – Veterans Division 1 had two teams tied on equal points and Veterans 3C had three teams tied on equal points.

We would like to thank all the members of the committee, led by the Chairman, Stan Clarke, and Administrator, Dave Goulden.

Roll of honour

Cadets

Premier Division: Lancashire

*Division 1A: Surrey II

Division 1B: Cheshire

Division 2A: Dorset

Division 2B: Bedfordshire

Juniors

Premier: Nottinghamshire

Division 1A: Derbyshire

Division 1B: Essex

Division 2A: Staffordshire

Division 2B: Gloucestershire II

*Division 2C: Hertfordshire

Seniors

Premier: Sussex

Division 1A: Leicestershire

Division 1B: Gloucestershire

Division 2A: Warwickshire II

Division 2B: Suffolk

Division 2C: Surrey II

Veterans

Premier: Nottinghamshire

Division 1A: Derbyshire

Division 1B: Middlesex

Division 2A: Lincolnshire

Division 2B: Buckinghamshire

Division 2C: Kent II

Division 2D: Somerset

Division 3A: Durham

Division 3B: Kent IV

Division 3C: Bedfordshire II

Division 3D: Dorset

Over-60s

Premier: Sussex

Division 1A: Warwickshire

Division 1B: Bedfordshire

Division 2: Essex III

* incomplete divisions, winners based on point per matches played ratio followed by F/A ratio

NCL and NJL

A total of 243 teams played in the National Cadet League, up one on the previous season. In the National Junior League, there were 195 teams, up from 176 the previous season and regaining the bulk of those lost from the position of 204 in 2017/18.

As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, NJL rounds at Brighton on March 28 and May 2, plus NCL rounds at Greenhouse, Waterside and Ormesby on March 15 and at Westfield on March 29 could not be played. The leagues were therefore deemed to be incomplete. Objective league table orders were established on a points-per-game ratio in order to allow medals to be awarded, these having already been supplied to Table Tennis England.

We would like to record our sincere thanks to our NCL and NJL Organisers: Pedro Santos (Brighton), Mike Withyman (Bristol), Mike Atkinson (Cippenham), Tom Watmore (Cirencester), Gemma Rice, Gordon Izatt (Ellenborough), Graham Coupe (Garstang), Maria Ingles (Greenhouse), Karen Tonge MBE (Halton), Ian Ford (Horsham), Chris Bartram and Chris Egginton (Morpeth), Chris Turner (Nottingham), Alan Ransome OBE, The Anh Han (Ormesby), Shawn Haskell (Plymouth), Chris Johnson (Sheffield), Nick Samson (Stowmarket), Gary Howes (Tunbridge Wells), Colin French (Waterside), Mike Wildman (Westfield), John Blackband (Wood Green).

Butterfly School Team Championships

Under-19 Boys: Ernest Bevin College, Tooting Bec

Under-19 Girls: Norwich School

Under-16 Boys: Ackworth School

Under-16 Girls: Ackworth School

Under-13 Boys: Whitgift School

Under-13 Girls: Addey and Stanhope School, Lewisham

Under-11 Boys: St Edward's Catholic Primary School, Westminster

Under-11 Girls: Fox Primary School, Kensington & Chelsea

□ The following events which are normally covered in this section were cancelled: Mark Bates Ltd Cadet & Junior National Championships, Mark Bates Ltd U10-U13 National Championships, Butterfly School Individual Championships, National Cups (Under-12, Cadet and Junior); Inter-Regional Finals; English Leagues Cup Competitions.

Mike Watts Achievement Award

This award is presented to the boy and girl with the greatest improvement in ratings points between August 1 and July 31 each year. The winners for 2018/19 were Scarlett Anders (left) and Joseph Cox.



Notable Achievements



Clockwise from left: Don Parker receives the Commonwealth Sport Order of Merit; members of Brighton TTC on stage at the Pride of Sport Awards; Betty Bird (right) on the podium at the European Veterans' Championships; Slovakia Open champion Charlotte Bardsley; European champion Jenny Turner



□ Brighton Table Tennis Club won the Club of the Year Award at the Daily Mirror Pride of Sport Awards 2019. The club also won the Community Engagement Award at the 2020 Community Sport and Recreation Awards.

□ England table tennis great, and former Team England Sports Director, Don Parker, was awarded the Commonwealth Sport Order of Merit 2019.

□ Alan Ransome OBE received the highest award from the Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation (CTTF) – Honorary Life Membership.

□ Susie Hughes was elected Vice-Chairman of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation.

□ Table Tennis England Chairman Sandra Deaton won the Service to Sport Award at the Nottingham Post Sports Awards.

□ Lyndon Griffiths and Josh Reynolds qualified as Blue Badge international umpires.

□ Josh Reynolds umpired the men's final between Germany and Portugal at the European Team Championships.

□ Steve Bertie of Continental Stars TTC was shortlisted in the BEDSA Awards in the Unsung Champion of the Year category.

□ Thomas Rayner won Junior Sports Person of the Year at the Evening Gazette Sports Awards (Teesside).

□ Table Tennis England Board member Doug Livingstone was nominated to join the InsideOut Leaderboard to champion mental ill-health issues in the workplace.

Performance - senior

□ Liam Pitchford & Paul Drinkhall reached the Men's Doubles final at the Qatar Open – the first time an English pair had reached a final since the ITTF World Tour started in 1996.

□ Liam Pitchford reached the final of the Men's Singles at the Qatar Open – beating world No 1 Xu Xin in the semi-finals.



□ At the Commonwealth Championships, England men (Sam Walker, David McBeath, Tom Jarvis) won team silver; England women (Tin-Tin Ho, Denise Payet, Emily Bolton) won team silver; Tom Jarvis won singles bronze; Tin-Tin Ho won singles bronze; Sam Walker & Tom Jarvis won doubles bronze.

□ Andrew Baggaley won the World Championship of Ping Pong for the fourth time.

□ At the European Veterans' Championships in Budapest, Betty Bird won golds in the WD85 and WS85 classes and David Mahabir won the MS65 category. There was silver for Marjorie Dawson & Diane Pearce in the WD70 and bronzes for Sylvia Tyler (WS80), Penny Perry (WS70) and Sally Bax & Margaret Dignum (WD75).

□ At the T21 European Championship in Tampere, Finland, athletes with Down Syndrome, Jenny Turner won women's singles gold and Harry Fairchild & Joao Goncalves (POR) won gold in the men's doubles. Fairchild won silver in the men's singles and Andrew Tonkin won bronze. Fairchild & Turner won bronze in the mixed doubles.

Performance – youth

□ Charlotte Bardsley won

the Junior Girls' Singles gold medal at the Slovakia Junior & Cadet Open. At the same competition, Bardsley and Millie Rogove were part of the team that won bronze in the Junior Girls' Team event (with Martine Toftaker of Norway). Sam Wilson won Junior Boys' team bronze alongside Thibault Bailliet of France and Matej Stach of Czech Republic.

□ Naphong Boonyaprapa & Georgios Gerakios won Cadet Boys' Doubles silver at the Egypt Junior and Cadet Open.

□ Jie Fu Tham & Felix Thomis won bronze medals in the In the Cadet Boy's Doubles at the Serbia Junior and Cadet Open.

□ Jakub Piwowar was selected to join the Eurotalents under-12 squad.

□ Mollie Patterson & Millie Rogove won the bronze medal in the Junior Girls' Doubles at the Portugal Junior and Cadet Open. They also won bronze in the Junior Girls' Team event, alongside Faith Tung (USA). Connor Green, alongside Leonardo Iizuka Kenzo (BRA), won bronze in the Cadet Boys' Team competition.

□ Jasmin Wong won bronze in the Junior Girls' Doubles at the Swedish Junior and Cadet Open, alongside Anna Hursey of Wales.

□ Waterside TTC's Sophie Barcsai, representing Hungary, won the U11 singles gold at the Hungarian U11-15 Open.

Performance - para



From left: David Wetherill won gold and bronze at the European Para Championships; Josh Reynolds umpires the men's final at the European Team Championships; Alan Ransome OBE receives Honorary Life Membership of the CTTF

□ Paralympic champion Rob Davies won his fourth consecutive men's class 1 European singles title and David Wetherill took bronze in men's class 6 at the ITTF European Para Championships in Sweden. In the team events, Paul Karabardak, Martin Perry and Wetherill successfully defended their class 6 title; Aaron McKibbin, Billy Shilton and Ross Wilson were silver medallists in class 8; Kim Daybell, Ashley Facey Thompson and Josh Stacey took bronze in class 10; and Sue Gilroy and Megan Shackleton won bronze in class 4-5.

□ At the PTT Japan Open, Will Bayley won class 7 gold; Ross Wilson (class 8), Ashley Facey-Thompson (class 9) and Megan Shackleton (class 4) all took silver and Jack Hunter-Spivey (class 5), Aaron McKibbin (class 8) and Kim Daybell (class 10) won bronze. In the team events, there were golds for Facey Thompson and Josh Stacey (class 9), Daybell (class 10 with Ivan Karabec of Czech Republic) and Hunter-Spivey (class 5 with Tommy Urhaug from Norway). There were silvers for McKibbin, Billy Shilton and Wilson (class 8), Martin Perry (class 6, with Esteban Herrault of France) and Bayley (class 7, with Jochen Wollmert of Germany).

□ Silver medals were won by Jack Hunter-Spivey (class 5), Billy Shilton (class 8) and Kim Daybell (class 10) at the PTT Bangkok Open in Thailand. Martin Perry won bronze in class 6. In the team events, Hunter-Spivey won gold alongside Japan's Kentaro Doi (class 4-5); Daybell, Shilton and Jack Stockdale took bronze (class 10) and athlete Marc Bonner took bronze in class 1-3 with Audy Ngangi from Indonesia.

□ Billy Shilton won class 8 gold and Fliss Pickard class 6 gold at the PTT Czech Open. Josh Stacey took silver in class 9 and there were bronze medals for Megan Shackleton (class 4), Rob Davies (class 1), Martin Perry (class 6) and Ashley Facey Thompson (class 9). In the team events, Facey Thompson and Stacey won class 9 gold and there were silver medals for Perry (class 6, with Esteban Herrault of France) and Lucie Bouron (class 1-3, with Ana Prvulovic from Serbia). Megan Shackleton took bronze in class 4 with Irem Oluk from Turkey.

□ Ross Wilson (class 8), David Wetherill



Above: Georgios Gerakios and Naphong Boonyaprapa at the Egypt Junior and Cadet Open; below: Thomas Rayner at the Evening Gazette Sports Awards



(class 6) and Josh Stacey (class 9) all took silver in their respective singles events at the PTT Finland Open and there were bronze medals for Martin Perry (class 6), Ashley Facey Thompson (class 9) and Fliss Pickard (class 6). There were team gold medals for Facey Thompson and Stacey in class 9, Perry in class 6 and Lucie Bouron in class 4-5; silver for Pickard in class 6-7 and Billy Shilton in class 8; and bronze for Kim Daybell in class 10.

□ At the PTT China Open, silver medals were won by Jack Hunter-Spivey (class 5) and Ashley Facey-Thompson (class 9). Megan Shackleton (class 4), Fliss Pickard (class 6), Josh Stacey (class 9) and Kim Daybell (class 10) all took bronze. The team events saw gold for Martin Perry alongside Thomas Rau of Germany in class 6. Pickard and Korea's Seongok Kim took silver in class 6-7, as did Stacey alongside Igor Misztal from Poland in class 9-10. Hunter-Spivey combined with Kentaro Doi and Toru Nakamoto from Japan to take bronze in class 5.

□ Paul Karabardak took class 6 singles silver



at the PTT Dutch Open while Tom Matthews (class 1), David Wetherill (class 6) and Ross Wilson (class 8) all took bronze. Grace Williams marked her international debut by taking bronze in the class 9-10 team event, with Shella Dwi Radayana from India, and Sue Gilroy also took bronze in the class 3-5 team event with Italy's Carlotta Ragazzini.

□ Lucie Bouron combined with Sweden's Anna-carin Ahlquist to win gold in the class 2-4 team event at the PTT Copa Costa Rica. There were bronze medals for Alex Bland and Ryan Henry in class 6-8 and Jack Stockdale and Shae Thakker in class 9-10. Bouron (class 2-4), Bland (class 6-7) and Thakker (class 10) all secured bronze medals in their respective singles events.

□ Josh Stacey won gold in the class 9 singles at the Polish Para Open. Billy Shilton took silver in class 8 and there were bronze medals for Sue Gilroy (class 4-5), Tom Matthews (class 1) and Ashley Facey Thompson (class 9).

□ Josh Stacey took silver in the class 9 singles in the Costa Brava Para Open. There were bronze medals for Megan Shackleton (class 4-5), Martin Perry (class 6) and Ashley Facey Thompson (class 9). Billy Shilton won silver alongside Marc Ledoux of Belgium in the class 8 team event. The British team also picked up two bronze medals through Sue Gilroy and Shackleton (class 4-5) and Facey Thompson and Stacey (class 9-10).

□ The Great Britain team claimed 15 medals at a home World Transplant Games in Newcastle, including a clean sweep in the women's singles 60-69 category for Charlotte Taylor (gold), Grace Newman (silver) and Maggie Gambrell (bronze). There were golds for Phoebe Pace (WS9-11), Amy Graham (WS15-17), Charlotte Binley (WS 18-29), Kristof Polgar (MS9-11) and Maggie Gambrell & Grace Newman (WD50+). Silvers went to Esben Rost (MS15-17), Charlotte Binley & Jade Carr (WD18-29) and Boryana Nankova & Helen Tasker (WD50+). Bronzes were won by Andrew Hook (MS30-39), Ralph Rogers (MS60-69), Terry Wright (MS70-79) and Callum Turner & William Davies (MD18-29).



Volunteer of the Year Pat Johnson (left) and Young Volunteer of the Year Sophie Storey receive their awards from our Chairman, Sandra Deaton, during the Mark Bates Ltd National Championships

The Pride of Table Tennis Awards saw a change of format in this year, focusing on the Club/League Volunteer of the Year and Young Volunteer of the Year awards.

Clubs and leagues selected and honoured their own volunteers of the year in both categories – and all those honoured were put forward for the national awards, a total of 29 nominations

The national Volunteer of the Year and Young Volunteer of the Year were selected by the Pride of Table Tennis judging panel and presented on Finals Day at the Mark Bates Ltd Senior National Championships.

Pat Johnson, from Bishop Auckland, was our Volunteer of the Year and Sophie Storey from Weymouth was our Young Volunteer of the Year.

This was the start of a two-year cycle on which the Pride of Table Tennis Awards will be presented. For the 2020/21 season, clubs and leagues will again honour their volunteers and young volunteers and there will also be a regional stage of the awards, into which all local nominees will be forwarded.

The national stage of the awards will feature the full range of Pride of Table Tennis Awards, including those for coaches, officials, clubs, leagues and inclusivity, as well as the national winners of Volunteer of the Year and Young Volunteer of the Year.

They will be presented at a gala dinner as part of the National Conference planned for June 2021.

Honours bestowed on members at AGM

Each year, individuals are honoured at the Annual General Meeting, receiving awards or honorary positions which reflect the service they have given to the sport, in many cases amounting to many years of dedication and commitment.

The following were honoured at the 2019 AGM:

Honorary Life Member

Sandra Deaton

Vice-Presidents

- Andrea Holt
- Chris Newton
- Shirley Pickering
- Barry Snowden
- Susie Venner (nee Hughes)
- Margaret Welch
- Caroline Williams
- Colin Wilson

Keith Ponting President's Memorial Award

Mike Smith

Malcolm Scott Award

Mike Atkinson

Leslie Forrest Memorial Award

Karen Smith



Ivor Montagu Award

Phil Ashleigh and Neil Hurford

AK Vint Staff Award

Julie Snowden and Chris Turner

Victor Barna Award

Ross Wilson

Johnny Leach MBE Most Improved England Player of the Year Award

Liam Pitchford

Re-elected as Vice-Presidents for 2019-22

John Arnold MBE, John Blackband, Paul Day, Ken Eliot, Dave Evans, Ken Field, Margot Fraser, Stuart Gibbs, Barry Granger, Diccon Gray, Gerald Gurney, Brenda Hudson, Richard J Hudson, Martin Ireland, Diana Jermyn, Malcolm Macfarlane, Ian Marshall, Ken Muhr, Len Pilfold, Rosemary Ponting, Derek Schofield, Eileen Shaler, Robert Sinclair, Mick Strode, Geoff Taylor, George Tyler

□ We also support officials and young players through funds which help them meet the cost of travelling abroad:

Tom Blunn Fund

The following officials received grants:

Tom Purcell
Derek Sidaway

Ivor Montagu Junior Fund

The following received grants:

Denise Payet

Maurice Goldstein Awards

John Callcut (Guildford)
Neil Harden (Guildford)



Outgoing Junior British League organisers Richard and Brenda Hudson received a special presentation from our President Jill Parker MBE at the AGM, thanking them for their contribution



Sandra Deaton



Andrea Holt



Chris Newton



Shirley Pickering



Barry Snowden



Susie Venner



Margaret Welch



Caroline Williams



Colin Wilson



Mike Smith



Karen Smith



Phil Ashleigh



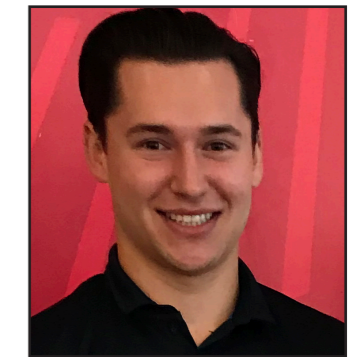
Neil Hurford



Julie Snowden



Chris Turner



Ross Wilson



Left: Mike Atkinson receives the Malcolm Scott Award from our Chairman, Sandra Deaton

Right: Liam Pitchford receives the Johnny Leach MBE Most Improved England Player of the Year Award from our President, Jill Parker MBE



Who's Who (as at 31.03.20)

President: Jill Parker MBE

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Chairman: Sandra Deaton

Elected Deputy Chairmen: Susie Venner, Tony Catt, Charlie Childs (deceased)

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Members' Advisory Group

Chairman Neil Hurford, Craig Bryant, Kevin Buddell, Jo Green, David Maddison, Dean Nabarro, Sandy Nash, Steve Pratt, Stuart Sherlock, Dan Simms; two positions vacant

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Avon: David Hockney

Bedfordshire: Alex Murdoch

Berkshire: Michael Mitcham

Buckinghamshire: Susan Hayes

Cambridgeshire: Brian Freer

Cheshire: Karen Tonge MBE

Cleveland: Alan Ransome OBE



Our Chairman, Sandra Deaton, was delighted to win the Service to Sport Award at the Nottingham Post Sports Awards and dedicated the award to table tennis volunteers all over the country. Sandra said: "I was honoured and blown away to win but mostly I'm delighted for the sport, because awards like this come as the result of what everybody does around the country to promote table tennis, so this is really on behalf of all of them."

Cornwall: Diana Jermyn

Derbyshire: John Cowell

Devonshire: Andrew Millman

Dorset: Reinhard Lindner

Durham: Allan Thompson

Essex: Phil Ashleigh

Gloucestershire: Les Smith

Hampshire: vacant

Herefordshire: Harry Jutle

Hertfordshire: David Edwards

Isle of Wight: Martin Dove

Kent: Neil Le Milliere

Lancashire: Jim Bolton

Leicestershire: Shirley Pickering

Lincolnshire: George Tyler

Middlesex: Tony Dias

Norfolk: Trevor Vincent

Northamptonshire: Vacant

Northumberland: Gareth Pearson

Nottinghamshire: Malcolm Allsop

Oxfordshire: Neil Hurford

Shropshire: vacant

Somerset: Ian Hooper

South Yorkshire: Robert Loxley

Staffordshire: Clifford Bell

Suffolk: Brian Davison

Surrey: Margot Fraser

Sussex: Jim Skinner

Warwickshire: Estyn Williams (Chairman)

Wiltshire: Charles Sewell

Worcestershire: Martin Clark

Yorkshire: Richard B Hudson

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A BTTF meeting at the Table Tennis England office in Milton Keynes in October 2019

British League); Carol Miles; Alan Ransome OBE (Calendar); Vacant (Veterans' British League)

Sub-Committees - Senior British League: Chairman Neil Rogers; Secretary Gary Wood; Administrators Malcolm Macfarlane; Alan Ransome OBE; Referee Stuart Sherlock.

Junior British League: Joint Administrators Cedric Felder, Sirly Jurioja; Referee-Brian Jackson

Veterans' British League: Administrator Vacant; Referee Dave Goulden; Assistant Referee John Mackey

Women's British League: Administrators Jim Kenny, Simon Price; Referee Karen Tonge MBE.

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Tournament Management Officials: Stuart Sherlock; John Mackey; Carol Miles;

Tournament Organisers: Stuart Sherlock; Carol Miles; **Training and Development:** Karen Tonge MBE; David Edwards; John Mackey; **Umpire Selection:** Harry Jutle (Secretary Foreign Competitions); David Edwards (Secretary Domestic Competitions); Lynda Reid

Special Adviser: Colin Clemett

Tournament Approval Panel: Chairman Harvey Webb; Secretary Di Jermyn; Mike Atkinson; Simon Price; Karen Tonge MBE (TOC); Carol Miles; Margaret Welch; Gary Whyman

Regional Structure

Regional Forum

Chairman Tony Catt; Secretary Joanna Keay-Blyth; Regional Chairmen: East Brian Davison; East Midlands Shirley Pickering; London Vacant; North East Vacant; North West Karen Tonge MBE; South Vacant; South East Kim Mudge; South West Jos Kelly; West Midlands Martin Clayton; Yorkshire Bokmun Chan. Board Representatives: Sandra Deaton, Sara Sutcliffe. Good Standing Representatives: Karen Tonge MBE (BPTT); Mike Smith (BUCS); Jan Johns (VETTS). Senior staff: Simon Mills; Greg Yarnall

Regional Committees

Regional Chairman (appointed by Board); Vice-Chairman; Secretary; Treasurer; Coaching Co-ordinator; Competitions Co-ordinator; (elected by Regional Committee), County elected Representatives: minimum 1, maximum 3 including preferably National Councillor or Deputy National Councillor and Coaching Officer; Good Standing Representatives: BPTT, BUCS, VETTS (appointed by their Organisation); Table Tennis England Area Development Lead or representative (invited)

Advisory - Individual Advisers
Individual Advisers – As required

Focus Groups

Focus Groups may be set up as needed

Board Committees and Groups Standing Committees

Finance & Audit: Chairman Doug Livingstone; Secretary Sam Garey; Sandra Deaton; Dee Paterson, Tom Purcell; Sara Sutcliffe

Governance & Risk: Chairman Mark Quartermaine; Secretary Victoria Wiegleb; Sandra Deaton; Simon Griew; Susie Venner; Sara Sutcliffe; Jo Keay-Blyth

Nominations Committee: Chairman Sandra Deaton; Secretary Sara Sutcliffe; Susie Venner; Dee Paterson; Mark Quartermaine; Tony Catt

Remuneration Committee: Sandra Deaton; Mark Quartermaine; Doug Livingstone

Child Protection Group: Sara Sutcliffe; Joanna Keay-Blyth; Tom Purcell; Judy Rogers

Process Review Group: Joanna Keay-Blyth; Simon Griew; Mike Smith (Others as required)

Honours: Chairman Sandra Deaton; Secretary Victoria Wiegleb; Jill Parker MBE; Richard Scruton; Mike Smith; Doreen Stannard; Tom Purcell

Network: Chairman Tom Purcell; Secretary Joanna Keay-Blyth; Sandra Deaton; Susie Venner; Sara Sutcliffe; Tony Catt.

Standing Orders Committee: David Hockney; Neil Le Milliere; June Watts

International Representation

English members of ITTF committees
Nominations Committee: Sandra Deaton; **Rules Committee:** Sara Sutcliffe; **Umpires & Referees Committee:** Tom Purcell

English members of ETTU committees
Athletes Commission: Paul Drinkhall; **Audit Commission:** Keith Thomas; **Technical Committee:** Stuart Sherlock; **Ranking Committee:** Simon Griew; **Umpires & Referees Committee:** Karen Tonge MBE; **Youth Committee:** Sandra Deaton (Chairwoman); **Veterans Committee:** Susie Venner; **Para TT Committee:** Mike Smith

Financial Reports

The year 2019/20 is the third year of the 2017/21 Sport England Funding Cycle. Back office exchequer funding was reduced by £117,313 from the previous year. Core, Mass market and Clubs received lottery funding of £1,414,061, a reduction of £164,565 in line with the four-year funding agreement.

These reductions in Sport England Funding will continue for 2020/21. Funding continues to be ringfenced with clear outcomes and outputs required to maintain funding.

Table Tennis England on behalf of British Table Tennis also received an Aspiration Fund grant from UK Sport to help the teams and athletes to realise our ambitions for Tokyo 2020.

We are once again grateful to the Jack Petchey Foundation for their support of the Children and Young People Programme which has such a positive impact in London and Essex.

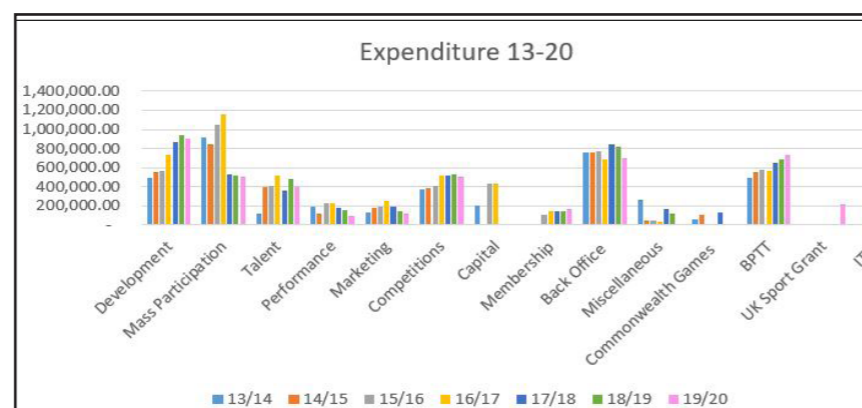
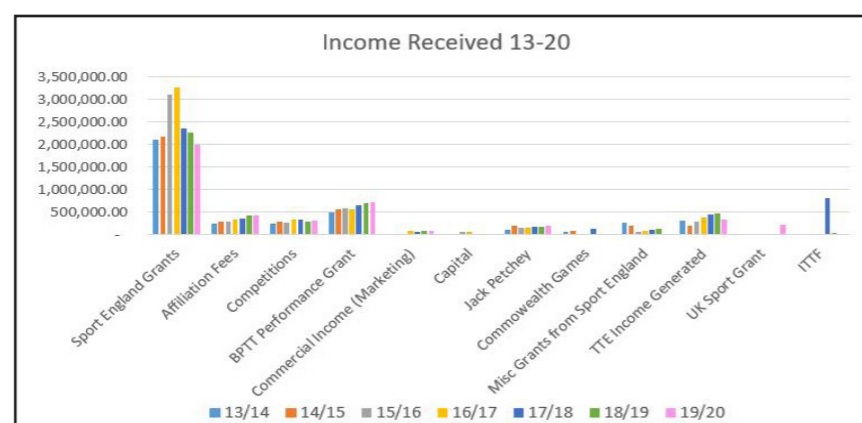
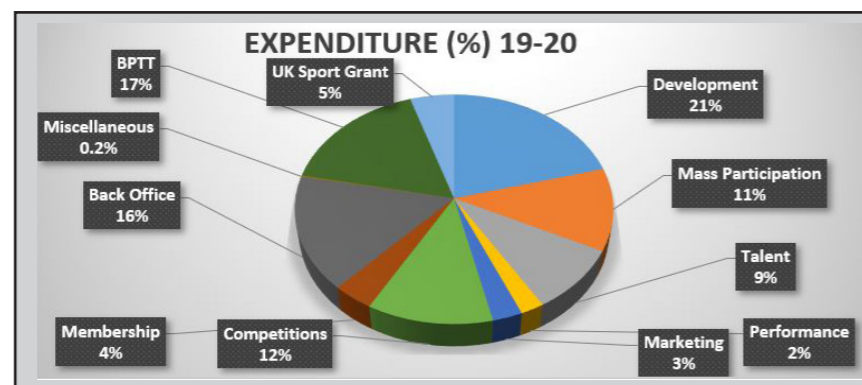
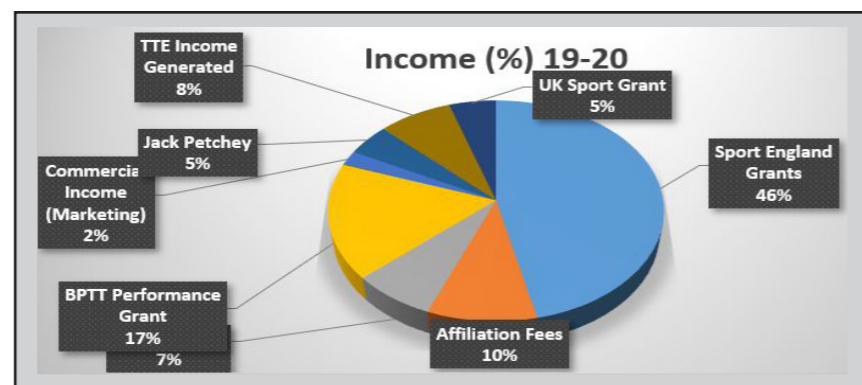
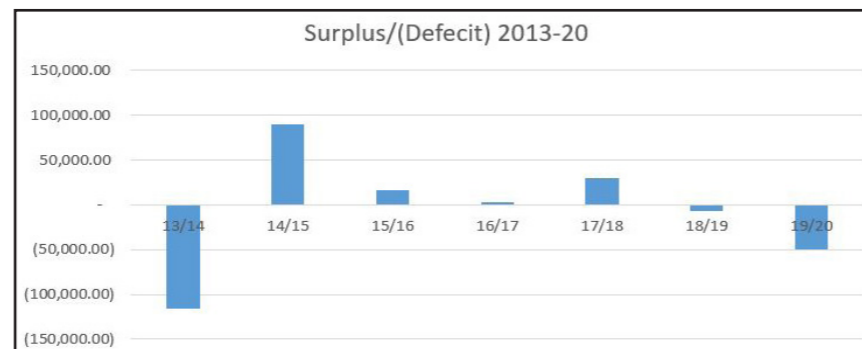
It is vital that Table Tennis England continues to generate its own sustainable income and is able to attract other external funding. In particular, it needs to make the core of the sport more sustainable and self-sufficient.

As demonstrated by the annual financial reports we are operating on narrow margins, posting a deficit for the year 2019/20 of £49,632. A detailed Income and Expenditure account is included on the following pages.

Members should note that we did start off the year with a forecast deficit budget of c£61,000, which the organisation has worked hard to reduce by continuing to monitor operational costs and make savings wherever possible, however we did incur some one-off costs in legal fees and additional system development that we had not anticipated.

We also saw a reduction in income and expenditure due to coronavirus, as some events and courses were postponed or cancelled in March. We continue to monitor the financial impact that this will have on the organisation in 20/21, with the biggest risk coming from a drop in membership renewals.

Samantha Garey
Head of Finance and IT



English Table Tennis Association Ltd

Income and Expenditure

for the year ending 31st March 2020

Talent & Performance

Talent & Infrastructure
Commonwealth Games
Performance

Development

BeTT Delivery
Clubs
Children & Young People
ESTT
Satellite Clubs
Disability
Officiating
Volunteers
Coaching

MASS

MASS Market

Marketing & Communications

Competitions
Sponsorship
Marketing & Communications

Operations

Meetings
Staff Costs
IT Development
Membership Costs
Other Core Costs

Sport England
Affiliation Fees
Ranking & Tournament Levies
Bank Interest
Other Income

Other

BPTT Performance Grant
Other Grants
ITTF
Regions

(Surplus)/Deficit

	2020			2019		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure (Net Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure (Net Income)
Talent & Performance	393,641	10,000	383,641	478,620	18,413	460,207
Commonwealth Games	-	-	0	-	-	0
Performance	95,471	17,126	78,345	159,326	94,119	65,207
	489,112	27,126	461,986	637,946	112,532	525,414
Development	346,670	46,910	299,760	375,927		375,927
Clubs	81,470		81,470	40,891		40,891
Children & Young People	202,252	197,747	4,505	186,433	182,391	4,042
ESTT	34,859	24,064	10,795	73,143	49,700	23,443
Satellite Clubs	48,500		48,500	37,349		37,349
Disability	3,762		3,762	2,358		2,358
Officiating	19,411	1,110	18,301	78,470		78,470
Volunteers	2,242		2,242	4,955		4,955
Coaching	159,951	108,085	51,866	137,093	96,053	41,040
	899,117	377,916	521,201	936,619	328,144	608,475
MASS Market	502,696	71,156	431,540	520,447	55,216	465,231
	502,696	71,156	431,540	520,447	55,216	465,231
Marketing & Communications	508,745	313,097	195,648	525,424	283,812	241,612
Sponsorship		41,667	(41,667)		25,000	(25,000)
Marketing & Communications	120,252	52,208	68,044	140,536	53,507	87,029
	628,997	406,972	222,025	665,960	362,319	303,641
Operations	52,581		52,581	71,777		71,777
Staff Costs	309,152		309,152	336,517		336,517
IT Development			0	58,118		58,118
Membership Costs	163,898		163,898	143,191		143,191
Other Core Costs	339,434		339,434	355,722		355,722
Sport England		1,987,879	(1,987,879)	2,261,437		(2,261,437)
Affiliation Fees		414,293	(414,293)	416,761		(416,761)
Ranking & Tournament Levies		51,111	(51,111)	58,178		(58,178)
Bank Interest		1,174	(1,174)	1,090		(1,090)
Other Income		3,158	(3,158)	77,368		(77,368)
			0			
	865,065	2,457,615	(1,592,550)	965,325	2,814,834	(1,849,509)
Other	729,992	729,992	0	686,882	686,882	0
Other Grants	211,664	211,664	0	101,308	133,814	(32,506)
ITTF			0	26,898	30,007	(3,109)
Regions	6,671	1,241	5,430	16,434	27,312	(10,878)
	948,327	942,897	5,430	831,522	878,015	(46,493)
(Surplus)/Deficit	4,333,314	4,283,682	49,632	4,557,819	4,551,060	6,759

Notes to Income and Expenditure Report

For the Year Ended 31 March 2020

- Note 1** The Jack Petchey Foundation Grant is included in Income. The grant has been matched against related expenditure.
- Note 2** British Para Table Tennis (BPTT) is the governing body for performance of UK table tennis for people with disabilities and is funded by UK Sport. As the Lead Nation, the ETTA has been authorised through a service level agreement, approved by UK Sport to administer the funds and reports directly to UK Sport and the BPTTA Performance Monitoring Group.
- Note 3** Ten regional committees operate around the country under the auspices of English Table Tennis Association Limited. All income and expenditure of the Regions is included in the income and expenditure account. The net funds of Regions are included in the Balance Sheet.
- Note 4** The TT Leagues software development was recorded as an intangible asset in the year, less any accumulated amortisation and therefore there are no IT development expenditure costs recorded.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets		
Intangible assets	39,330	-
Tangible assets	24,906	39,684
	<u>64,236</u>	<u>39,684</u>
Current assets		
Stocks	56,666	1,169
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	123,468	169,623
Cash at bank and in hand	780,021	948,184
	<u>960,155</u>	<u>1,118,976</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(591,309)	(675,946)
Net current assets	<u>368,846</u>	<u>443,030</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>433,082</u>	<u>482,714</u>
Net assets	<u>433,082</u>	<u>482,714</u>
Reserves		
Testimonial funds	32,257	32,257
Income and expenditure account	400,825	450,457
	<u>433,082</u>	<u>482,714</u>

In Memoriam

Keith 'Charlie' Childs: Was elected as one of three Elected Deputy Chairman of Table Tennis England in 2019.

A member of the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA) Management Committee 2008-11, Vice-Chairman of Coaching; He was a Board Member of British Para Table Tennis from 2015-19.

Charlie was most associated with the Generation 2 Club, based at Fareham Academy, of which he was a founder member in 1970. He was the club's lead coach, having gained his UKCC Level 3 qualification, and was also a Coaching Tutor, Assessor and Internal Verifier. As a player, he competed at several European and World Veteran Championships.

Jeff Ingber: One of the first ever junior internationals in 1950 before gaining his first senior cap against Yugoslavia in 1957 in Norwich, the first of nearly 60 caps.

He played in three World Championships, just missing out on a medal in 1961 when England Men's team finished fourth. His best individual result was with Elsie Carrington in the Mixed Doubles when they reached the Round of 16 in 1959.

He was English Open runner-up with R Newton in the Junior Boys' Doubles in 1959 and runner-up with Kathy Best in the Mixed Doubles in 1961; and was twice gold medallist in the Maccabiah Games in Israel in 1957 and 1961.

A non-playing captain and England Selector, he was one of the earliest members of the Swaythling Club International.

Fred Groom: Became an International Umpire at the first IU exam in 1973.

Before that, at the 1969 World Championships in Munich, he was part of the first team of English umpires to officiate at a foreign tournament.

At the World Championships in Birmingham in 1977, Fred was one of three Umpire Managers, in charge of an umpiring team of 134.

Derrick Marples: Former England coach and Table Tennis England Vice-President who played a key role in the development of a number of top English talents.

He coached three senior national champions – Helen Lower (three women's singles titles), Alison Gordon (four women's singles titles) and Alan Cooke (six men's singles titles). He was also coach to the multiple gold medal-winning England team at the Commonwealth Championships in Kenya in 1997.

Derrick was Derbyshire County TTA Chairman for 20 years from 1996 and Coaching Secretary/Officer for more than 30 years. A Level 4 coach, tutor and assessor, he was ETTA Coach of the Year in 2004/05 and became a Table Tennis England Vice-President in 2015.



Clockwise from left: Charlie Childs, John Burtenshaw, Derek Schofield, Derrick Marples, Jeff Ingber



Derek Schofield: VETTS founder member, Chairman and President; World Veteran Champion in Over-50 Men's Doubles (1984) and Over-60 Men's Doubles (1992, 1994), alongside Matt Sheader. The pair also won gold in the Over-60 Men's Doubles at the European Veteran Championships in 1995.

He became a Vice-President of the then ETTA in 1992, an Honorary Life Member of VETTS in 1998 and was awarded the Mike Watts Memorial Trophy in 2017.

Former National Councillor for Cheshire, and an England non-playing captain in 1969.

Brian Lamerton: International umpire, umpired at the World Championships in Birmingham 1977 and the European Championships in 1994 in Birmingham.

Deputy Presentation Manager at the Commonwealth Games, 2002, in Manchester.

Became a Vice-President of the then ETTA in 2000 and received a Special Award in 2013. Former Hampshire TTA Chairman and President. Former Isle of Wight National Councillor.

Bobby Raybould: England International and national Men's Doubles champion in 1962 and 1963 with Bobby Stevens.

Peter Shead: A former England international and prominent player of the 1950s and 1960s. Reached the Men's Singles Round of 16 in the World Championships in 1954, the furthest an English player got that year.

John Burtenshaw: Vice-President of Table Tennis England, former National Councillor for Avon and for Somerset. Former South West regional chairman.

Ronnie Allcock: England International between 1949 and 1958.

Geoff Scruton: International umpire, qualifying in 1977; National Referee.

Jill Mills (nee Rook): England international (died in 2018; we received notification at end of 2019).

Damian Holland: Mixed Doubles national champion 1995 (with Linda Radford).

Geoff Rushton: Serving National Councillor for Lancashire.

David Turner: Serving National Councillor for Hampshire, Southern Region Chairman and Hampshire TTA Chairman. Maurice Goldstein Award 2001.

Les Whittaker: Former National Councillor for Dorset.

Tony Ross: Former National Councillor for Yorkshire, prominent event photographer and twice Ivor Montagu Award recipient.

Editor's note: We remember here those with honorary appointments or who gave international service as a player, official or coach. Full obituaries were published on the Table Tennis England website. We are indebted to Diane Webb for her help with compiling obituaries.

We also remember at National Council meetings all those members of the table tennis family who passed away in the last year. Please notify us of the passing of any individuals so they may be remembered in this way.



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