Table Tennis England













ANNUAL REPORT 2025 2026

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Editor's notes: Except where stated otherwise, this review covers departmental and financial matters for the year to 31 March, 2026. For competition and performance matters, obituaries and notable achievements, the period covered is the 2025/26 season. The updates in this Report are provided by the members of the Senior Leadership Team who are responsible for the respective Table Tennis United pledges or other areas of our work.

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CHAIR'S WELCOME



Clare Briegal MBE - Chair, Table Tennis England

A very warm welcome to the 2025/26 Table Tennis England Annual Report.

It has certainly been a momentous year for the sport in this country, hosting the centenary ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals in London, the city which hosted the first in 1926.

I said in these notes last year that welcoming the world to London was a huge responsibility but also a wonderful opportunity to elevate our sport.

I believe those 13 days in April and May saw us deliver on both counts, confirming England as a nation which can be trusted to stage iconic table tennis events while also delivering a lasting impact at the grassroots and setting new standards for sustainability.

London 2026 cemented our status as an important and leading nation in the international table tennis landscape and the legacy will be felt for many years.

I would like to thank the ITTF for entrusting us with the centenary Championships and for the opportunity to host the ITTF AGM and summit in England. My sincere thanks to our sponsors, funders and partners for helping to make it possible and to the workforce and volunteers who made sure it all ran smoothly and delivered a memorable experience for everyone. Huge congratulations to the England athletes who showed – at the World Championships and at all the international competitions that they competed in around the globe this year – that they can mix it with the world's best. I am very proud of what we all achieved as a table tennis community.



While the World Championships was the focal point of the year, these pages illustrate and report on the full breadth and depth of our work across the country.

Like most National Governing Bodies, we face challenges, including ensuring financial sustainability and that we progress the delivery of our Table Tennis United strategic plan. Those challenges mean we need to prioritise effectively to ensure our work has a meaningful and lasting impact.

We need to listen to our membership more, not only through formal research and our recent membership survey, but also through our regular interactions with you, at competitions and at your clubs and leagues through the year. We are changing how we work with National Council to provide greater transparency and engagement with the senior volunteers who lead your clubs and counties. We must ensure we hear their views and that our activities are aligned with the needs of those they represent.

We have encouraged you, our individual members, to get involved with our committees and working groups through a major recruitment exercise. We simply cannot deliver our strategic plan without your involvement.

Our future success and growth as a sport will be built on a foundation of strong clubs and leagues. In order to grow, we need to attract new participants to our sport.

We must work together to create inclusive environments, at our clubs and leagues, and in all our activities. By ensuring that we welcome everyone to the table we may increase the diversity of our membership and create a sport that reflects society today and for tomorrow.

We must make our events, including our National Championships, something we can all be proud of and a showcase of table tennis excellence that attracts the best athletes and strong delivery partners and sponsors.

If we meet all these challenges with vision and commitment, then we will build a strong future based on the Table Tennis England values we have defined this year. These values were co-created by the staff and Board during a number of in-person workshops and online sessions and reflect a culture that we wish to create at Table Tennis England. We plan to share our thoughts with our members in the 2026/27 season and have begun with some early briefings to National Council members.

The Board is focused on working collaboratively across the sport and within those values. This year, we welcomed Paul Bishop to the Board on a permanent basis and appointed Leanne O'Leary. They have taken on roles as Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee and Chair of the Risk and Governance Committee respectively. Ritchie Venner's first term also came to an end and he was re-elected for a second term. Thank you to the Board for your service and support to me in my first year as Chair.





I would like to thank our CEO Sally Lockyer and the Table Tennis England staff for their hard work and commitment over the past year. You should be proud of what you have achieved in this year of the World Championships in London - I recognise the huge pressure this put on everyone, whether you were directly involved in the delivery of the event or not.

I would also like to thank all those volunteers who put so much into our sport. The World Championships would not have been able to run as it did without the 363 people who gave their time and enthusiasm to be part of the volunteer team in London, and the same is true of many other facets of our sport. We simply could not do what we do without our volunteers, and it was fitting that we celebrated our Pride of Table Tennis Awards during London 2026 and that the finalists had the chance to watch the England team in action.

As I continue my second full year as Table Tennis England Chair, I look forward to meeting more of you and helping to continue to move our sport forward.

Clare Briegal MBE
Chair, Table Tennis England

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT



It is a privilege to write my first full Chief Executive's Report for Table Tennis England, and to reflect on a year in which our sport has continued to move forward with confidence, energy and ambition.



Sally Lockyer - Chief Executive, Table Tennis England

When I joined the organisation, I spoke about the importance of listening carefully and working in partnership with the many people who make table tennis happen every week. That remains at the heart of our approach. Across clubs, leagues, counties, schools, performance environments and community settings, I have seen first-hand the passion, expertise and generosity which underpin our sport. I am hugely grateful to everyone who has welcomed me, shared their experiences and challenged us to keep improving.

The 2025/26 season has been a significant one for Table Tennis England. Guided by *Table Tennis United*, we have continued to focus on building a thriving community, strengthening the player pathway, developing our people and making the sport more visible, more inclusive and more connected. There is still much to do, but the direction of travel is hugely encouraging.



The major theme of the year has, of course, been London 2026. Hosting the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals – the centenary Championships – was a huge honour and a once-in-a-generation opportunity. Delivering this iconic event was a mammoth team effort and my heartfelt thanks go to everyone who played their part.

London 2026 gave us a spotlight; our shared responsibility now is to turn that spotlight into long-term growth. The legacy of the event will come from how we use the moment to help more people play, watch, volunteer, coach and belong. It will come from stronger local connections, better digital journeys, clearer competition pathways and a sport which is welcoming to people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

It will also come in the corridors of power. This year our sport was chosen once again to provide a conduit for diplomacy, just as it did in the 1970s. I was given a unique opportunity to travel with then Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer and a delegation of business and commercial organisations to China and Japan, where I was able to build connections in both countries which will serve our sport well in the years to come.

Membership has again been a positive story in 2025/26, with overall growth and in particular I am encouraged by increases in women and girls and younger players. That matters because membership is more than a number. It represents people choosing to belong to our table tennis community, to compete, volunteer, support their children, help run clubs and leagues, or simply enjoy being part of the sport.

It also enables us to invest back into the areas that members tell us are important: competitions, safeguarding, rankings and ratings, education of coaches and officials, digital services and support for clubs. I am delighted that we have recently launched TTE Hub, our new membership platform, in partnership with Cloudathlete. This will deliver a faster, more intuitive experience that makes managing your table tennis life easier.

We know that sustainable growth depends on people and among the other key initiatives we will see in 2026/27 is our new Coach Development Framework, which will deliver a better, more engaged coaching workforce. We are also working hard to deliver more opportunities for technical officials and making volunteering more visible and accessible.

There have also been moments of real pride on the performance stage. Our athletes of all ages have again shown what is possible through dedication, resilience and high-quality support. Success at the top end of the sport inspires the next generation, but it also reminds us how important it is to create clear, well-supported routes from first experiences through to excellence.

I want to thank everyone who gives their time, often quietly and without fanfare, to make sure people are given opportunities to enjoy and progress in the sport. I would also like to thank our Chair Clare Briegal and the Board, National Council and wider committee network, and last but not least my senior leadership team and our staff, who work hard every day to serve the sport and its members.

I would also like to thank our funding partners, Sport England and UK Sport, and our other partners and sponsors.

Looking ahead, our priorities are clear. We must capitalise on the momentum and must make the most of London 2026 as a catalyst to drive the next phase of *Table Tennis United*.

Table tennis in England is at its best when it combines national ambition with local energy. The progress made this year belongs to the whole community, and I am excited about what we can achieve together in the year ahead.



Sally Lockyer - Chief Executive, Table Tennis England









ITTF WORLD TEAM TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS LONDON 2026

PRESENTED BY ACN



The ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals London 2026 Presented by ACN was the sport's biggest event in this country in a generation.

The centenary edition of the Championships, back in the city which hosted the first in 1926, saw 64 men's and 64 women's teams qualify.

Over 13 days, at two iconic venues, 240 team matches were played to whittle down the fields to two all-Asian finals between China and Japan. Congratulations to China on successfully defending both Swaythling Cup (men's) and Corbillon Cup (women's) titles.











Including the training centres, four venues were used, along with nine hotels, and more than 2,000 players, coaches and delegates were accredited.

Table Tennis International Events Ltd was the organisation responsible for strategic oversight, planning and delivery management, a special purpose vehicle bringing together Table Tennis England, International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) and World Table Tennis (WTT).

The Directors are: Clare Briegal MBE, Jonny Cowan, Sandra Deaton, Sally Lockyer, Andrew Nixon, Richard Scruton (chair).

The Event Director was John Timms.

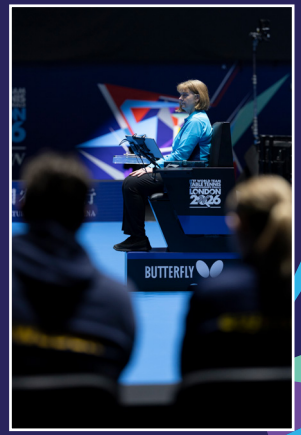
The Championships was supported by 363 volunteers, many of whom were in public-facing roles helping almost 59,000 spectators to enjoy their experience.

Of those spectators, 73% of attendees came from the UK, and 38% had never before attended a live table tennis event.

The atmosphere was electric throughout, notably during England matches and for the final weekend, which was completely sold out. 32% of tickets sold were bought by existing Table Tennis England members.











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As well as the sporting spectacle, London also hosted the ITTF summit and centenary dinner, while OVO Arena Wembley welcomed HRH The Duke of Edinburgh and International Olympic Committee President Kirsty Coventry, who 'pushed the button' to formally start play on the day she attended.

The ITTF Museum set up a dedicated display at neighbouring Brent Civic Centre, where the Pride of Table Tennis Awards ceremony was also held – the guests from the latter also had the opportunity to watch England play.

Among the many meetings and events leading up to the Championships were the draws held at London's tallest building, The Shard, in January 2026.

Britain's Greatest Rally, a publicity event held 50 days before the Championships, set a target of 100,000 rallies being played around the country. That target was smashed, with more than 207,000 rallies played at 33 venues and the initiative being feature on BBC One's flagship *The One Show*.

Working in partnership with the Central London Alliance's London Sports Festival, Table Tennis England installed 10 special edition golden centenary tables across the capital as free-to-play public tables. These are remaining in London as a permanent legacy of the Championships.

Events 'around the edges' of the Championships included a stakeholder day at the Copper Box Arena, the Corporate Cup Final being staged in the practice hall, a coaching CPD day and an umpires' course and CPD. Fanzones at both venues proved very popular with spectators.











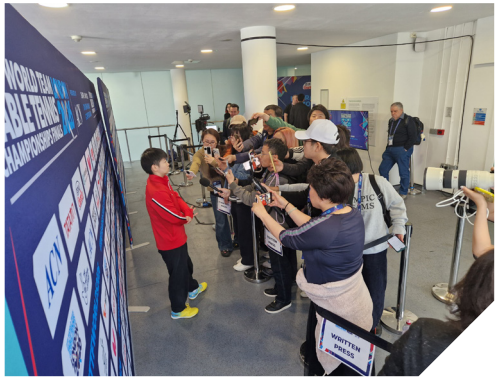












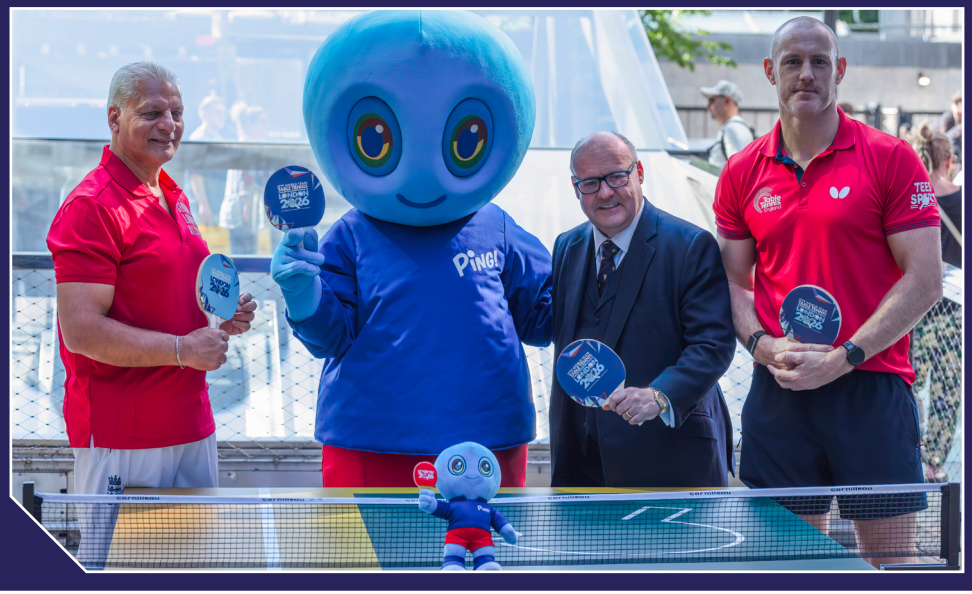
Around 450 external media personnel were accredited across broadcast, photographic, printed and online media from all over the world. A total of 24 broadcasters, including BBC and talkSPORT in the UK, broadcast the event in a total of 98 countries. This rises to more than 200 countries when the WTT YouTube channel is included.

There was a global reach of 786 million viewers, up to 190m unique viewers, and 617m watched hours (audited markets only). There were more than 205m digital views, excluding WTT YouTube.

BBC Breakfast, R4 Today and 5Live Breakfast all broadcast live from the first day of the event.

The total direct economic impact of the Championships is assessed at more than £15.25 million.





The social impact legacy of London 2026 extends well beyond the competition itself.

Around 2,000 people attended through our social impact ticketing programme, with approximately 90% of tickets going to under-16s from clubs and schools, helping inspire the next generation of players.

The Championships also featured a vibrant fanzone, attracting an estimated 7,000 visits through free play opportunities, partner activations and community sessions involving organisations such as Parkinson's UK and the ITTF Foundation.

Strong partnerships were developed with Brent Council, Loughborough University London, Sport England, Parkinson's UK, Activity Alliance and other national and local organisations, creating new opportunities for future collaboration.

More than 40 organisations have benefited from the donation of 85 indoor tables and significant quantities of equipment, ensuring assets remain in communities where they can continue to generate social value.

In addition, 10 Centenary Tables will remain permanently installed across London as a lasting reminder of the Championships, providing free places to play and an ongoing call to action for people to get active.

Loughborough University's social impact research is ongoing and will provide detailed insight into the Championships' legacy, while helping establish robust monitoring and evaluation processes for key programmes including TT Kidz and Ping for Health.

Looking ahead, four Ping for Health pilots, delivered with Parkinson's UK, Activity Alliance and supported by GLL, are set to launch across London.







London 2026 was the first World Championships to come under the umbrella of the ITTF Planet Game Plan 2030, launched to accelerate sustainability across the global table tennis community by embedding environmental, governance and economic sustainability into the fabric of operations.

The goal was clear: to deliver the most sustainable World Championships in the history of the sport, piloting systems – from carbon budgeting to circular procurement – which will define the standard for the next 100 years of the World Championships.

The event's Sustainability Committee set out a bold and ambitious strategic plan with the following core objectives:

· Minimise environmental impact across seven identified areas: energy, waste management, procurement, catering, travel and transport, supplementary events, biodiversity

· Maximise education

· Measure and monitor

· Report and generate a benchmark for future ITTF events

The strategy focused on three high-impact areas:

Waste & The Circular Economy: London 2026 implemented a rigorous "Zero Waste" pathway, ensuring that materials used, from branding to catering, are reusable, recyclable, or compostable.

Water Stewardship: Accessible hydration stations for fans, athletes and staff significantly reduced the reliance on single use bottled water and minimised wastage throughout the venue.

Travel & Sustainable Transport: "Active Travel" used London's iconic public transport network as the primary means for fans to reach the event. For athletes and officials, low-emission transport fleets bridged the gap between the venue and accommodation.










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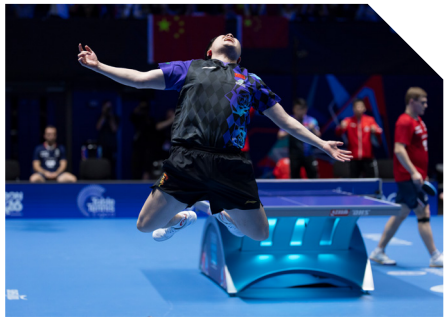




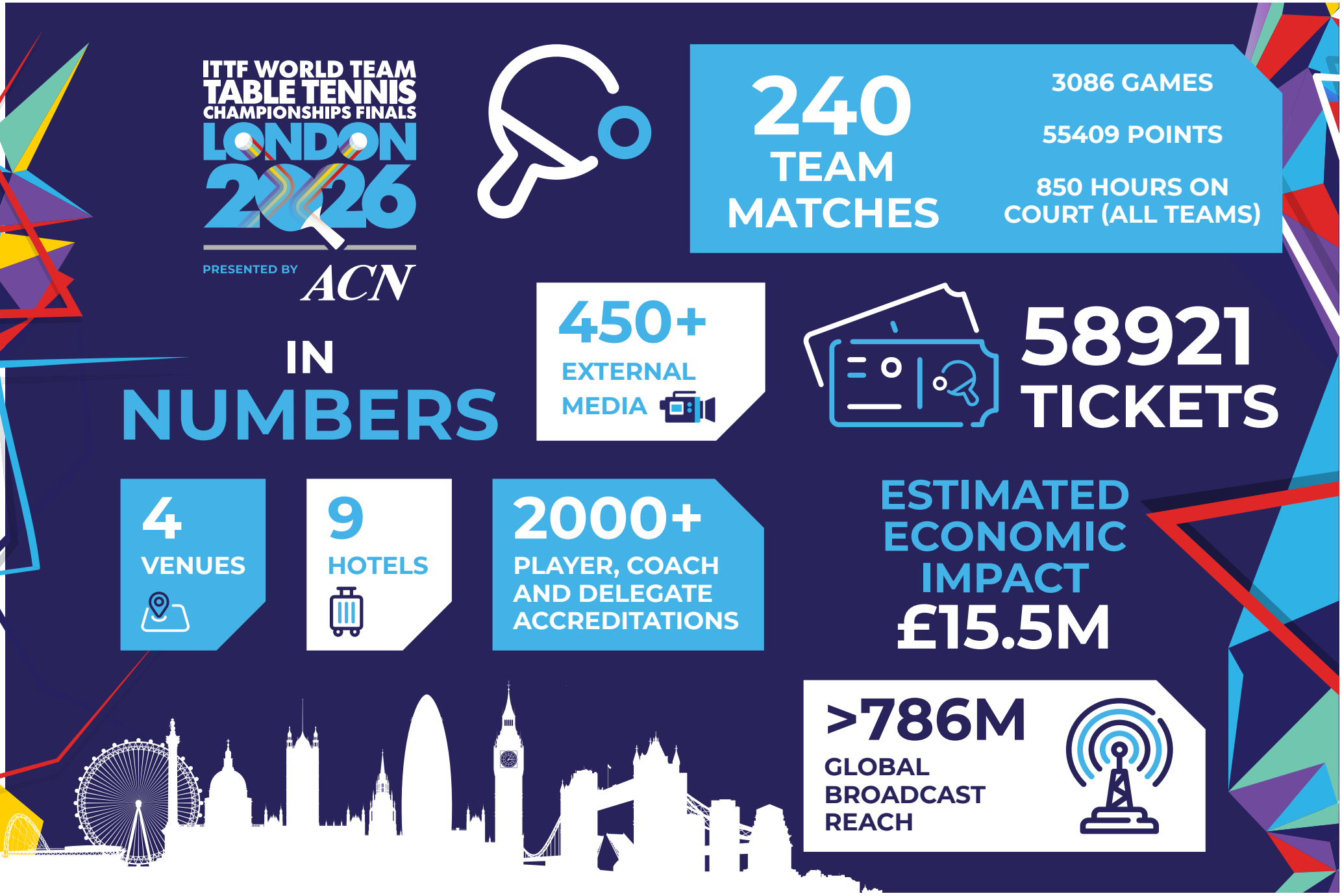

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IN NUMBERS
240 TEAM MATCHES
3086 GAMES
55409 POINTS
850 HOURS ON COURT (ALL TEAMS)
450+ EXTERNAL MEDIA
58921 TICKETS
4 VENUES
9 HOTELS
2000+ PLAYER, COACH AND DELEGATE ACCREDITATIONS
ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT £15.5M
>786M GLOBAL BROADCAST REACH

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363
VOLUNTEERS

3239
TOTAL NUMBER OF SHIFTS

TOTAL HOURS
21402.75
EQUIVALENT TO NEARLY 900 DAYS OF NON-STOP VOLUNTEERING

18-88
AGE RANGE

PLEDGE 1 :

Table tennis will be a thriving community - a sport for everyone with no barriers to taking part

- Working in Partnership
- Growing a Grassroots Workforce
- Participation with a Purpose
- Competition for All



Table Tennis Development

Sport England's Active Lives data shows that approximately 380,000 adults play table tennis regularly, alongside nearly 300,000 children and young people participating each week. This demonstrates the national reach of the sport and the importance of continued investment in grassroots opportunities.

Across our work, we have focused on making programmes more structured, accessible and sustainable, while supporting the people and places that make table tennis thrive.

Growing Participation & Supporting Clubs

Clubs remain at the heart of our sport, and we have continued to support their development and sustainability. In 2025/26, our club network included:

- **173 Premier Clubs**
- **284 Associate Clubs**
- **703 registered clubs and teams**

Together, these clubs engage **20,804** participants across the country, showing the scale and reach of the club network.

Our club network continues to evolve, with more clubs diversifying their offer through social play, recreational sessions and targeted activity for different audiences, helping clubs remain relevant, welcoming and sustainable.

We have also strengthened our place-based approach through our Community Table Tennis Partnerships (CTTPs), supporting local delivery aligned to areas of greatest need. This includes closer collaboration with local authorities, community organisations and delivery partners, helping table tennis reach more people in a wider range of settings.

CASE STUDY



Mevagissey Bat and Chat











Children & Young People

Supporting children and young people remains a key priority. We now have 1,413 Under 11 members within the Table Tennis England community, providing a strong foundation for future participation and progression.

TT Kidz was redeveloped in 2025/2026, with rollout planned for September 2026, our aim is to make TT Kidz a cornerstone of early engagement, introducing young people to table tennis in a fun, structured and accessible way.

Alongside this, the J**ack Petchey Foundation Table Tennis Programme** continues to be one of our strongest youth partnerships, supporting young people across London and Essex. In 2025/26, the partnership entered its **15th year** and began a new **2025 to 27 two-year plan**, designed to expand access and embed table tennis more sustainably in schools and youth organisations. The first year of the new plan focuses on expanding the **Table Donation Scheme** and strengthening the London and Essex Schools Competition pathway.

Early demand has been strong, with **111 organisations** applying for indoor tables and requests totalling **362 indoor tables**. By the June programme update, **200 indoor tables** had been allocated, with **189 passed to suppliers for delivery**, alongside **50 outdoor tables** allocated, of which **41 had been passed to suppliers**.

The **2025/26 academic year** also saw the Jack Petchey competition pathway continue to build momentum, with all six team qualifiers and all six individual qualifiers completed. The academic year culminated shortly after the financial year-end with the Jack Petchey Schools' Table Tennis Individual Finals, bringing together **160 young people** from **53 schools** at the University of East London's SportDock.

This work supports our wider aim of giving more young people positive first experiences of table tennis, particularly in areas of greatest need, inclusive settings and organisations actively promoting girls' participation. Active Lives data reinforces this opportunity, showing nearly **300,000 children and young people** playing table tennis each week, highlighting strong demand and the need to continue widening access, especially for under-represented groups.



Health, Inclusion & Community Impact

This year has continued to show the power of table tennis to support health, wellbeing and social connection.

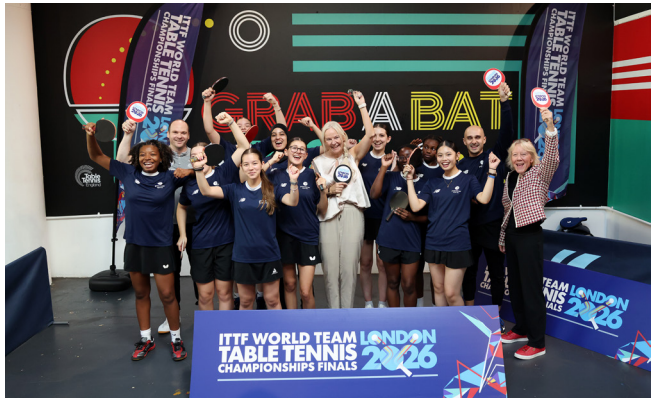
Through the development of **Ping**, we are reaching new audiences and creating accessible community opportunities to play. **Ping Hubs** are proving particularly effective in engaging people who may not traditionally connect with clubs. The Ping Hub model is delivering strong community impact, with standout examples in Ilford and Manchester.



These hubs have created vibrant, inclusive spaces for people of all ages and backgrounds to take part, often in high-footfall community environments. Both locations have received external recognition and featured across media and sector publications, helping raise the profile of table tennis as an accessible, social and inclusive sport. They provide a clear blueprint for scaling community-based activity nationally and bringing table tennis to more people, in more places.

Alongside this, our **Ping for Health** pilot is underway with key partners including **Parkinson's UK, Activity Alliance and the ITTF Foundation**, supporting people with long-term health conditions to benefit from regular physical activity and social engagement.

We are also encouraged that **14.7% of our members come from the top 30% most deprived areas**, reflecting progress in reaching communities where sport can have the greatest impact.



ITTF President Petra Sörling and TTE CEO Sally Lockyer at the Ping Hub in Ilford; Below: Parkinson's at Ormesby



CASE STUDIES

- How Table Tennis helps those with Parkinson's
- ParkySmash Manchester
- Leeds Parky Ping



Building a Stronger Workforce

Our workforce remains one of the sport's greatest strengths. In 2025/26 it included:

- **4,067 volunteers**
- **3,581 coaches**, including **746 licensed coaches**
- **551 umpires**
- **304 tournament organisers**
- **69 referees**

These individuals play a critical role in delivering activity across clubs, competitions and community settings. We thank them for their dedication, time and contribution.

Volunteer recognition was also a major theme through the **2025/26 Cloudathlete Pride of Table Tennis Awards**, which celebrate the volunteers, officials, coaches, clubs, leagues, schools and partners who make an outstanding contribution to the sport. You can read more about the 2025/26 awards elsewhere in this report.

We have also made important progress in preparing the Officials Academy, which will strengthen the technical workforce and support the long-term sustainability of the sport.

Preparing for the World Championships

A significant focus of the year was preparing for the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals London 2026, which has acted as a catalyst for development activity.

Our priority has been to ensure programmes such as **Ping, TT Kidz and Ping for Health** are ready to scale, so we can maximise the impact of the Championships for clubs, communities and participants.

A key development has been strengthening our partnership with **Loughborough University**, who are helping design and deliver a robust social impact evaluation of the Championships. This includes developing an evaluation framework, collecting data and analysing the impact of our programmes. This partnership means we are not only delivering activity, but building a stronger evidence base to understand how table tennis contributes to physical activity, mental wellbeing and social connection. It also positions Table Tennis England to use major events as a catalyst for long-term social impact.



Challenges and Learning

While progress has been positive, there remain areas where we continue to learn and improve.

- Despite growth, gender imbalance remains a challenge, with significantly fewer women and girls participating in the sport.
- School engagement, while improving, will require sustained focus in 2026/27 as TT Kidz is rolled out to a wider audience.
- Membership retention and progression across the pathway remain areas where we continue to refine our approach.

These insights are shaping future priorities and helping us focus where we can have the greatest impact.

Looking Ahead

Looking ahead, we will build on this year's progress and ensure we are ready to maximise the opportunities presented by the World Championships and beyond.

Our priorities include:

- Further growing and supporting clubs as the foundation of the sport
- Expanding TT Kidz and school engagement to strengthen the youth pathway
- Scaling Ping Hubs and Ping for Health to reach new and more diverse audiences
- Developing a stronger digital engagement layer for people who currently play table tennis but do not yet engage with Table Tennis England
- Continuing to develop the workforce, including the launch of the Officials Academy
- Strengthening partnerships and evidence-based practice, including our work with Loughborough University

We remain committed to making table tennis a sport for everyone, ensuring more people can experience the benefits of playing, competing and being part of our community.

Competitions & Events

British Clubs Leagues

It was another record-breaking year for British Clubs League – TTE's premier club league format - with the highest-ever overall entries, and the Cadet and Junior sections continuing to bed-in under the BCL umbrella.

Notable successes include:

- Senior BCL expanding into a 6th tier (Tier D) for the first time, with a year-on-year increase of 18 teams (14%)
- A new initiative to utilise the Sundays following the single-day round of Senior BCL fixtures for 1*/ 2* singles tournaments at the same venues resulted in 6 new events welcoming 247 locals and BCL players
- The Senior BCL Premier Division evolved to a national weekend format, expanding to 8 teams … 100% of teams feel that all teams playing together in one venue is beneficial or very beneficial
- In order to create more opportunities for girls to start playing at an entry level, a new 3-date Girls' Cadet series was piloted, comprising 44 teams and 120+ players. Over 45% of participants were completely new to Cadet or Junior BCL, meaning that we are successfully engaging significant numbers of new and developing players in regulated competition via this new event

BRITISH CLUBS LEAGUES	Teams			Players		
	'23/24	'24/25	'25/26	'23/24	'24/25	'25/26
Senior	130	128	146	919	1,009	1,156
Women's	38	44	44	162	202	201
Veterans Men	66	64	66	306	316	322
Veterans Women	27	28	27	109	114	114
Youth Boys	62	62	62	257	266	271
Youth Girls	30	26	30	114	103	113
Cadet	225	265	271	unknown	1,187	1,274
Junior	141	151	156	unknown	745	824
Girls' Cadet	N/A	N/A	44	N/A	N/A	122
TOTAL	719	768	846	-	3,942	4,397

Overall, over 4,000 players competed in more than 50,000 head-to-head matches in British Clubs League.







County Championships

The County Championship representative format has continued to be a key part of the national league programme, also including dedicated age-groups for Cadet and O60s teams. The number of teams trended down slightly, with a rise in the Cadet cohort:

	2024/25	2025/26
Senior	40	39
Veteran	72	69
O-60	46	45
Junior	47	47
Cadet	33	35
TOTAL	238	235

Notable developments this season included:

- Consolidation of the Senior Premier programme into a single weekend
- Launch of a revised 'pooled expenses' framework for participating counties
- Development of online entry/ payment for Season '26/27 to now align all National Leagues in terms of process and support via TT Leagues



Mark Bates Ltd Senior National Championships

A decision was made by Competitions Committee in August 2025 to integrate the previous standalone Qualification event as part of the Championships event – making it a larger, more complex and demanding single event to deliver. The rationale and key objectives were to enhance the atmosphere and experience for players and spectators, and to boost spectator numbers.

The change meant the event grew, with almost four times as many matches (up from 132 to 493) and a 270% increase in competing players.

It was identified and accepted that this approach would, at least in the short-term, lead to a reduction in qualifying entrants and a likely shift *away* from key youth demographics, due to taking place on a school/ work day. It is also evident that this approach has negatively and disproportionately affected the numbers of women and girls taking part.

There were naturally a number of learning opportunities from the first iteration of the new format, but feedback evidenced that the integrated approach was preferred overall by spectators and by players, with spectators and players both advising the new format improved their experience and the event atmosphere.

Whilst the change to an integrated qualifier did not also result in the expected boost in spectator numbers, which were negatively affected by external factors including a delayed ticket sales launch and the proximity of the World Championships - it has given a solid platform for future growth and success.

National Series

Following its inaugural season, the National Series consolidated a place in the national calendar and in the player pathway with a new change to divisions of 8 players.

The series took place over three national rounds, providing a regular high-quality competitive opportunity for the top 16-24-32 boys and girls players from the U13, U15 and U19 age-groups in the Home Countries, with promotion and relegation taking place between tiers in each age/gender category following each round.

Feedback from players, parents and coaches indicated strong and consistent feedback across all age-groups on the value of the event format and event experience (all 4+ out of 5)

Our sincere thanks to the hosts of the Series - Nottingham TTC and Grantham College.





Pathway Development Cup

The five-year National Competition Review project concluded this season with the launch of the final piece of the jigsaw – the Pathway Development Cup.

This provides a team competition opportunity for U11 and U13 boys and girls who are currently part of the Table Tennis England network of Pathway Development Centres (PDCs) around the country.

This event provides a targeted team competition opportunity for our youngest cohort of performance players, at an area level where critical mass does not exist at club or county level. It also acts as a springboard to British Clubs Leagues (eg Cadet BCL).

The inaugural event took place at Highfield TTC, Wellingborough, with the North West taking both the U13 boys and girls titles, and the South East taking both the boys and girls honours at U11s.

Tiered Open Tournaments

The evolution of the 1*/2*/4* structure in August 2025, in order to make these events easier and more cost-effective to run for hosts and to enter by participants, has helped underpin growth in the number of regulated events, and also ensure that the tiered formats deliver more effectively as a pathway.

The changes were supported by an expanded and enhanced 'Tournaments Explained' supporting document, which was developed as a one-stop resource for both new and existing tournament organisers **here** – as well as an interactive player pathway model for players/ parents/ clubs/ coaches to map each age-category and standard of play to the appropriate TTE competitions **here**.

As an illustration, Senior 4* and satellite events have seen welcome growth from *five* in season 25/26 to *nine* on the calendar for 26/27 – a Senior 4* case study can be seen **here** in order to share an overview and insights to help other Tournament Organisers to achieve success.

Thanks

We extend our sincere thanks to all members of the Tournament Approval Panel and its Chairman John Mackey BEM, the Technical Officials Committee, all the volunteer technical officials at national events, the members of all league and tournament committees, Neil Hurford for his tireless support of TT Leagues IT development as well as the County Championships Committee (amongst others), and Mike Atkinson and Gary Wood from the British Clubs League Committee. We also thank Mike Smith for his many long years and tireless advocacy for the English Leagues Club Competition (ELCC), after stepping down as committee chair this season.

Thank you to our equipment suppliers and ball sponsor Tees Sport and Butterfly, equipment suppliers Bribar, and to IT partners Rocca Creative and Sport:80.

The ongoing support of our sponsors Mark Bates Ltd and China Taiping is greatly appreciated.

We are indebted to the TTE member club venues for hosting core competition formats including Senior BCL, Cadet/ Junior BCL, Girls Cadet BCL, County Championships, National Cups and ELCC – more than £90,000 was paid from TTE to member clubs for venue usage in 2025/26. Thank you to all club host venues for your support.

Finally, a huge thank you to all clubs, teams, players, coaches, parents, table officials, commentators, scorers, volunteers and organisers of regulated leagues and tournaments.





PLEDGE 2:

Culture change across the pathway that inspires World-Class performances and medal success

- World-Class Pathway
- World-Class Behaviours
- World-Class Environments



Talent pathway

Pathway Development Centres (PDCs)

A wide range of PDC camps were delivered throughout the year, including Ones to Watch camps, Girls Only camps and the inaugural PDC Cup, providing players with additional development and competitive opportunities.

Through the camps, there has been a greater collaboration with PDC coaches, strengthening player support and improving the identification of emerging talent, creating clearer progression opportunities into the England Hopes programme.



Talent & Performance Team

Dedicated age-category coaches were introduced to provide greater consistency and support across the talent pathway.

Coaches work closely with players throughout focused age group training camps, and wider Great Britain Training Squad (GBTS) camps. This approach increased coach contact time with players, strengthened coach-athlete relationships and enabled more individualised support, improving continuity across training and competition while supporting long-term player development.

Liam Pitchford is now fully back in action after almost a year of inactivity due to hip surgery. Liam has his sights firmly set on delivering his best performance ever at LA2028 Olympic Games which, if he qualifies, will be his fifth Olympic Games.



England Hopes & World Hopes Week

The England Hopes programme continued to provide high-quality development opportunities for the country's most promising young players. September saw the Talent team deliver the first ever England Hopes week – training opportunities throughout the week which culminated in a play-off for a spot at the ITTF World Hopes week for one girl and one boy.



The England Talent Team planned and delivered the ITTF World Hopes Week in Sheffield. This event brought together the world's leading Under-12 players and coaches in a high-performance environment. The programme forms an important part of the international talent pathway, providing valuable training, competition and learning experiences that prepare young athletes for future performance opportunities. The week saw 40 players and their coaches come together to take part in a week of training followed by a 2-day competition. The success of this event was recognised by Mikael Andersson, Director of Sport ITTF saying "The feedback from our participants last year was overwhelmingly positive, with many praising the activity as the best organised, they have ever attended. Last year's World Hopes raised the bar for future organisers, and we are very excited to be returning to Sheffield for another great week of identifying our future talents and developing table tennis globally."



Diploma in Sporting Excellence (DiSE)

Dedicated age-category coaches were introduced to provide greater consistency and support across the talent pathway.

The DiSE programme continued to grow, achieving a 100% pass rate across the cohort, reflecting the commitment of both athletes and staff. The programme also delivered a successful international trip to Linz, where players returned with a number of medals, gaining valuable international competition experience. The programme secured an increase in DISE places for the 2026–2028 cohort.





Coach Development

This year marked a significant step forward in coach development with the introduction of a new Coach Development Team, providing greater support to coaches across the pathway.

Key achievements included:

- Launch of the brand new Coach Development Pathway, providing clearer progression opportunities for coaches.
- A new partnership with CIMSPA, with one coaching qualification now recognised as a professional qualification.
- Introduction of the Coach Development Framework, creating a structured and progressive approach to coach learning and development.
- Together, these developments have strengthened the coaching workforce and enhanced the support available to players throughout the talent pathway.



Coaching course in Bournemouth

- Completion of the SHECoaches programme
- Coach development is now being delivered in the places where coaches coach, developing our place-based strategy

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PLEDGE 3:

Connection across the community

- Digital Transformation
- Staging Fantastic Events
- Developing our Partners



TT Leagues

TT Leagues continues to be an essential part of the Table Tennis England competitions infrastructure. It is used by more than 150 local leagues for managing their league competitions and also for national competitions. These include British Clubs Leagues, Cadet/Junior BCL, County Championships and National Schools competitions.



The run-in to the 2025/26 season proved to be a busy one with 14 new users from local leagues. In most cases, the leagues were able to set up their competition themselves with minimal help from the TTE Help Desk. In one case, a local league was able to get its 2025/26 competition up and running within two weeks – just in time for the start of the new season in that league.

The new users have provided positive feedback about the system and have welcomed the reassurance that help is only an email away. The ability to run Divisional Cup Competitions and Handicap Competitions on their league websites has been welcomed by many of the new users. The local league ranking system has also been popular.





For the County Championships, the online entry functionality of TT Leagues has been used in April/May for the team entry process for the 2026/27 season. This worked well and because the data from the entries could be downloaded into a spreadsheet, the process of producing the first draft of the Divisional structure was both simpler and quicker. The online system has also streamlined the production of the information that will go into the Handbook. Nonetheless, there are aspects of the online entry system that should be more closely attuned to the requirements of the County Championships. We will aim to make those changes for the entries for the 2027/28 season.

TT Leagues was first used for the finals of the Schools team competitions in 2024/25. Building on this success, the system was used in 2025/26 for the London Area finals. This tested the flexibility of the system in dealing with the two-phase approach adopted for the Area Finals, namely an initial group phase followed by a knockout phase for the winners and runners-up. This added complexity to the competition, but the TT Leagues system worked well in dealing with this two-phase approach. A further test was provided at the National Team Finals where a new "play-for-place" format was introduced. But the flexibility and robustness of the TT Leagues system was again demonstrated and the system worked well.





For the 2026/27 season, Table Tennis England will be using a new membership management system – TTE Hub. TT Leagues will access the membership data via an API using a similar process to that currently used. However, it is hoped that over time, TT Leagues will be able to be more closely integrated into TTE Hub. One obvious area to explore is the automatic generation of custom email groups directed at specific cohorts, such as cadets, juniors and veterans. But of course our first priority in the run-up to the start of the 2026/27 season was to ensure a seamless transition to the new system.

Looking ahead beyond 2026/27, there are still opportunities for further growth. Artificial Intelligence provides a powerful tool for developing the system. We have already done some initial work to explore how AI can provide much greater flexibility for fixture generation. The ETTA/TTE fixture grids that have been used for 50 years or more to generate fixtures have been an essential part of local league operations. But they lack flexibility, particularly in relation to generating fixture lists for divisions with different numbers of teams. Initial explorations of the use of AI for fixture generation have been encouraging. AI may provide the flexibility that local leagues are asking for in respect of fixture generation.

Much has been achieved with TT Leagues since it was launched in July 2019. But we continue to explore the development of the system to meet the needs of the Table Tennis England competitive landscape.

Digital Transformation and a New Home for Members

This year marked a cornerstone in our digital strategy.

We have been working behind the scenes to build and prepare our new digital membership experience, powered by Cloudathlete, launching in July 2026 ahead of the 26/27 season.

Members can look forward to a much more engaging community experience, driven by a more dynamic ranking and ratings engine. With greater customisation and personalisation, this infrastructure ensures a robust, connected, and user-friendly digital ecosystem for our entire community. Furthermore, what members experience from the start of the 26/27 season only scratches the surface of the platform's long-term capabilities.

Crucially, our digital engagement has continued to grow across all touchpoints this year - including our social media channels, websites, and our total contactable audience - providing a strong, highly engaged foundation for this new platform and a much greater reach into audiences who are at the start of their journey within the sport, driving our membership growth and recruitment into key roles across the community from coaches, officials, event organisers, welfare officers and more.





Staging Fantastic Events: The Road to the Worlds

WTT Star Contender London

In October 2025, we took the next step on our journey to making England a home to world-class, international table tennis events.

Building on the success of the two WTT Feeder Manchester events, the WTT Star Contender represented a significant stepping stone towards the World Championships. With over 4,000 tickets sold - including a sold-out finals day at the Copper Box Arena - the event successfully expanded our audience.

Just over 40% of spectators had never had the opportunity to attend a table tennis event of this level before, and 97% stated they would want to do so again.















Road to the Worlds

The momentum continued to build into the new year. A key milestone on the journey to the centenary event was hosting the official draw live from the Shangri-La Hotel at The Shard, hosting the draw in such an iconic location perfectly set the stage for a historic tournament.



Driven by the momentum of the home World Championships, and with the sport experiencing a Hollywood spotlight through the film *Marty Supreme* in early January 2026, our media engagement took off significantly. A centrepiece of this build-up was the Centenary Table Programme, which saw 10 striking, special-edition golden tables installed at high-profile, iconic London landmarks. This initiative provided highly visible, engaging touchpoints across the capital, generating a vibrant dialogue between the public and the sport.

This visibility was supercharged by Britain's Greatest Rally, designed as a major grassroots legacy initiative on the road to the Worlds. Held on 9 March to mark 50 days to go until the Championships, 33 officially registered clubs, schools and community groups worked together with the ambitious goal of achieving 100,000 rallies in a single day. The community response was phenomenal, more than doubling the target to record a massive 207,343 rallies.



Our athletes also benefited from more exposure and profiling. With numerous interviews featured across news publications, including the BBC, ITV, Sky News, talkSPORT, The Telegraph and many more.

In total we reached a staggering total global audience of over 1.8 billion (representing the combined publication-wide audience figures for all outlets featuring coverage) providing our athletes with vital exposure whilst simultaneously building visibility at the grassroots level.



The World Championships themselves were a monumental success for live audience engagement. Across the event, we issued a total of over 58,000 tickets. This figure proudly includes our extensive complimentary and community programme allocations, ensuring the event remained accessible to a wide demographic.

Crucially, the tournament succeeded in reaching new fans: 38% of attendees had never been to a live table tennis event before, whilst 73% of attendees were based in the UK, highlighting the strong domestic appetite for world-class table tennis.

To further commemorate the centenary homecoming, we launched an exclusive London 2026 and ITTF centenary merchandise range. Available both online and in-venue, the collection offered fans a tangible connection to the historic event. The range successfully drove commercial engagement and brand visibility, featuring everything from limited-edition commemorative jackets to the hugely popular plush toy of our official event mascot, Ping!



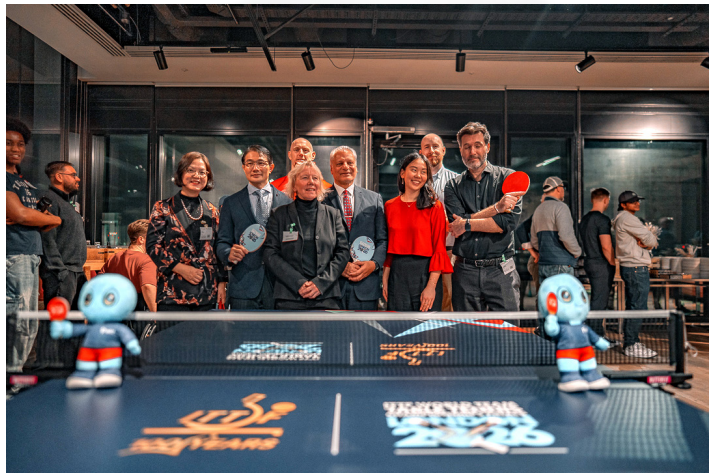




Developing our Partners

Corporate Community & Government Engagement

Community connection extended to new strategic partnerships this year. In February 2026, we hosted the successful "Round the Table" launch event at Google HQ in London. This expanded our network into the corporate sector, bringing new audiences and stakeholders into the Table Tennis England community to support the sport's long-term growth.



This initiative culminated in the Corporate Cup, with the finalists competing in a spectacular final at the OVO Arena Wembley alongside the World Championships.

The World Championships also served as a powerful vehicle for soft power. The scale and prestige of the centenary event gave us an unparalleled platform to drive deeper engagement with our government stakeholders, positioning table tennis as a key contributor to the national sporting and cultural landscape.

A prime example of this was Table Tennis England Chief Executive Sally Lockyer joining Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer on an official Government trade delegation to China and Japan. This trip not only deepened our connection with the UK government but also opened crucial doors to key stakeholders in Asia. During this visit in Beijing, we signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with China Media Group (CMG) - the world's largest media conglomerate - building on our global reach to create new opportunities for participation and engagement.

PLEDGE 4:

A high performing organisation that is not just fit for today but is fit for the future

- Tackling Inequalities
- Investing in People
- A Powerful Culture
- Influencing our Partners
- Inspiring Change
- Growing our Own Income



UK Anti Doping

As part of our performance programme we are required to undertake anti-doping training, education and awareness. We have to develop and deliver an implementation plan and development plan annually and show evidence of delivery.

We are required to undertake and provide evidence of our ongoing compliance to the UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) Framework, and this was completed in April 2026.

Joanna Keay-Blyth, Director of Operations, is the Anti-Doping Lead and Evie Collier, Coach Learning and Development Manager, is our trainer and delivers all the training requirements.

At the time of writing we are halfway through the education with parents from both Great Britain Training Squad (GBTS) and England Hopes squads. There has been positive attendance and engagement from parents and Evie has also been observed by UKAD for one of the sessions.

Players within GBTS and DiSE squads have completed the Compete Clean online learning, which is valid for two years.

Coaches in the performance team have completed the Coach Clean module, which is also valid for two years. Senior Athletes were due to complete the Compete Clean learning in June 2026 when their education is required to be validated.

Evie Collier is sitting on a focus group for the UKAD project manager group and will also attend a UKAD QA day in Loughborough. Don Parker as Board lead attended the Board Anti-Doping Lead Forum on the 18 November 2025.

Plans will start in Q3 for delivery for next season and education.

Safeguarding

We continue to review our SafeTT policies, procedures and guidelines to ensure they remain current and reflect legislative changes and sector developments.

The SafeTT Policy was reviewed in March 2026 with amendments made to refresh the content and strengthen key areas, including updated guidance on positions of trust following changes to legislation and updates to key areas such as the Government's Prevent programme. Alongside our policy work, we have continued to develop our safeguarding web presence to ensure that key information is clearly presented and easy to navigate for all members, whether a player, parent, coach or volunteer.

During the course of the year, we managed six new safeguarding cases with four disciplinary cases involving breaches of the Disciplinary Regulations and SafeTT Code of Conduct. A number of these involved the application of interim suspensions pending the outcome of proceedings or internal investigation, and in four cases resulted in permanent suspensions being applied. Two appeal hearings also took place during the reporting period.

In addition to formal cases, we introduced a structured lower-level concerns log to capture concerns falling below the threshold for formal disciplinary or safeguarding referral. By March 2026, the log recorded seven entries. The themes identified included member disputes and relationship breakdowns requiring welfare input, Code of Conduct matters and safeguarding advice queries from clubs. A positive trend across the year is that several concerns were identified and escalated directly by Club Welfare Officers, consistent with TTE's safeguarding structure operating as intended at club level.

In November 2025, we held an online Welfare Officer training session attended by volunteers from across the country and followed up with a post-event feedback survey to gain valuable insights which will help inform our delivery of future training events.

At the Mark Bates Senior National Championships in Nottingham in March 2026, TTE Designated Safeguarding Lead Kyhl Daly conducted a safeguarding survey, receiving 32 responses from players, officials, volunteers, parents and spectators. The survey established a valuable baseline on participants' experience of safety, visibility of safeguarding information and confidence in reporting. The findings and recommendations from the survey will be used to improve safeguarding provision at future events.

DBS-related queries accounted for a significant volume of member contact during the year, with many coaches and volunteers seeking guidance on how to navigate the application process. In response, we published a new step-by-step guide to completing a DBS application through our provider First Advantage (Know Your People), which is now available on the TTE website and has helped to reduce the volume of direct queries to the team. We are also monitoring developments in digital DBS verification, which a number of other NGBs are beginning to adopt, with a view to simplifying the process further in the coming year.



During 2025/26, the Safeguarding team developed a comprehensive Staff and Volunteer Safeguarding Communications and Training Plan for 2026/27 which is intended to support our approach to member engagement. The plan sets out a structured programme of safeguarding communications including blogs, e-newsletters and social media activity alongside a calendar of training and webinar activity for Club Welfare Officers, coaches, chaperones and TTE staff. It is designed to ensure consistent, year-round safeguarding awareness across the whole of the TTE community.

Female chaperones continued to play an important role in supporting our performance squads, accompanying pathway players to training camps and events, including chaperone attendance at the recent 2026 ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals in London.

The NSPCC Sport unit (previously CPSU) carried out their annual assessment review in May 2025 and we followed this in taking actions in response to any areas identified as requiring improvement including the introduction of the structured lower-level concerns log referenced above, in January 2026.

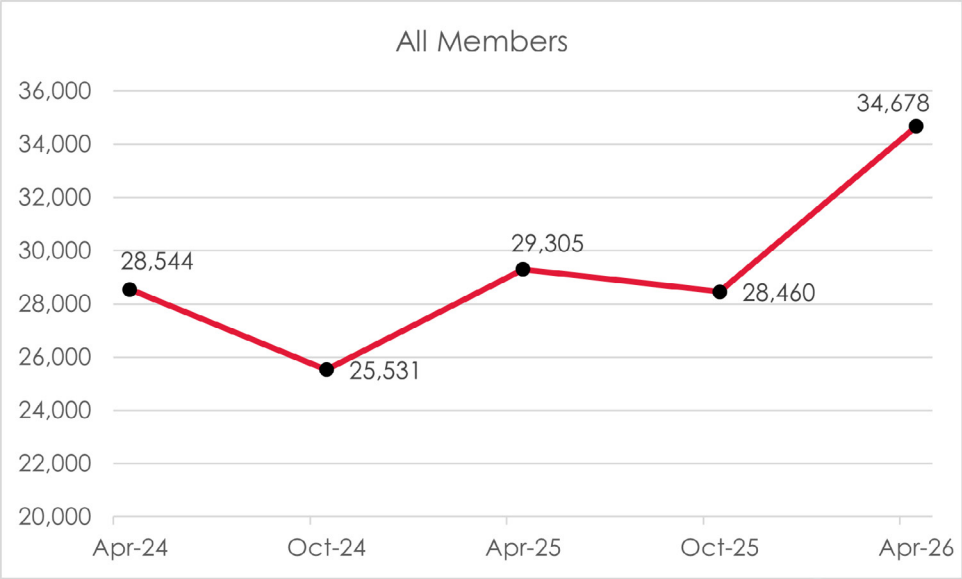
Sport England's Sport Welfare Officers, linked to Active Partnerships across England, continue to provide networking and training support to our club welfare officers. TTE has maintained an active relationship with this network throughout the year, and discussions are still ongoing for one of our clubs to be selected to take part in an exclusive trial of the Welfare 360 digital safeguarding tool.

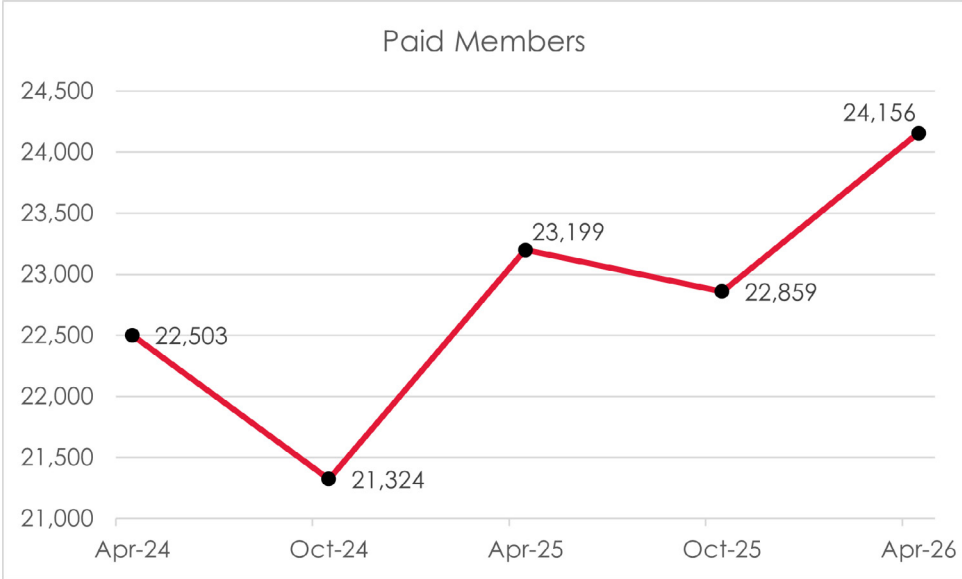
Membership & Customer Service

Membership numbers as of 31 March 2026 were up by 4,946 (16.9%) compared with the previous season. Growth was recorded across all membership types and every age group, as detailed in the tables below.

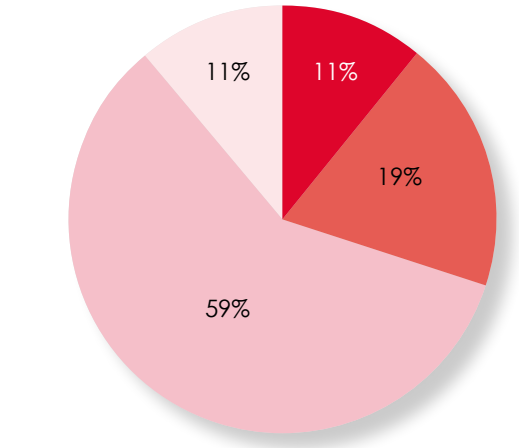
Overall, the figures show that table tennis continues to attract and retain members across all age groups, providing a solid platform for future growth.

Total Membership	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	Variance	Female	Male
Supporter	1143	997	865	971	953	3673	2720	2279	1377
Club Play	2899	3531	4188	4434	5136	6520	1384	1782	4699
Compete	12343	18193	18635	19229	19694	19951	257	1678	18227
Compete Plus	1313	2353	2717	3082	3524	3871	347	635	3230
Total Membership	**17698**	**25074**	**26405**	**27716**	**29307**	**34253**	**4946**	**6461**	**27792**
Membership by age									
Cadet	1428	2437	2937	3007	3565	4331	766	684	3647
Junior	1134	1881	1861	1931	2023	2327	304	349	1978
Senior	2174	3732	4091	4514	4614	7186	2572	2357	4829
Veteran	12962	17024	17514	18264	18988	20409	1421	3071	17338
Membership by age - Compete Plus									
Cadet	288	509	687	742	996	1097	101	219	878
Junior	259	482	490	542	594	656	62	120	536
Senior	288	552	671	806	867	989	122	146	843
Veteran	478	810	876	986	1055	1149	94	159	990
Membership by age - Compete									
Cadet	684	1133	1315	1374	1532	1842	310	191	1651
Junior	640	1140	1132	1162	1183	1227	44	101	1126
Senior	1444	2668	2802	2942	3050	3171	121	307	2864
Veteran	9575	13252	13371	13707	13886	14059	173	1132	12927

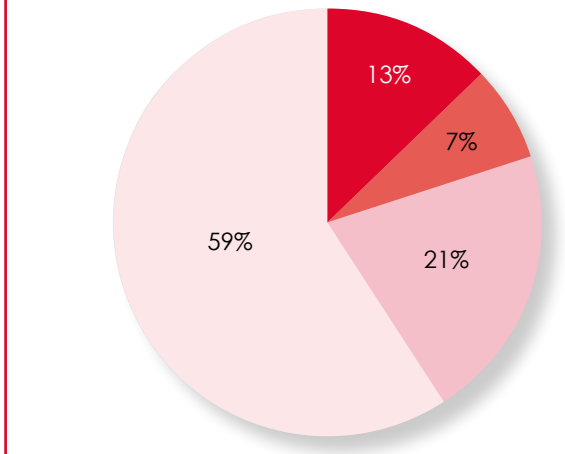




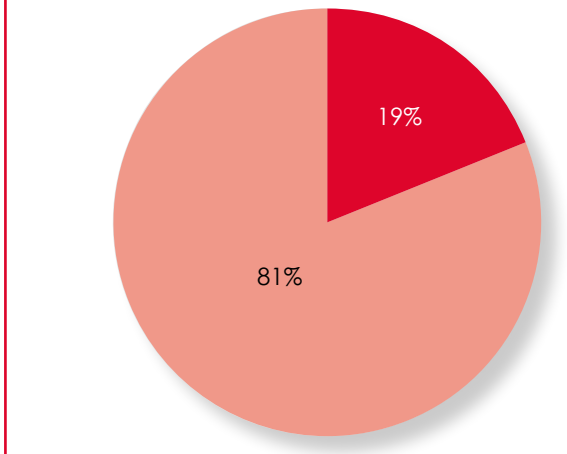
Membership Categories



Membership by Age



Gender



Customer Service

Customer Service enquiries have increased by 8%, from 10,189 in 2024/25 to 10,993 in 2025/26. While overall demand remained stable across many areas, several notable changes contributed to the increase.

TICKET GROUP	24/25	25/26	%
All Agents	211	438	108
Clubs, leagues & Volunteering	365	208	-43
Coaching	370	338	-9
Competitions	150	197	31
East	47	25	-47
Finance	815	440	-46
London	69	60	-13
Membership	288	240	-17
North East	35	29	-17
North West	22	26	18
Partnerships	101	85	-16
Performance	1288	2469	92
Ranking	506	385	-24
Schools	59	85	44
South East	36	37	3
South West	31	32	3
Support	5614	5693	1
TT Clubs	85	72	-15
TT Leagues	25	27	8
West	72	78	8
Governance	0	29	0
TOTAL	**10189**	**10993**	**8**



The Support team remained the largest ticket group, managing 5,693 tickets, an increase of 1% compared with the previous season. Although the percentage increase was small, the volume of tickets remained high. A good amount of these enquiries related to the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals, which generated increased demand for customer support throughout the beginning of this year.

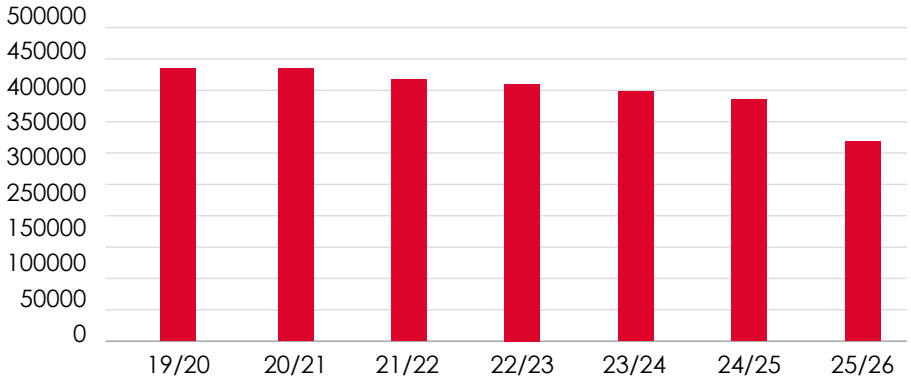
A new Governance ticket group was introduced during 2025/26, generating 29 tickets. As this category was not available in the previous season, direct year-on-year comparisons are not possible; however, its introduction provides greater visibility and reporting capability for governance-related enquiries moving forward.

Work has been carried our by all staff and Board at a workshop in June 2025, followed by multiple working group sessions over the past 12 months, to define a set of Table Tennis England values which outline who we want to be, how we want to work and how we will be successful. We plan to share more on our values with our members during the 2026/27 season.

Financial Reports

	2026	2025
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Income	5,515,750	5,073,160
Administrative Expenses	(5,593,759)	(5,101,209)
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	**(78,009)**	**(28,049)**
Interest receivable and similar income	14,851	19,656
Taxation	(2,822)	(3,735)
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	**(65,980)**	**(12,128)**
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
Fixed assets	83,591	72,578
Current assets	1,107,062	1,134,273
Current liabilities	(872,602)	(822,820)
Net Assets	**318,051**	**384,031**
Income and expenditure account	283,858	349,531
Testimonial funds	34,193	34,500
Reserves	**318,051**	**384,031**

Levels of Reserves

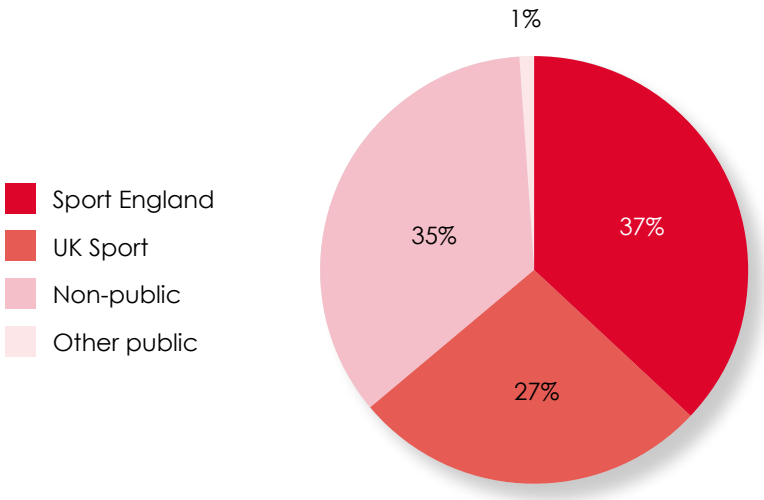




Sources of income

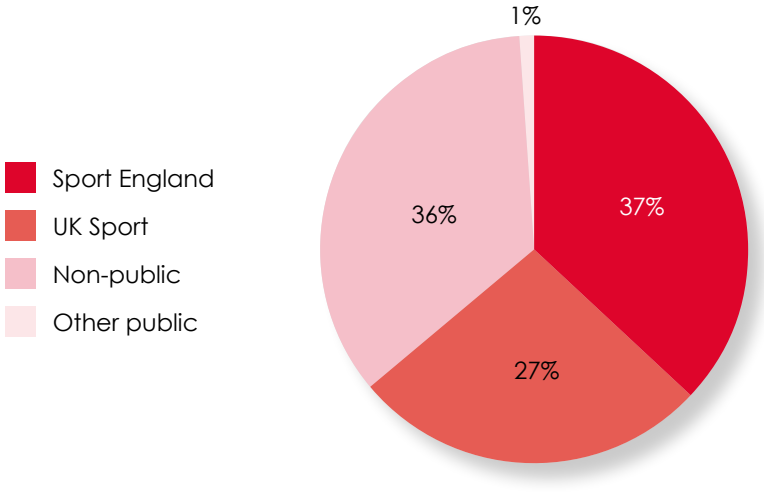
	Sport England	UK Sport	Non-public	Other public	Total
Participation grants	36%				36%
Para Performance grants	0.3%	21%	0.7%		22%
Other grants	0.9%	6.4%	5.7%	0.8%	14%
Membership income			11%		11%
Sponsorship income			1.3%		1%
Other income *			17%		17%
	37%	**27%**	**35%**	**1%**	**100%**

*Other income sources include Coaching and Competition entry fees, Web Advertising Royalties, TT Leagues licensing, Player recharges, Merchandise and Ticket sales, Bank interest, TT Kidz and PING sales.



Where did we invest

	Sport England	UK Sport	Non-public	Other public	Total
Overheads/Support costs	8%	0.1%	3.8%	0.8%	12%
Talent	7%		3%		11%
Participation/Core market	12%		4.4%		16%
Para Performance	0.3%	20%	0.7%		21%
Performance	0.9%	6%	8%		15%
Events and Courses	4%		13%		17%
Marketing	5%		2%		6,9%
Other costs			0.5%		0.5%
	37%	**27%**	**36%**	**1%**	**100%**



Financial Statement

This is the fourth year of the 2022/27 Sport England funding cycle, in which we received a partner award of £2,008,631. A reduction of £66,369 compared to the previous year. Sport England funding continues to be ring-fenced with clear outcomes and outputs required to maintain investment of public funds.

While the last few years have been challenging with rising living costs and inflation, we always work hard to try and achieve a near balanced year-end position, although due to reduced commercial income, increased legal and governance costs and a provision for doubtful debt, we finished the year with a deficit.

Over the last few years, we have consistently incurred small deficits, but we are looking to reverse this trend, although with a large proportion of our income coming from ring-fenced funding, we are limited as to how quickly we can grow our reserves level.

Membership numbers have gradually increased since the pandemic, although we haven't fully recovered to pre-Covid levels.

Table Tennis England, on behalf of Great British Table Tennis, once again received a Progression grant from UK Sport to support the development of the GB performance system; a crucial investment that underpins our ambitions for future Olympic medal success.

We also received a small amount of Commonwealth Games funding to support LA2028 qualification prospects and maintain a pipeline of English athletes ready for the India 2030 games.

The British Para Table Tennis World-Class Performance programme is accounted for within our financial statements, although income is equal to expenditure and any unspent grant is recorded under deferred income. Due to funding conditions, British Para Table Tennis transitioned away from the organisation at the end of the financial year, which will reduce the income and expenditure in next year's financial statements.

We were once again grateful to other partners; the Jack Petchey Foundation for their support of the children and young people programme in London and Essex, to Mark Bates Ltd for their commitment to the Senior National Championships and Greater London Authority for the Mayor of London Sports Internship Programme to support two fixed term posts during the year.

We continue to monitor any potential financial risks and identify new opportunities that could help mitigate those risks.

A copy of our audited accounts are available on our website.

Number of Paid Members

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26
Home Countries Upgrade								196
Compete Plus - Under-11							274	307
Compete Plus - Under-19	1,029	1,017	528	972	1,152	1,282	1,291	1,405
Compete Plus - Senior	1,366	1,326	680	1,357	1,513	1,783	1,892	2,096
Compete - Under-11							213	260
Compete - Under-19	3,060	2,954	1,326	2,285	2,470	2,526	2,563	2,629
Compete - Senior	20,187	19,594	11,054	15,940	16,148	16,747	16,994	16,982
Total Paid Members	**25,642**	**24,891**	**13,588**	**20,554**	**21,283**	**22,338**	**23,227**	**23,875**

Price Per Membership Category

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26
Home Countries Upgrade								£15.00
Compete Plus - Under-11							FREE	FREE
Compete Plus - Under-19	£19.00	£19.00	£19.00	£19.00	£20.00	£20.00	£22.00	£24.00
Compete Plus - Senior	£38.00	£38.00	£38.00	£38.00	£40.00	£40.00	£44.00	£47.00
Compete - Under-11							FREE	FREE
Compete - Under-19	£8.00	£8.00	£8.00	£8.00	£9.00	£9.00	£11.00	£13.00
Compete - Senior	£16.00	£16.00	£16.00	£16.00	£18.00	£18.00	£22.00	£25.00

Governance Statement

English Table Tennis Association is a limited company which trades as Table Tennis England. It is the National Governing Body for the sport in England and is affiliated to the International Table Tennis Federation. It publishes its Articles and other governance information on its website. It receives public funding and, in return, is required to comply with the Code for Sports 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.

We define our vision and purpose in our strategy, *Table Tennis United*, which we publish on our website. We monitor progress against the strategy at each Board meeting and publish a detailed report on the progress towards each pledge in the annual review.



We continue with our governance journey to ensure we are a High Performing Governing Body and this year we saw Judy Rogers, Safeguarding and Disciplinary Manager retire after 28 years' service to the organisation. We continue to invest in this essential area by recruiting a full-time replacement to ensure good governance and integrity are supported.

In addition, every Board member sat on a committee, which met between the scheduled Board meetings.

NAME	ROLE	04-Jun-25	13-Aug-25	12-Nov-25	11-Feb-26
Clare Briegal MBE	Chair	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Richard Ayers	Senior Independent Director	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Attended
Kwadjo Adjepong	Appointed Director until 6/25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Paul Bishop	Appointed Director	Apologies	Attended	Apologies	Attended
Liam McTiernan	Appointed Director 6/25	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Sally Lockyer	Chief Executive Officer	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Katharine Curran	Appointed Director 3/24	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Sally Hughes	Elected Director	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Ray James	Appointed Director until 6/25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jos Kelly	Elected Director	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Leanne O'Leary	Appointed Director 8/25	N/A	Attended	Attended	Attended
Don Parker	Elected Director and Deputy Chair	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Ritchie Venner	Elected Director	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Anna Whowell	Appointed Director from March 2024	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
	TOTAL ATTENDED	**10**	**11**	**11**	**12**

Regarding our Board members, Sally Lockyer has been Chief Executive since December 2024 and Clare Briegal Chair since 31 March 2025. Paul Bishop, who was co-opted in February 2025, was appointed on a permanent basis in June 2025 as Director and Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee. Leanne O'Leary was appointed in August 2025 and replaces Kwadjo Adjepong as Chair of Risk and Governance Committee.

Kwadjo and Ray James (Chair of the Development Committee) stood down at the end of their first terms in June 2025. Ritchie Venner's first term also came to an end and he was re-elected for a second term in May 2025. One appointed director position was replaced by an Elected Director position in accordance with the change in Articles approved at the 2024 AGM, this position was taken by Liam McTiernan in May 2025.

There were four scheduled Board meetings held during the year and the Board member attendance is tabled below. There were also two interim virtual Board meetings held during the period. Minutes of the Board meetings, some with appropriate redactions, are available on the TTE website.

In addition, every Board member sat on a committee, which met between the scheduled Board meetings.

Minutes of the Board meetings including the key decisions of the board are available to read on the TTE website here.

Governance and Risk Committee Annual Report

Board Committee	Governance & Risk		Year: 2025/26	
MEETING DATES / MEMBERS	MAY 2025	JULY 2025	OCTOBER 2025	JANUARY 2026
Kwadjo Adjepong (Chair)	·	N/A	N/A	N/A
Clare Briegal MBE (Board Chair)	·	·	·	·
Sally Lockyer (Chief Executive)	X	·	·	·
Dan Fox (volunteer)	·	·	·	·
Estyn Williams (volunteer)	·	·	·	·
Joanna Keay-Blyth (staff)	·	·	·	·
Fiona Ochai- Wery (staff)	·	·	·	·
Liam McTiernan (Interim Chair/Board)	N/A	·	X	·
Leanne O'Leary (Chair)	N/A	N/A	·	·

Committee Chair Executive Summary

It was a very productive year for the Governance and Risk Committee, with the key decisions and recommendations to the Board outlined succinctly below.

The GRC composition changed, with the tenure of former director Kwadjo Adjepong, coming to an end, and director Liam McTiernan stepping in as interim chair until the appointment of Leanne O'Leary, as director and chair of the Governance Committee in October 2025. The composition will change again with the prospective appointment of a new member of the GRC to join Estyn Williams, Dan Fox, Liam McTiernan and Leanne O'Leary and members of the TTE Governance Team on the GRC. A warm 'thank you' to the GRC volunteers and TTE staff for their time and contributions to the GRC's work over the past year.

Key Decisions/ Recommendations to the Board

May 25

- AGM Notice and Governance Statement recommended to Board to approve
- Requested the Board approve the delegated authority to approve County Constitution
- Recommended the review of Honours Committee

July 25

- Reviewed and agreed Board evaluation action plan
- Competition Regulations approved for the new season

October 25

- Agreed to review and strengthen definition and policy for vexatious/unreasonably persistent communications in Code of Conduct
- Recommendation for the AGM date and configuration
- Conflict of Interest Policy agreed for recommendation to the Board
- Affiliation & Registration / Disciplinary Regulations enhanced based on learnings from cases (updating how we will deal with serious offences, clarifying the powers of the Disciplinary Panel and parties having representation at hearings)

January 26

- Insurance Tender agreed
- Code of Conduct agreed with additional wording for vexatious / unreasonable persistent communication

Future Plan and Key Priorities for year ahead

- Add additional committee members to governance committees
- Plan 2026 AGM
- Review Anti-Corruption Regulations with Learnings from Integrity case
- Complete for the first time the Ann Craft Trust Assessment for Adults
- Complete the CPSU assessment
- Complete review of relevant Regulations changes to Competition Regs for new season and in light of the Gender eligibility policy
- Support the recruitment of an Appointed and Elected Director
- Ensure and implement an updated Terms of Reference for all committees
- Continue to monitor progress on actions arising from the external board evaluation
- Monitor the highest risk on the Risk Register which is staff morale and our people.

Finance and Audit Committee Annual Report

Board Committee	Finance & Audit		Year: 2025/26	
MEETING DATES / MEMBERS	MAY 2025	JULY 2025	OCTOBER 2025	JANUARY 2026
Paul Bishop (Committee Chair)	·	·	·	·
Clare Briegal MBE (Board Chair)	·	X	·	·
Sally Lockyer (Chief Executive)	·	·	·	X
Anna Whowell (Board)	·	·	X	·
Jos Kelly (Board)	·	·	·	·
Lew Hodges (volunteer)	·	·	·	·
Sam Garey (staff)	·	·	·	·

Committee Chair Executive Summary

Over the past 12 months the Finance Committee has reviewed and approved the annual Financial Statements as well as quarterly Finance Reports, including receiving the report of the external auditors which raised no significant reporting or controls issues.

The committee also reviewed and approved an interim and a final budget for the year to 31 March 2026.

The main focus of the committee though has been to get to grips with the financial position of the company, and in particular the level of reserves and the sustainability of our revenues and expenses.

Reserves at 1 April 2025 were approximately £350,000 against a minimum requirement as calculated by Finance of £220,000. Reserves have been going down steadily over the past 10 years with most years resulting in a small deficit – this was around £12,000 in each of the last 2 years. The committee felt that the company should have a larger buffer to absorb any shocks and provide the capacity for investment. As a first step the committee recommended to the Board, and the Board agreed, that the company has no appetite for deficits and that all budgets should show a surplus as a minimum.

Key Decisions/ Recommendations to the Board

- Recommend 24/25 draft year end accounts for Board approval (May 2025)
- 25/26 draft budget to go to Board for approval (May 2025)
- Reserves policy reviewed several times and recommendation for reserves to be added to Board agenda and discuss risk appetite and level of reserves required
- Membership increases for 26/27
- Draft budget for 26/27

Future Plan and Key Priorities for year ahead

- Membership benchmarking/value proposition
- Sport England funding for new cycle starting April 2027
- Aim for future years surpluses to increase reserves

Development Committee Annual Report

Board Committee	Development		Year: 2025/26	
MEETING DATES / MEMBERS	**MAY 2025**	**JULY 2025**	**OCTOBER 2025**	**JANUARY 2026**
Ray James (Chair/Board)	·	Not held	Not held	X
Alan Ransome OBE (volunteer)	·			·
Sally Hughes (Chair/Board)	·			·
Duncan Jenkinson (volunteer)	·			X
Chris Brown (staff)	X			·
Andrew Wilesmith (staff)	·			X
David Maddison (volunteer)	·			·

Key Decisions/ Recommendations to the Board

The committee's role this year was primarily **advisory and reflective**, with limited formal recommendations due to reduced meeting frequency.

Key areas of influence included:

1. Programme Direction and Challenge

- Constructive challenge around the **purpose and future of Ping**, identifying the need for clearer strategic direction before further development
- Ongoing oversight of participation programmes including **TT Kidz rollout and Ping Hub development**

2. Workforce and Officials Development

- Recognition of positive growth in **technical officials and workforce pipeline**
- Support for the **Technical Officials Academy**, now in delivery with pilot locations agreed

3. Behaviour and Retention

- Identification of behaviour issues impacting officials
- Action to explore development of a **Code of Conduct** to support retention and improve environments

4. System Clarity (Clubs, Leagues, Counties)

- Strong committee discussion on roles and responsibilities across the system
- Emphasis on:
  - Clubs as primary growth drivers
  - Leagues supporting retention and positive environments
- Highlighted need for clearer NGB articulation of roles

5. Strategic Reset (January 2026)

- Agreement to:
  - Align committee work with **Board and departmental KPIs**
  - Develop a clearer **committee workplan linked to business priorities**
- Early identification of key future topics:
  - Place-based delivery and structure
  - Health-focused activity (e.g. Parkinson's, ageing population)
  - Alignment of resources with participation and club development

Development Committee Annual Report continued

Future Plan and Key Priorities for year ahead

Building on the January 2026 reset, the committee will focus on:

1. Rebuilding the committee
- Recruit additional members to strengthen expertise and capacity
- Re-establish a consistent meeting cycle
- Use a mix of formal meetings and informal engagement (e.g. events)

2. Place-Based Delivery and Structures
- Provide input and challenge on:
  - Place delivery approach and staffing structures
  - Mapping of resources across clubs, programmes and competitions
  - Potential local organising models

3. Programme Oversight and Development
- Shape future direction of:
  - Ping (including health and commercial opportunities)
  - TT Kidz and youth participation pathway
- Maintain oversight of major programmes linked to the **World Championships legacy**

4. Inclusion, Health and Participation
- Strengthen focus on:
  - Disability participation (identified as below target)
  - Women and girls participation
  - Health-based interventions (e.g. Parkinson's activity)

5. Strategy and Investment Planning
- Support development of:
  - Departmental KPIs aligned to Board priorities
  - The next **Sport England investment cycle bid**
- Use insight and data to inform committee challenge and decision-making

Committee Chair Executive Summary

2025/26 has been a year of transition and partial activity for the Development Committee.

The committee met early in the year and provided valuable **insight and challenge** across key areas including:
- Programme direction (particularly ping)
- Workforce development and technical officials
- System roles across clubs, leagues and counties
- Behaviour and retention challenges

However, the committee's ability to operate effectively was impacted by:
- A **change in director of development**, creating a leadership gap
- **Membership turnover and vacancies**
- Reduced frequency of meetings
- Significant organisational focus on delivering the **ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals**

As a result, **formal governance activity and Board-facing recommendations were limited** during the year.

A **reset meeting in January 2026** marked an important turning point. This meeting:
- Re-established committee purpose and direction
- Connected committee activity to **Board and departmental KPIs**
- Identified clear priorities for future focus, particularly around place-based delivery and programme alignment

With leadership now in place and major event pressures reducing, the committee is well positioned to:
- Rebuild its membership and structure
- Provide more consistent and strategic oversight
- Play a stronger role in shaping development priorities and future investment

Overall, while the committee has not operated at full capacity this year, it has successfully reset its direction and is positioned to make a **more meaningful contribution in 2026/27**.

Competitions Committee Annual Report

Board Committee	Competitions		Year: 2025/26	
MEETING DATES / MEMBERS	MAY 2025	JULY 2025	OCTOBER 2025	JANUARY 2026
Ritchie Venner (Chair/Board)	·	No general meeting took place due to 2x single-topic meetings	·	·
Clare Briegal MBE (Board Chair)	X		X	·
Sally Lockyer (Chief Executive)	X		X	X
Neil Rogers (staff)	·		·	·
Neil Hurford (volunteer)	·		·	X
Liam McTiernan (Board)	·		X	X
Steve Smith (volunteer)	·		N/A	N/A
Chris Price (volunteer)	X		·	X

Key Decisions/ Recommendations to the Board

May 25

· No specific items referred to Board

June 2025 - Single-topic meeting

· Strategic decision to relax the 'playing back down' regulations between Junior BCL and Youth BCL

August 2025 - Single-topic meeting

· Strategic decision to create an integrated qualifier event at TTE Senior National Championships, as a change from a standalone qualifier event

Oct 2025

· Three specific risks added to Board Risk Register and highlighted to Board such that resource and work programmes could evolve as required: i) Area Manager support to identify Local Organising Groups for Senior 4*s; ii) Launch and resourcing of Officials Academy; iii) Area Manager support to identify local hosts for league divisions

Jan 2026

· No specific items referred to Board

Committee Chair Executive Summary

The Competition programme generally went smoothly, including the inaugural U11 & U13 Pathway Development Cup and a successful pilot for a new Girls' Cadet British Clubs League format.

Continuing growth in British Clubs Leagues saw the largest ever entry, and changes to the format of the Premier Division in Senior BCL were well received by a majority of the clubs. The Senior National Championships transitioned to a new format which, as anticipated, was not without challenges. Constructive feedback has been taken from all stakeholders and will be built into the continued evolution of the event.

A 'Task and Finish' group has been established to consider the pathway of Cadet and Junior girls' table tennis, from new players to performance, and this will be ongoing during next season.

Future Plan and Key Priorities for year ahead

· Contributing to the review of the *Table Tennis United* strategy and KPIs for Competitions; combined with existing items on Board's Risk Register, this will naturally present areas of focus and priority for a committee workplan

· The Competitions Committee will continue to have a role in shaping the Senior National Championships, following the recent change to an integrated qualifier approach

Talent & Performance Committee Annual Report

Board Committee	Talent & Performance		Year: 2025/26	
MEETING DATES / MEMBERS	MAY 2025	JULY 2025	OCTOBER 2025	JANUARY 2026
Don Parker (Committee Chair)	·	·	·	·
Gavin Evans (Director of Performance Development)	·	·	·	·
Jill Parker MBE (President)	·	·	·	·
Clare Briegal MBE (Board Chair)	X	X	·	X
Sally Lockyer (Chief Executive)	X	X	X	·
Ritchie Venner (Board)	·	·	·	·
Jason Sugrue (volunteer)	·	·	·	·
Greg Baker (volunteer)	·	·	X	X
Jill Crompton (volunteer)	X	·	X	·
Emma Vickers (staff)	·	·	·	N/A
Paul Bishop (Board)	N/A	N/A	·	·
Natalie Green (staff)	N/A	N/A	·	·
Lois Peake (volunteer)	X	X	X	X

Committee Chair Executive Summary

It has been a successful year for the Talent and Performance Committee. The performance of the England players in the various age groups is improving. There is still work to be done but we are definitely moving in the right direction.

Our T & P meetings have been well supported. They demonstrate how our volunteer members, members of the TTE Board and the TTE Performance team can discuss issues in detail and then take recommendations to the Board for approval.

Enormous thanks to the committee members who bring with them great knowledge, including playing at the highest level, domestic and international competition and training structures, vital support areas, finance, coaching etc.

Key Decisions/ Recommendations to the Board

May 25

- Draft paper was sent to Board outlining the significant cost of international competitions for our players and a key message was for Board to support further investment in to Talent Development
- The committee discussed the importance of the Talent team working closer with the Development team to ensure structured talent development happens in clubs and at a younger age

September 26

- Talent team to integrate the Player Development Framework into the clubs through our coach development strategy
- Committee was presented with the new coaching education system, transitioning from Moodle to a new LMS
- Committee fed into the Competitions Committee chair on feedback on domestic competitions and how to maixmise the benefits for English players

January 26

- Committee have asked Board to consider a hardship fund for players who simply cannot afford the cost of playing table tennis as this presents a real risk to talent development
- Committee to meet post Worlds to review Nationals feedback and plan improvements
- Commiteee to update Terms of Reference to include coach development oversight
- Board were presented and approved the new coach membership structure

Future Plan and Key Priorities for year ahead

- Launch and implement new coach development framework and qualifications
- Ensure we have a world-class full-time offer for our athletes at the Elite Training Centre
- Maintain a close working relationship with Competitions Tier 1 Committee
- Embed the Coach Mentors across the country and drive player development alongside at a younger age to ensure we optimise national squads and continue to raise the bar
- Seek ways to invest more into our athletes through a hardship fund and further investment
- Deliver World Hopes Week and ensure our relationship with ITTF continues to flourish, enabling greater outcomes for our talented players
- Ensure we maximise our potential to qualify and put in our best performance at LA2028 Olympic Games

National Council

National Council continues to be a vital source of advice to Table Tennis England on a wide range of issues. This includes governance, coaching, performance, competitions and development. The close connection of National Councillors to table tennis in clubs, leagues and counties is at the core of the advice that National Council provides.

Our Select Committees on the Constitution, Competition and Disability bring together specialist expertise which greatly assists National Council in providing advice to the TTE Board on all aspects of these subjects. For example, the Competitions Select Committee has made suggestions on improvements that could be made to the National Championships and how the competitive opportunities for young female players can be enhanced.

Four meetings were held in the 2025/26 season. These were all online meetings which makes it easier to ensure a wide representation from counties. The meetings have been well-attended with between 35 and 40 participants at each meeting. Most counties have been represented at most meetings.

Building Autonomy

We have continued the process of National Council being more autonomous and responsible for managing its own affairs. The National Council website is a key tool for the management of meetings. We now allow National Councillors to invite a guest from their county to attend National Council meetings. Typically, this is the Deputy National Councillor, but the National Councillor can invite anyone from their county who they think will benefit from attending and will be able to contribute to the meeting. This approach also helps with succession planning for National Councillors within their counties.

World Championships

Not surprisingly, the World Championships featured on the agenda of all four of our meetings. We were delighted to have the presence of Richard Scruton (Chair, Table Tennis International Events) at both the September and January meetings. Richard was able to keep us informed of the evolving plans and arrangements for the Championships which helped in promoting the Championships locally. This was helped by a series of articles on the Table Tennis England website which were then displayed on club, league and county websites. At the June meeting, Sally Lockyer was able to outline how the post-event evaluation was proceeding along with the steps being taken to secure the legacy of the Championships.

Key Presentations

During the year, we had detailed presentations from Gavin Evans (Director of Table Tennis Performance) and from Jack Ramful (Director of Engagement).

Gavin explained that in building a coaching system for the future it was necessary to address the long-standing issue that whilst a large number of players attended coaching courses, a much smaller number became active coaches. The new approach focuses on coach development and supporting coaches throughout their coaching journey. A key partnership is with the Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA). This will align TTE coaching qualifications and workforce development with the professional standards framework for sport and physical activity.

Jack introduced the new membership management system – TTE Hub. Initially this would simply replace the existing Sport80/TT Memberships but the capabilities of the system would mean that it would provide a platform for unifying most of the systems that are currently in use in TTE. Accordingly, TTE Hub will be a key element of TTE's wider Digital Transformation programme. This aims to produce a thriving, connected table tennis community growing in numbers, loyalty, and impact.

The presentations from Gavin and from Jack have been published on the National Council website.



Finance and Affiliation Fees

At the April meeting, Paul Bishop (Chair of the Board's Finance & Audit Committee) shared with us his thinking on affiliation fees for the forthcoming season along with some initial thoughts on fees for subsequent seasons. His approach was based on the need to deliver a balanced budget year-on-year. National Councillors were invited to share with Paul their views on affiliation fees for 2025/26 and subsequent years. The Board has now set affiliation fees for 2025/26, and these are broadly in line with previous TTE commitments and what was suggested by National Councillors.

This year, Paul and Samantha Garey (TTE - Finance & IT) set up an online meeting to discuss TTE finances ahead of the Annual General Meeting. This provided additional insight into the finances of TTE as well as the opportunity to ask more detailed questions than is feasible within the constraints of the AGM. This initiative by Paul was welcomed by National Councillors and we hope it will be a regular feature of how the TTE Board interacts with the membership on financial issues.

Members Meeting and the Annual Review

National Council was disappointed that at the 2025 AGM there was only limited opportunity to discuss the Annual Review. Through National Council, the suggestion was made that such discussions would be best facilitated by a separate face-to-face meeting specifically focused on the Annual Review. The Board has responded positively to this suggestion, and we understand plans are in place to hold a "Members Meeting" in the autumn that will provide the engagement that we have requested.

Improving National Council Input into Policy and Decision Making

We are always looking for ways to improve National Council's input into the development of policy and strategy. We believe that our input will be more valuable if it is made at an early stage in the consultation process. We have made some suggestions on how this might be achieved and these suggestions have been welcomed by the TTE Chair and TTE Chief Executive. We will be working on this over the summer with the view to putting the new arrangements in place for the first meeting of the new season.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our National Councillor colleagues for ensuring that meetings are conducted in an orderly fashion and which (usually!) run to time.

Neil Hurford

Chair

Susie Venner

General Secretary





GBTT

GBTT, made up of all the Home Nations, has nominated Table Tennis England through a Memorandum of Understanding to receive the investment from UK Sport and lead the GB Performance programme.

Gavin Evans, the Performance Director, reports to the GBTT board, where investment is managed and performance ambitions are supported.

GBTT's strategic priorities in the last year have been the following:

Development environments

Continue to optimise player development through utilisation of the Elite Training Centre for centralised training, coaching and camps, expansion of the Pathway Development Centre network, and integration of strategic sparring opportunities to enhance skill development and training variety.

Coaching & Coach Development

Implement the new Coach Development Framework to engage and develop a coaching workforce to enable high-quality player experiences throughout the pathway, aligned to the Player Development Framework.

Home Nation Alignment (/Collaboration)

Collaborate with the Home Nations to enable alignment to the GB Player Development Framework and the Coach Development Framework to increase the collective strength of the player potential in Great Britain, with the ultimate aim of maximising competitive performance potential as GB.

As well as the above, for LA2028 Olympic Games our ambition and target is to achieve two top-eight finishes. Over the last year we have seen some positive steps forward as a Performance system and have realised some very encouraging results. As a Mixed Team, GB are currently ranked world No 20.

The performances of athletes on the GB pathway are covered elsewhere in this Annual Report. Most notably, Anna Hursey won gold in the Under-19 Girls' Doubles at the ITTF World Youth Championships, where she also picked up silver in Mixed Doubles and bronze in Girls' Singles.

Anna also won gold in the Mixed Doubles at the European Under-21 Championships and Singles gold, Mixed Doubles silver and Girls' Doubles bronze at the European Youth Championships.

Connor Green won two bronze medals, in Men's Singles and Men's Doubles, at the European Under-21 Championships and there was also standout success at WTT events and in the world rankings for Connor and for Tom Jarvis and Tin-Tin Ho and for a number of young players on the WTT Youth circuit.

See the performance section beginning on p55 for more details.



International influence

The 2025/2026 season for the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) was centred around three main areas.

The first one was to finalise the 2025 AGM which unfortunately had been previously suspended. Following a very thorough legal process the AGM resumed on 15 November. The Executive Board were elected, the Council members and the committee chairs and membership were ratified.

Elected Executive Board:

Beatrice Romanescu – Europe
Wahid Oshodi – Africa
HRH Princess Zeina Rashid – Asia
Paul Calle – Americas
Antony Moore –- Oceania
Virginia Sung – America
Liu Guoliang – Asia
Prof. Veil Ozan Cakir

Richard Scruton and Phil McCallum (Scotland), who had been elected as European Council members, now sit on the ITTF Council. Following some difficult issues on the Nominations Committee the current chair resigned and I was appointed as chair.

As 2026 represented the centenary of the establishment of the ITTF, it was agreed at the 2025 ITTF AGM to review the current constitution and bring to the next AGM a new and revised Centenary Constitution to take the sport forward into the next 100-year milestone.

The newly formulated Executive Board along with the ITTF governance manager concentrated on the constitutional review. The ITTF member associations were continually consulted and updated. As the chair of the Nominations Committee, I too was very much involved.

This was presented and agreed at the AGM held at the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals in London. It was an honour to be given the opportunity to celebrate this incredible milestone in the city where it all began.

The ITTF Board and executive were very much part of the delivery of these iconic Championships, along with the Board of Table Tennis International Events, executives from Table Tennis England and support from UK Sport.

Also at the ITTF annual summit and AGM during the Championships, one of the difficult issues to be presented was the finances of World Table Tennis. The ITTF Board and executive gave assurances to address the financial difficulties and have already commenced a significant restructure.

I worked very closely with the ITTF governance manager to put together the nomination forms for the Athletes Commission. This presented an opportunity to help English performance players to influence the structure of competitions and events. The election took place at the World Team Championships.

I am delighted to report both Paul Drinkhall and Charlotte Carey were elected to the Commission. Jack Hunter-Spivey was one of the two para athletes to also become a member.

Following the formation of the Commission, Paul Drinkhall was appointed as a co-chair, which now gives him a seat and a vote on the ITTF Executive Board.



Following the commencement of the new Constitution, I have once again been appointed to the ITTF Nominations Committee. This is formulated with five continental members and three independent persons. I am the European representative member.





European Table Tennis Union

The Executive Board of the European Table Tennis Union continues to meet on a monthly basis, sometimes physically at events and other times online.

The European Youth Championships were held in Ostrava from July 11 to 20 with 48 National Associations represented with more than 560 player participants competing on 24 tables. There were team events, singles, doubles and mixed doubles over a 10-day period, for both genders. The atmosphere was electric and the desire to win incredible. It was so good to see a full contingent of English players and coaches.

Over the past few years the ETTU Executive Board have introduced the concept of a webinar to go through details of the previous year's financial statements and balance, the current year's financial position and the following year's budget. This was held on October 1 2025, with over 40 member associations joining.

This gives the membership the opportunity to receive very detailed financial information and allows for more intense scrutiny and subsequent questions.

The International Standard audit company PKF Conseil were also in attendance to give their report, and Josh Reynolds gave the internal audit commission report. The webinar is recorded and the link sent to all the membership.

The Congress was held in Zadar, Croatia and all the finances were presented for consideration and unanimously agreed. In addition, a few propositions were presented to the membership and agreed. Sweden, France and Germany put forward a resolution to consider a level of change to the European Youth Championships. This did not receive the required 50% votes.

As is the normal practice with the ETTU, all youth competitions have been reviewed and a survey sent out to all the membership. As a result of the insight from the review and survey, a number of propositions will be put to the next congress

The financial result of 2024 showed a significant surplus. It was announced at the congress this would be used over a period of two years to enhance events and increase development activity.

The 2025/6 financial year has seen significant exposure of the sport through television production throughout Europe and parts of Asia. This investment has resulted in increased income which has been reinvested into membership opportunities.

The development programme was enhanced with direct income from the ETTU. A significant performance opportunity named EUROSPIN has been established. This takes the form of a training opportunity for a number of identified young talented players to train with the Korean performance teams both in Korea and Europe. The ETTU are looking to expand the programme to include other Asian countries.

2027 will see the European Para Championships being organised for the first time by the ETTU. It will be held as part of a multi-sport para event in Switzerland.

The highly successful Champions League Men's final four competition has continued with increased sponsorship, television exposure and more than 2,500 spectators in attendance. This year saw the introduction of the Champions League Women's final four event held in Poland. As experienced with the men, the women's event produced a strong platform on which to build yet another successful concept.

I continue to work closely with the President and secretariat to strategically look at roles and responsibilities of all the staffing structure, sponsorship and television contracts as well as good governance.

Sandra Deaton

ITTF Nominations Committee

ETTU Vice President for Finance

Performance

The 2025/26 season saw TTE and GB players deliver a series of outstanding performances across major European and World Championship events, underlining the strength of the GB performance pathway and the continued progression of both senior and youth players on the international stage.

ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals

The unique London 2026 World Championships format gave our athletes the chance to take on three of the best men's and three of the best women's teams in the world and although there were no team victories, we were close to some extraordinary individual victories. The women acquitted themselves well in defeat by Ukraine in the last 32 and the men lost out 3-2 to Brazil in the last 16, which was a bitter pill for the team to swallow, as they came close to securing a quarter-final place.

Overall, the Championships served as a good gauge of where our teams are now and what we can learn to close the gap to the top. The less experienced members of the squad, particularly a young female squad, will benefit greatly from the exposure on the world stage, while the more experienced players were able to move up the rankings as a result, opening up more opportunities on the global circuit.

ITTF World Youth Championships

Anna Hursey produced one of the standout performances of the year, winning gold in Under-19 Girls' Doubles, silver in Mixed Doubles and bronze in Girls' Singles.

European Under-21 Championships

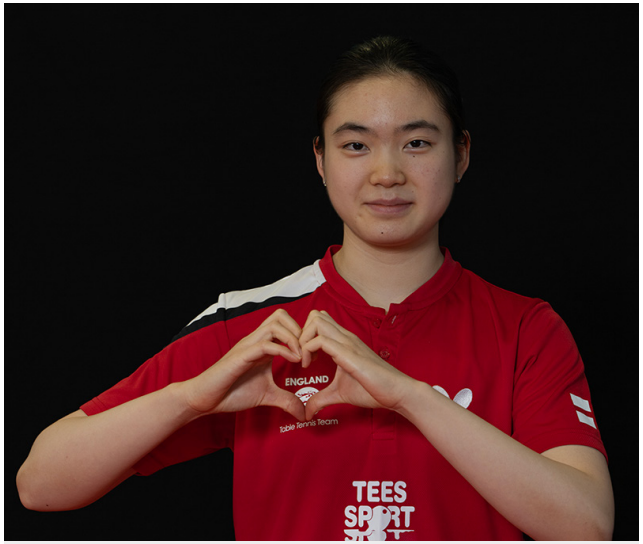
Anna Hursey delivered a historic performance by winning gold in the Mixed Doubles, completing a remarkable clean sweep at the championships, having won Women's Singles and Women's Doubles gold in 2025. Her achievement established her status as one of the world's leading young players.

European Youth Championships

Building on her world championship success, Anna Hursey captured Under-19 Girls' Singles gold and added Mixed Doubles silver and Girls' Doubles bronze. Her performances highlighted remarkable consistency across multiple events and confirmed her position among the continent's elite junior players. The Junior boys team also put in a fantastic performance and secured promotion to the Top 16 at the 2026 Championships.







Europe Youth Top 10

Connor Green also achieved a bronze medal in the Under-19 Boys' Singles at the Europe Youth Top 10 competition, further demonstrating his ability to compete with the very best players in his age group.

WTT Events

England players continued to make a strong impact across the World Table Tennis circuit, collecting medals at senior and youth events around the world and gaining valuable experience in high-level international competition.

At WTT Star Contender London, England celebrated home success with bronze medals in Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles, showcasing the strength of the doubles programme against world-class opposition. Tom Jarvis enjoyed a particularly consistent season on the feeder circuit, winning silver in Düsseldorf and bronze medals in Vila Nova de Gaia and Otocec.

Connor Green & Tin-Tin Ho emerged as England's most successful mixed doubles pairing, claiming gold in Düsseldorf, silver in Otocec and bronze at WTT Contender Zagreb. The pairing are currently ranked at a record-breaking 26 in the world.

In women's events, Tin-Tin Ho & Anna Hursey secured Women's Doubles bronze in Düsseldorf, while Hursey added a Women's Singles silver medal at the March 2026 Düsseldorf feeder, underlining her continued transition into senior-level competition.

WTT youth events

England's younger athletes enjoyed an excellent year on the WTT Youth Contender circuit, winning medals across events in Slovenia, Georgia, Slovakia, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Portugal, Bulgaria, Serbia and Kosovo. The standout performer was Dimitar Dimitrov, who claimed Under-13 Boys' Singles gold in Bulgaria and added multiple silver and bronze medals throughout the season, demonstrating impressive consistency across the international circuit.



Notable World Ranking Jumps

Tom Jarvis - 158 ➡ **41**

Connor Green - 317 ➡ **152**

Sam Walker - 281 ➡ **153**

Tin-Tin Ho - 265 ➡ **87**

Anna Hursey (GB) - 127 ➡ **33**



The following represented England

ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals London 2026: Paul Drinkhall, Connor Green, Tin-Tin Ho, Joseph Hunter, Tom Jarvis, Alyssa Nguyen, Ella Pashley, Sam Walker, Jasmin Wong, Tianer Yu

ITTF World Youth Championships 2025: Kacper Piwowar (U15)

European Team Championships 2025: Paul Drinkhall, Connor Green, Tin-Tin Ho, Tom Jarvis, Ella Pashley, Sam Walker, Jasmin Wong, Tianer Yu

European Under-21 Championships 2026: Connor Green

European Youth Championships 2025: Junior – Anna Green, Connor Green, Joseph Hunter, Sienna Jetha, Ella Pashley, Jakub Piwowar, Max Radiven, Larry Trumpauskas, Tianer Yu; Cadet – Jake Davidson, Alyssa Nguyen, Kacper Piwowar, Soraya Rahmani-Walentynska, Pablo Ramirez Rioja, Hannah Saunders, Abraham Sellado, Bly Twomey

Europe Youth Top 10: Connor Green (U19); Abraham Sellado (U15)

European Under-13 Championships 2025: Dimitar Dimitrov, Amber Lemmon, Assil Sarri, Sinan Surensoy

Euro Mini Championships 2025: Thomas Ellis, Sai Prasanna Kumar, Amber Lemmon, Assil Sarri, Hannah Saunders, Rishaan Sawant, Sinan Surensoy, Lusio Wen, Cindy Xiao, Bethany Yang

Home Countries International 2025: Senior – Rachael Iles, Isaac Kingham, Ella Pashley, Jakub Piwowar; Junior – Eva Eccles, Zac Greenhough, Soraya Rahmani-Walentynska, Pablo Ramirez Rioja; Cadet – Ryan Goodier, Alyssa Nguyen, Serene Rahmani-Walentynska, Sinan Surensoy

The following competed at WTT/ITTF/ETTU tournaments on a funded basis

Senior: Paul Drinkhall, Sophie Earley, Connor Green, Tin-Tin Ho, *Anna Hursey, Tom Jarvis, David McBeath, Ella Pashley, Liam Pitchford, Sam Walker, Jasmin Wong, Tianer Yu

Under-19: Sienna Jetha, Ella Pashley, Jakub Piwowar, Kacper Piwowar, Max Radiven, Abraham Sellado, Tianer Yu

Under-17: Sienna Jetha, Theo Kniep, Kacper Piwowar, Max Radiven, Abraham Sellado

Under-15: Dimitar Dimitrov, Theo Kniep

Under-13: Dimitar Dimitrov, Hannah Saunders

**GB funded*

Below: The England bench reacts as Assil Sarri wins a point at the European Under-13 Championships; Right: The England squad at the European Youth Championships;



The following competed at WTT/ITTF/ETTU tournaments on a self-funded basis*

Senior: Andrew Baggaley, Mari Baldwin, Anna Green, Tin-Tin Ho, Joseph Hunter, Sienna Jetha, Ella Pashley, Jakub Piwowar, Kacper Piwowar, Louis Price, Max Radiven, Abraham Sellado, Felix Thomis, Larry Trumpauskas, Sam Walker, Jasmin Wong, Tianer Yu

Under-19: Rohan Dani, Eva Eccles, Rachael Iles, Sienna Jetha, Isaac Kingham, Ella Pashley, Max Radiven, Abraham Sellado, Janak Shah, Tianer Yu

Under-17: Rohan Dani, Jake Davidson, Dimitar Dimitrov, Eva Eccles, Sienna Jetha, Theo Kniep, Oscar Nikolli, Aarav Parihar, Max Radiven, Pablo Ramirez Rioja, Abraham Sellado, Janak Shah, Nishil Shah, Bly Twomey

Under-15: Kai Lun Chow, Jake Davidson, Dimitar Dimitrov, Theo Kniep, Oscar Nikolli, Aarav Parihar, Serene Rahmani-Walentynska, Soraya Rahmani-Walentynska, Pablo Ramirez Rioja, Rishaan Sawant, Nishil Shah, Malek Shamakh, Bly Twomey, Lusio Wen, Bethany Yang

Under-13: Jonti Barnes, Kai Lun Chow, Sakinah Damji, Jacob Dennison, Dimitar Dimitrov, Mila Gao, Mindy Gao, Oliver Glowacki, Lok Hei Hayfield Lam, Ronan Lamont Tierney, Serene Rahmani-Walentynska, Lev Sahmurov, Rishaan Sawant, Malek Shamakh, Lusio Wen, Ignacy Wierszyłłowski, Stefan Wierszyłłowski, Isabella Xu, Bethany Yang

Under-11: Jonti Barnes, Sakinah Damji, Jacob Dennison, Mila Gao, Mindy Gao, Oliver Glowacki, Lok Hei Hayfield Lam, Lev Sahmurov, Lusio Wen, Ignacy Wierszyłłowski, Stefan Wierszyłłowski, Cindy Xiao, Isabella Xu

** includes competitions which were part-funded or where the athlete was supported by Sports Aid*



The following officials were selected for international events

ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals London 2026

Umpires: David Edwards, Lyndon Griffiths, Chloe Ireland, Harry Jutle, Tom Konarski, John Mackey BEM, Kim Mudge-Johnson, Jo Outhwaite, Lynda Reid, Josh Reynolds, Sunil Sapre, Vladimir Shadrunov, Lester Smith, Alan Thomas, Sheila Walshe

Competition Manager: Chris Newton

Field of Play Managers: Vincenzo Chiarello, Debbie Oram; Field of Play Assistants: Martin Haxton, Su Yuting

Call Room Managers: Howard Brialey, Paul Dicken, Martin Ireland

Umpire Managers: Dan Bullen, Paula Soldini, Karen Tonge OBE, Margaret Welch

Sports Equipment Managers: Martin Clayton, Brian Jackson, Ken Tonge

Training facilities: Jim Kenny, Bernie Leech, Ken Tonge, Bob Whittaker

Medals: Bobbi Langley

Ball Crew Managers: David Maddison, Demi Chante-Reid

2025 European Para Championships

Deputy Referee: Karen Tonge OBE

Umpires: Dan Bullen, Sunil Sapre, Alan Thomas, Sheila Walshe

Call Room Manager: Paul Dicken, Bobby Langley

2025 European Youth Championships

Umpires: Kim Mudge-Johnson, Jo Outhwaite, Sheila Walshe

WTT Star Contender London

Umpires: David Edwards, Harry Jutle, Kim Mudge-Johnson, Jo Outhwaite, Tom Purcell, Jenny Sanders, Vladimir Shadrunov, Sheila Walshe

Competition Manager: Chris Newton

Field of Play Managers: Vincenzo Chiarello, Debbie Oram

Umpire Managers: Dan Bullen, Karen Tonge OBE, Margaret Welch

Call Room Managers: Howard Brialey, Paul Dicken, Martin Ireland

Other international competitions

Umpires: Lyndon Griffiths, Kim Mudge-Johnson, Jo Outhwaite, Sunil Sapre, Vladimir Shadrunov, Alan Thomas

Other para competitions

Umpires: Dan Bullen, Alan Thomas, Sheila Walshe

Field of Play Manager: Paul Dicken



Left to right: Umpires Kim Mudge, Vladimir Shadrunov, and Harry Jutle at the WTT Star Contender London





- England's Paul Drinkhall and Charlotte Carey of Wales were elected to the ITTF Athletes' Commission during London 2026, while Jack Hunter-Spivey was one of two para representatives to join the Commission. Paul was later elected Co-Chair of the Commission.
- Tin-Tin Ho was elected to the ETTU Athletes' Commission. Jack Hunter-Spivey was elected as the para-athlete representative.
- England's Richard Scruton and Scotland's Phil McCallum were confirmed as members of the ITTF Council. Phil was also re-elected to the Equipment Committee, Karen Tonge OBE to the Para Table Tennis Committee and Scottish para athlete Martin Perry to the Sustainability Committee. Sandra Deaton was once again appointed to the ITTF's influential Nominations Committee.
- Table Tennis England's Ping! For Health project was one of six projects globally to be awarded an ITTF Foundation Dream Building Fund grant.
- Josh Reynolds umpired the Women's Team final at London 2026.
- Table tennis official John Mackey and Table Tennis England Chair Clare Briegal were named in the King's New Year Honours. Lincolnshire umpire and referee John was awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) for services to table tennis, while Clare received an MBE for services to sport.
- Former ITTF Administration Director and Editor Ian Marshall was presented with the International Table Tennis Federation Merit Award during the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals in London.
- Table tennis volunteer Kevin Taylor won the Active category at the BBC Coventry & Warwickshire Make A Difference Awards.



The England squad at the Home Countries International



Umpire Josh Reynolds at the World Championships
Below from left: John Mackey received his BEM from Toby Dennis, the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, Kevin Taylor with his BBC award, Ian Marshall with ITTF Executive Vice-President HRH Princess Zeina Rashid of Jordan















Top: Connor Green & Tin-Tin Ho celebrate their historic Mixed Doubles title in Dusseldorf; above: Iulian Chirita & Anna Hursey take a selfie after winning the European Under-21 Mixed Doubles title; left: Connor Green with his two medals at the European Under-21 Championships and Mia Griesel & Anna Hursey win Women's Doubles gold at the World Youth Championships

Performance - senior

- At the Home Countries International, England won team gold in the Cadet Boys, Cadet Girls, Junior Boys and Junior Girls categories, silver in the Senior Women and bronze in the Senior Men. In the individual competitions, the following medals were won: Singles - Gold: Jakub Piwowar (SM), Soraya Rahmani-Walentynska (JG); silver: Isaac Kingham (SM), Pablo Ramirez-Rioja (JB), Sinan Surensoy (CB), Alyssa Nguyen (CG); bronze: Ella Pashley (SW), Zac Greenhough (JB), Ryan Goodier (CB), Serene Rahmani-Walentynska (CG); Doubles – gold: Jakub Piwowar & Isaac Kingham (SM), Ella Pashley & Rachael Iles (SW), Eva Eccles & Soraya Rahmani-Walentynska (JG) Sinan Surensoy & Ryan Goodier (CB); silver: Zac Greenhough & Pablo Ramirez Rioja (JB), Alyssa Nguyen & Serene Rahmani-Walentynska (CG).
- Tin-Tin Ho & Jiaqi Meng, representing University of Nottingham, won Women's Doubles gold at the European Universities Championships in Burdur, Türkiye. They also both won bronze medals in the Women's Singles.

European Under-21 Championships

Men's Singles	Connor Green	**Bronze**
Men's Doubles	Connor Green & Mael Van Dessel (LUX)	**Bronze**

WTT Star Contender London

Men's Doubles	Tom Jarvis & Connor Green	**Bronze**
Mixed Doubles	Paul Drinkhall & Anna Hursey (WAL)	**Bronze**

WTT Feeder Vila Nova de Gaia (Portugal)

Men's Singles	Tom Jarvis	**Bronze**

WTT Feeder Dusseldorf (Germany, Nov 2025)

Men's Singles	Tom Jarvis	**Silver**

WTT Feeder Dusseldorf (Germany, Mar 2026)

Mixed Doubles	Connor Green & Tin-Tin Ho	**Gold**
Women's Doubles	Tin-Tin Ho & Anna Hursey (WAL)	**Bronze**

WTT Feeder Otocec (Slovenia)

Mixed Doubles	Connor Green & Tin-Tin Ho	**Silver**
Men's Singles	Tom Jarvis	**Bronze**

WTT Contender Zagreb (Croatia)

Mixed Doubles	Connor Green & Tin-Tin Ho	**Bronze**

Performance - GB

ITTF World Youth Championships

Under-19 Girls' Doubles	Anna Hursey (WAL) & Mia Griesel (GER)	**Gold**
Under-19 Mixed Doubles	Iulian Chirita (ROU) & Anna Hursey (WAL)	**Silver**
Under-19 Girls' Singles	Anna Hursey (WAL)	**Bronze**

European Under-21 Championships

Mixed Doubles	Iulian Chirita (ROU) & Anna Hursey (WAL)	**Gold**

European Youth Championships

Under-19 Girls' Singles	Anna Hursey (WAL)	**Gold**
Under-19 Mixed Doubles	Iulian Chirita (ROU) & Anna Hursey (WAL)	**Silver**
Under-19 Girls' Doubles	Anna Hursey (WAL) & Mia Griesel (GER)	**Bronze**

WTT Feeder Dusseldorf (Germany, Mar 2026)

Women's Singles	Anna Hursey (WAL)	**Silver**

Performance - para

- At the World Transplant Games, gold medals were won by Kristof Polgar (MS 15-17) and Patricia Collier (WS 70-79); silvers went to Evelyn Kearney (WS 70-79), Noah Raina (MS 12-14), Jade Carr (WS 30-39), Millie Stobie Platts (WS 18-29), Richard Morton & Waseem Qureshi (MD 30-49) and Jacob Guerreri & Oliver Edwards (MD 18-29); bronzes were won by Eloise Lowrie (WS 18-29), Lucy Bowskill (WS 40-49), Boyana Nankova (WS 60-69), Helen Tasker (WS 60-69) and Boryana Nankova & Lucy Bowskill (WD 30-49).
- There was a singles silver for Brighton's Harry Fairchild, and a team silver for Great Britain, at the Down Syndrome World Championships in Bulgaria.

ITTF European Para Championships

Men's Class 1	Rob Davies	**Gold**
Women's Class 7	Bly Twomey	**Gold**
Mixed Class 14	Will Bayley & Bly Twomey	**Gold**
Women's Class 8	Grace Williams	**Silver**
Mixed Class 10	Jack Hunter-Spivey & Megan Shackleton	**Silver**
Men's Class 14	Will Bayley & Theo Bishop	**Silver**
Men's Class 1	Tom Matthews	**Bronze**
Men's Class 2	Chris Ryan	**Bronze**
Men's Class 6	Martin Perry	**Bronze**
Women's Class 6	Fliss Pickard	**Bronze**
Men's Class 7	Theo Bishop	**Bronze**
Men's Class 8	Billy Shilton	**Bronze**
Men's Class 14	Billy Shilton & Paul Karabardak	**Bronze**
Women's Class 14	Fliss Pickard & Bly Twomey	**Bronze**

European Para Youth Games

Men's Class 6	Dan Thomson	**Bronze**
Men's Class 7	Bailey Page	**Bronze**
Men's Class 10	Max Flint	**Bronze**

ITTF World Para Future Spokane (USA)

Men's Class 7	Will Bayley	**Gold**







Bly Twomey wins the European Women's Class 7 title and, far left, on the Mixed Class 14 podium with Will Bayley; right: Men's Class 1 champion Rob Davies

ITTF World Para Elite Spokane (USA)

Men's Class 7	Will Bayley	**Gold**
Men's Class 8	Aaron McKibbin	**Gold**
Men's Class 14	Will Bayley & Theo Bishop	**Gold**
Women's Class 14	Bly Twomey & Fliss Pickard	**Gold**
Mixed Class 14	Will Bayley & Bly Twomey	**Gold**
Men's Class 18	Joshua Stacey & Aaron McKibbin	**Gold**
Men's Class 1	Tom Matthews	**Silver**
Men's Class 4-5	Jack Hunter-Spivey	**Silver**
Women's Class 6-7	Bly Twomey	**Silver**
Men's Class 14	Martin Perry & Billy Shilton	**Silver**
Men's Class 1	Rob Davies	**Bronze**
Men's Class 6	Paul Karabardak	**Bronze**
Men's Class 9	Joshua Stacey	**Bronze**
Women's Class 4-5	Megan Shackleton	**Bronze**
Women's Class 8	Grace Williams	**Bronze**
Men's Class 8	Jack Hunter-Spivey & Chris Ryan	**Bronze**
Mixed Class 10	Jack Hunter-Spivey & Megan Shackleton	**Bronze**
Mixed Class 14	Billy Shilton & Fliss Pickard	**Bronze**
Mixed Class 14	Martin Perry & Grace Williams	**Bronze**

ITTF World Para Elite Yvelines (France)

Men's Class 1	Rob Davies	**Gold**
Women's Class 6	Fliss Pickard	**Gold**
Men's Class 7	Will Bayley	**Gold**
Men's Class 6	Paul Karabardak	**Bronze**
Women's Class 7	Bly Twomey	**Bronze**
Men's Class 8	Aaron McKibbin	**Bronze**
Men's Class 9	Joshua Stacey	**Bronze**

ITTF World Para Challenger Wladyslawowo (Poland)

Men's Class 8	Billy Shilton	**Gold**
Women's Class 6	Fliss Pickard	**Bronze**
Men's Class 14	Martin Perry & Billy Shilton	**Silver**

ITTF World Para Challenger Lignano (Italy)

Men's Class 1	Rob Davies	**Silver**
Women's Class 6	Fliss Pickard	**Silver**
Men's Class 9	Joshua Stacey	**Silver**
Men's Class 8	Aaron McKibbin	**Bronze**

ITTF World Para Future Costa Brava (Spain)

Men's Class 1	Tom Matthews	**Gold**
Mixed Doubles Class 20	Max Flint & Lowri Hurd	**Gold**
Women's Doubles Class 20	Lowri Hurd & Victoria Sorribes Barba (ESP)	**Gold**
Men's Class 7	Bailey Page	**Bronze**
Men's Class 8	Ryan Henry	**Bronze**
Women's Class 9-10	Lowri Hurd	**Bronze**

ITTF World Para Challenger Podgorica (Montenegro)

Men's Class 14	Martin Perry & Billy Shilton	**Gold**
Men's Class 6	Martin Perry	**Silver**
Men's Class 2	Chris Ryan	**Bronze**
Women's Class 6	Fliss Pickard	**Bronze**



The Great Britain team win silver at the Down Syndrome World Championships

ITTF World Para Challenger Lasko (Slovenia)

Women's Class 6	Fliss Pickard	**Silver**
Men's Class 7	Will Bayley	**Silver**
Men's Class 1	Rob Davies	**Bronze**
Men's Class 1	Tom Matthews	**Bronze**
Women's Class 9	Lowri Hurd	**Bronze**
Men's Class 14	Will Bayley & Theo Bishop	**Bronze**

ITTF World Para Elite Lasko (Slovenia)

Men's Class 14	Martin Perry & Billy Shilton	**Gold**
Women's Class 6	Fliss Pickard	**Silver**
Men's Class 1	Rob Davies	**Bronze**
Men's Class 8	Aaron McKibbin	**Bronze**
Men's Class 9	Joshua Stacey	**Bronze**
Women's Class 14	Fliss Pickard & Grace Williams	**Bronze**
Mixed Class 14	Martin Perry & Grace Williams	**Bronze**

ITTF World Para Future Ostrava (Czechia)

Men's Class 1	Nathan Drayner	**Bronze**
Women's Class 6	Fliss Pickard	**Bronze**
Men's Class 10	Shae Thakker	**Bronze**

ITTF World Para Elite Beijing (China)

Men's Class 7	Will Bayley	**Gold**
Men's Class 14	Martin Perry & Billy Shilton	**Gold**
Men's Class 18	Joshua Stacey & Aaron McKibbin	**Silver**
Men's Class 2	Chris Ryan	**Bronze**
Men's Class 6	Martin Perry	**Bronze**
Men's Class 8	Aaron McKibbin	**Bronze**
Men's Class 8	Billy Shilton	**Bronze**
Men's Class 9	Joshua Stacey	**Bronze**

World Parkinson's Championships

Women's Showcase	Jan Fuller	**Gold**
Women's Singles Class 1	Jan Fuller	**Bronze**







Far left: Janice Fuller at the World Parkinson's Championships; left: Chris Ryan; above: Aaron McKibbin wins gold at ITTF World Para Elite Spokane

Performance - junior

- Cindy Xiao won the fourth-place medal at the Stiga Masters U11 competition in Belgium.
- England girls (Cindy Xiao, Hattie Xiao, Isabella Xiao and Bethany Yang) won team gold and England boys (Jacob Dennison, Daniyal Janmohamed, Hayfield Lam and Dominic Rimmy) took team silver at the Primary Schools International in Largs, Scotland. Yang won the girls' singles gold and Cindy Xiao took the silver. Dominic Rimmy won boys' singles bronze.
- England won five golds and 25 medals in total at the Senior Schools International in Cardiff. The squad was - Under-14 Girls: Ruby Gandi Bamidele, Assil Sarri, Charlotte Wong, Yi Ching (Janet) Yu; Under-14 Boys: Li Hao Chen, Christopher Darby, Mustafa Ibrahim, Rishaan Sawant; Under-16 Girls: Amber Lemmon, Brooke Morris, Vardhini Nishanth, Hannah Saunders; Under-16 Boys: Jake Davidson, Harrison Hill, Oscar Nikolli, Angad Saggu; Under-18 Girls: Naomi Coker, Rachel Li, Jonabel Taguibao, Sarah Wong; Under-18 Boys: Prayrit Ahluwalia, Francesco Bonato, Janak Shah, Chun Wai (Starry) Sheung.
- An England squad won the Under-13 Boys' Team, Under-13 Girls' Team and Under-15 Boys' team gold medals at the Table Tennis Hopes Open European Games in Hungary. The squad was Oscar Nikolli, Serene Rahmani-Walentynska, Soraya Rahmani-Walentynska, Pablo Ramirez Rioja, Rishaan Sawant, Malek Shamakh, Lusio Wen and Bethany Yang, along with Kiishi Adekola of Scotland. Wen won Under-13 Boys' Singles silver medal and there were bronze medals for Ramirez Rioja (U15B), Soraya Rahmani-Walentynska (U15G) and Serene Rahmani-Walentynska (U13G).



The England delegation at the Primary Schools International





From left: The squad at the Table Tennis Hopes European Games; Dimitar Dimitrov wins the Under-13 Boys' Singles at WTT Youth Contender Panagyurishte; Connor Green on the Europe Youth Top 10 podium; Cindy Xiao at the Stiga Masters





Europe Youth Top 10

Under-19 Boys' Singles	Connor Green	**Bronze**

WTT Youth Contender Otocec (Slovenia)

Under-13 Boys' Singles	Kai Lun Chow	**Bronze**

WTT Youth Contender Batumi (Georgia)

Under-19 Mixed Doubles	Rohan Dani & Prisha Goel (IND)	**Silver**

WTT Youth Contender Senec (Slovakia)

Under-13 Boys' Singles	Dimitar Dimitrov	**Bronze**
Under-13 Boys' Singles	Rishaan Sawant	**Bronze**

WTT Youth Contender Damman (Saudi Arabia)

Under-13 Boys' Singles	Dimitar Dimitrov	**Silver**

WTT Youth Contender Tunis (Tunisia)

Under-19 Mixed Doubles	Max Radiven & Yu Zheng Cheah (MAS)	**Bronze**
Under-13 Boys' Singles	Dimitar Dimitrov	**Bronze**

WTT Youth Contender Vila Real (Portugal)

Under-13 Girls' Singles	Bethany Yang	**Bronze**
Under-11 Boys' Singles	Stefan Wierszyłłowski	**Bronze**

WTT Youth Contender Panagyurishte (Bulgaria)

Under-13 Boys' Singles	Dimitar Dimitrov	**Gold**

WTT Youth Contender Novi Sad (Serbia)

Under-13 Boys' Singles	Dimitar Dimitrov	**Silver**

WTT Youth Contender Prishtina (Kosovo)

Under-19 Mixed Doubles	Max Radiven & Mariana Santa (POR)	**Gold**
Under-15 Boys' Singles	Oscar Nikolli	**Bronze**

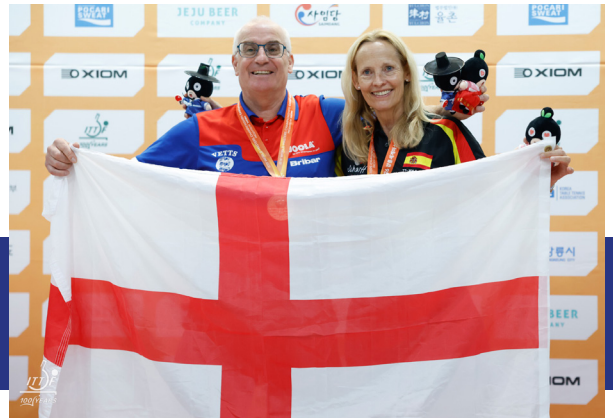


Performance - veteran

- VETTS England players dominated the Veterans Home Nations Championships 2025 winning a total of 36 of the 50 gold and silver medals being contested between the seven Home Nations in team, singles and doubles events. Notable golden hat-tricks of wins in the Team, Singles and Doubles go to VETTS England players Jason Ramage and Michele Reeves (both O/50s) and Tim Dyson (O/60s).

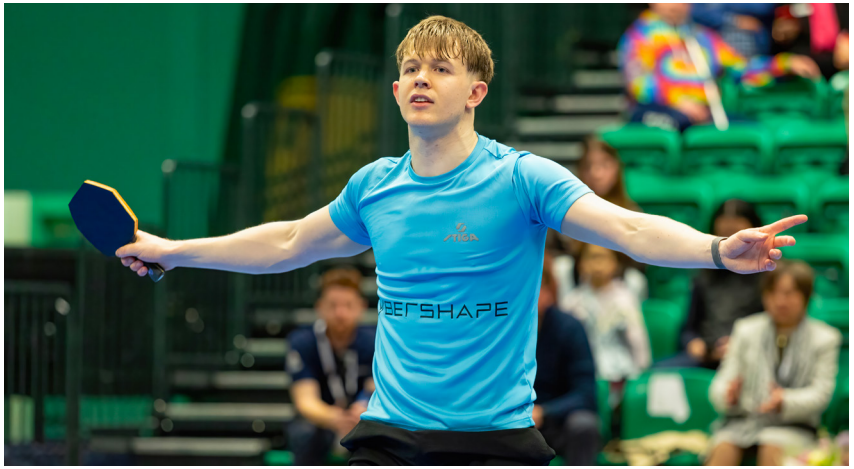
ITTF World Masters Championships (Gangneung, South Korea)

MD40	Victor Guang Shi & Thomas Guignat (FRA)	**Silver**
MS40	Victor Guang Shi	**Bronze**
XD60	Diccon Gray & Birgit Matthies (GER)	**Bronze**



Above: Victor Guang Shi (centre) on the podium at the World Masters; right: Diccon Gray & Birgit Matthies at the same event





Mark Bates Ltd Senior National Championships

University of Nottingham – March 2026

Men's singles: Tom Jarvis (Li)
Women's singles: Tin-Tin Ho (Mi)
Para Class 1-5: Thomas Hepburn (Do)
Para Class 6-10: Billy Shilton (Gs)
Men's doubles: Tom Jarvis (Li) & Connor Green (Ng)
Women's doubles: Tin-Tin Ho (Mi) & Sophie Earley (Dy)
Mixed doubles: Sam Walker (Ng) & Tin-Tin Ho (Mi)



Clockwise from above: Billy Shilton, Tom Jarvis wins the Men's Singles, Jarvis & Connor Green, umpires take to the court, Thomas Hepburn who earned his first title at the Nationals







Tin-Tin Ho celebrated winning a record eighth Women's Singles title, surpassing the record held by Jill Parker MBE. Ho won all three titles available to her by also taking the Mixed Doubles with Sam Walker (above) and the Women's Doubles alongside Sophie Earley (below) - a first Senior national title for Earley



U21 National Cup

BATTS TTC, Harlow – October 2025

Women: 1 Ella Pashley, 2 Eva Eccles, 3 Rachael Iles, 4 Sienna Jetha, 5 Mabel Shute, 6 Anna Green, 7 Alyssa Nguyen, 8 Jonabel Taguibao, 9 Rebecca Savage, 10 Saskia Key
Men: 1 Larry Trumpauskas, 2 Jakub Piwowar, 3 Max Radiven, 4 Isaac Kingham, 5 Krish Chotai, 6 Abraham Sellado, 7 Rohan Dani, 8 Gabriel Schogger, 9 Kacper Piwowar, 10 Wajid Wafiq

U11 & U13 Pathway Development Cup

Highfields, Wellingborough – May 2026

Under-11 Boys: 1 South East, 2 East Midlands A, 3 North West A, 4 East Midlands B, 5 North West B, 6 North East
Under-11 Girls: 1 South East, 2 London, 3 North West, 4 East Midlands
Under-13 Boys: 1 North West, 2 East Midlands, 3 South East, 4 North East, 5 South West
Under-13 Girls: 1 North West, 2 North East, 3 South East, 4 London, 5 East Midlands, 6 South West

National Series

Under-13 Girls: 1 Bethany Yang, 2 Nyasha Roberts
Under-13 Boys: 1 Saisuriya Prasanna Kumar, 2 Jayden Xuan Chen
Under-15 Girls: 1 Alyssa Nguyen, 2 Cindy Xiao, 3 Isabelly Lorrana
Under-15 Boys: 1 Rishaan Sawant, 2 Mustafa Ibrahim, 3 Zaid Aldilimi, 4 Samvit Balaji
Under-19 Girls: 1 Mia Lakhani, 2 Calina Dawson
Under-19 Boys: 1 Isaac Kingham, 2 Francesco Bonato



Mia Lakhani









Mark Bates Ltd Junior & U21 National Championships

University of Nottingham – May 2026

Under-21 men's singles: Isaac Kingham (Sk)
Under-21 women's singles: Tianer Yu (Mi)
Under-21 men's doubles: Joseph Hunter (Mi) & James Hamblett (He)
Under-21 women's doubles: Sienna Jetha (He) & Ella Pashley (Cv)
Under-21 mixed doubles: Max Radiven (Mi) & Rachael Iles (Bk)
Junior boys' singles: Larry Trumpauskas (K)
Junior girls' singles: Tianer Yu (Mi)
Junior boys' doubles: Max Radiven (Mi) & Rohan Dani (Ng)
Junior girls' doubles: Catherine Lv (Le) & Alyssa Nguyen (Dv)

Clockwise from top left: Isaac Kingham and Tianer Yu, Larry Trumpauskas, Rachael Iles & Max Radiven, Alyssa Nguyen & Catherine Lv, Max Radiven & Rohan Dani, James Hamblett, Ella Pashley & Sienna Jetha













Clockwise from far left: Hannah Saunders, Dimitar Dimitrov, Alyssa Nguyen, Nishil Shah & Oscar Nikolli, Abraham Sellado & Kacper Piwowar, Max Radiven & Sienna Jetha, Assil Sarri & Soraya Rahmani-Walentynska

Mark Bates Ltd Cadet & U17 National Championships

University of Nottingham – March 2026

U17 boys' singles: Max Radiven (Mi)
U17 girls' singles: Alyssa Nguyen (Dv)
Cadet boys' singles: Dimitar Dimitrov (E)
Cadet girls' singles: Hannah Saunders (Ca)
U17 boys' doubles: Kacper Piwowar (Dv) & Abraham Sellado (Y)
U17 girls' doubles: Sienna Jetha (He) & Soraya Rahmani-Walentynska (Mi)
U17 mixed doubles: Max Radiven (Mi) & Sienna Jetha (He)
Cadet boys' doubles: Oscar Nikolli (Mi) & Nishil Shah (Mi)
Cadet girls' doubles: Assil Sarri (Mi) & Soraya Rahmani-Walentynska (Mi)









Mark Bates Ltd U10–13 National Championships

Kettering Arena – April 2026

U10 boys' singles: Stefan Wierszyłłowski (La)
U10 girls' singles: Hattie Xiao (Ca)
U11 boys' singles: Ignacy Wierszyłłowski (La)
U11 girls' singles: Hattie Xiao (Ca)
U12 boys' singles: Jayden Xuan Chen (Ca)
U12 girls' singles: Isabella Xiao Xu (K)
U12 boys' doubles: Saisuriya Prasanna Kumar (Bk) & Jayden Xuan Chen (Ca)
U12 girls' doubles: Isabella Xiao Xu (K) & Cindy Xiao (Ca)
U13 boys' singles: Dimitar Dimitrov (E)
U13 girls' singles: Amber Lemmon (Ca)
U13 boys' doubles: Dimitar Dimitrov (E) & Malek Shamakh (Dy)
U13 girls' doubles: Amber Lemmon (Ca) & Cindy Xiao (Ca)









Clockwise from top left: Ignacy Wierszyłłowski, Hattie Xiao, Stefan Wierszyłłowski, Jayden Xuan Chen & Saisuriya Prasanna Kumar, Dimitar Dimitrov & Malek Shamakh, Cindy Xiao & Isabella Xiao Xu, Amber Lemmon











Top: The teams and officials line up at the final SBCL Premier Division weekend at Ormesby TTC - and the host club celebrate lifting the trophy (above)



YBCL Girls' Premier champions Grantham College and (below) Boys' Premier champions Fusion



WBCL Premier champions Drumchapel Glasgow with TTE Director Jos Kelly and (below) VBCL Women's Premier champions Bribar Deighton







Left: VBCL Men's Premier champions Global University Systems Horsham Spinners with TTE Director Ritchie Venner

BRITISH CLUBS LEAGUES

Senior British Clubs League

Premier Division: Ormesby
Championship: Nottingham
Division A1: Archway Peterborough
Division A2: Joola Plymouth
Division B1: Match Point (Torbay TTA)
Division B2: Cippenham
Division B3: Apex
Division B4: Drumchapel Glasgow II
Division C1: Albert
Division C2: ASL
Division C3: Smash Kettering
Division C4: Wood Green
Division C5: Ellenborough
Division C6: Morpeth II
Division C7: Fusion IV
Division C8: New House II
National D1: Crusaders II
National D2: Northfield III

Women's British Clubs League

Premier Division: Drumchapel Glasgow
Division One: Worthing
Division Two: Draycott II
Division Three: Flick
Division Four: Drumchapel Glasgow III
Division Five: Halton III
Division Six: Falmouth Docks

Youth British Clubs League

Premier Boys: Fusion
Premier Girls: Grantham College
Division One Boys: Kingfisher
Division One Girls: Ormeau
Division Two Boys: Drumchapel Glasgow
Division Two Girls: Drumchapel Glasgow
Division Three Boys: Brighton
Division Three Girls: Kingfisher
Division Four Boys: Ormeau
Division Four Girls: Ormeau II
Division Five Boys: Cippenham
Division Six Boys: Archway Peterborough
Division Seven Boys: Brighton II
Division Eight Boys: Jersey
Division Nine Boys: Worthing

Veterans' British Clubs League

Premier Men: Global University Systems Horsham Spinners
Premier Women: Bribar Deighton
Division 1 (Group 1) Men: Draycott
Division 1 (Group 2) Men: Hurricane
Division One Women: Topspin Fusion
Division 2 (Group 1) Men: Admiral Paws
Division 2 (Group 2) Men: Ashford
Division Two Women: Foresters III
Division 3 (Group 1) Men: Newton Abbot
Division 3 (Group 2) Men: Norton Commandos
Division Three Women: Northrop Dragons
Division 4 (Group 1) Men: Bristol Associates
Division 4 (Group 2) Men: Lancashire Hotpots
Division 5 (Group 1) Men: Allied
Division 5 (Group 2) Men: Continental Stars







Celebrations as Grantham College Under-19 Boys win the Butterfly Schools Team title in the final match of the day to finish.





From top: County Championships Premier Division champions Cambridgeshire (Cadet), Middlesex (Juniors), Middlesex (Seniors), Yorkshire (Veterans)

County Championships

Cadets
Premier Division: Cambridgeshire
Division 1A: Lancashire
Division 1B: Warwickshire II
Division 1C: Middlesex II
Division 1D: Essex II

Juniors
Premier Division: Middlesex
Division 1A: Warwickshire II
Division 1B: Berkshire
Division 2A: Cambridgeshire
Division 2B: Avon
Division 2C: Essex II

Seniors
Premier Division: Middlesex
Division 1A: Lancashire
Division 1B: Berkshire
Division 2A: Oxfordshire
Division 2B: Kent II

Veterans
Premier Division: Yorkshire
Division 1A: Lancashire
Division 1B: Sussex
Division 2A: Worcestershire
Division 2B: Middlesex II
Division 2C: Northamptonshire
Division 2D: Hampshire
Division 3A: Leicestershire II
Division 3B: Worcestershire II

Over-60s
Premier Division: Yorkshire
Division 1A: Yorkshire II
Division 1B: Wiltshire
Division 2A: Cleveland
Division 2B: Berkshire
Division 2C: Sussex II



Carter Cup winners Leamington Spa (left) and Bromfield Trophy champions Derby (right) - the first league to win that competition four years in a row

English Leagues Cup Competitions
Wilmott Cup: Sheffield
JM Rose Bowl: Derby
Carter Cup: Leamington Spa
Bromfield trophy: Derby

Butterfly School Team Championships
Under-19 Girls: Naomi Coker (Derbys)
Under-19 Boys: Hiko Yan Masa (North Yorks)
Under-16 Girls: Gianna Pang (Herts)
Under-16 Boys: Jake Davidson (Gloucs)
Under-13 Girls: Hannah Saunders (Cambs)
Under-13 Boys: Rishaan Sawant (Berks)
Under-11 Girls: Cindy Xiao (Cambs)
Under-11 Boys: Stefan Wiersyłłowski (Merseyside)

Butterfly School Individual Championships
Under-19 Girls: Dr Challoner's High School
Under-19 Boys: Grantham College
Under-16 Girls: London Academy
Under-16 Boys: Charles Read Academy
Under-13 Girls: The King's (The Cathedral) School
Under-13 Boys: St Paul's School
Under-11 Girls: London Academy
Under-11 Boys: London Academy



Cloudathlete Pride of Table Tennis Awards guests at Brent Civic Centre

Cloudathlete Pride of Table Tennis Awards

The exceptional volunteers within our sport were recognised at the Cloudathlete Pride of Table Tennis Awards ceremony.

The awards honour the special volunteers who give so much time, energy, commitment and expertise to help others enjoy and achieve in our sport.

Winners are named in 12 categories, covering clubs, leagues, coaches, schools, technical officials and more – including the prestigious Volunteer of the Year and Young Volunteer of the Year.

The shortlisted nominees were honoured at Wembley during the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals London 2026 Presented by ACN.

As well as attending a prize-giving reception at Brent Civic Centre, they had the chance to head into the OVO Arena Wembley to watch England take on France in the Women's Team event, Stage 1a match.

It was our chance to say thank you to an inspirational group of people who between them have done incredible work across the sport in the past 12 months.

The Pride of Table Tennis Awards are delivered in partnership with Cloudathlete, who are sponsoring the awards for a second year, as part of their commitment to grassroots and participation sport.

The winners and runners-up for 2026 are:

Volunteer of the Year
Winner: Craig Mehew (St Austell TTC)
Runners-up: Sarah March (St Katharine's Trust/TJTTC), Giulio Pontone (Darlington Academy Hummersknott TTC)

Young Volunteer of the Year
Winner: Joshua Kelly (Waterside TTC)
Runners-up: Hamza Caratela (Knighton Park TTC), Freddie Carroll (Halton TTC), Kush Thakore (Urban TTC)

Contribution to Table Tennis Award
Winner: Steve Bispham (Folkestone & District TTA)
Runners-up: David Badham (Aylesbury TTL, Quarrendon & Meadowcroft TTC), Ken Oram (Winstanley Wizards TTC)

Lifetime Achievement Award
Winner: Les Cole (Plymouth & District TTC)
Runners-up: Jayne Johnson (Rawreth TTC), James Skinner (Bristol TTL)

Club of the Year
Winner: St Austell TTC
Runners-up: Stanmore TTC

Coach of the Year
Winner: Peter Thompson (PingPong4U)
Runners-up: Paul Hutchings (Maghull TTC), Tony West (Kidlington Forum TTC); Special mention: Kelsey Fordham (Norwich City TTC)

Inspirational Story of the Year
Winner: Young Carers Cornwall Ping Mind (George, Noah, Angelina, Maria, Jack, Freya)
Runners-up: Nick Kreel (Brighton TTC), Brendan Praet (Wyre Piddle TTC; Worcester TTL)

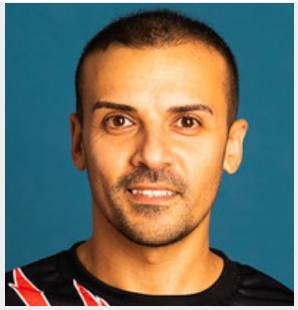
League of the Year
Winner: Stroud & District TTL

Level the Table Award
Winner: Juliet Bertie (Continental Stars TTC)
Runner-up: Riya Thakore (Barnet TTC)

Partner of the Year
Winner: Central Co-op Membership

School of the Year
Winners: Shakespeare Primary School Leeds
Runners-up: Parkdale Primary School Nottingham, St George's School Edgbaston, St Peter's CE Primary School Market Bosworth

Technical Official of the Year
Winner: Margaret Welch
Runners-up: Matthew Pryke, Alan Thomas









From top: Eli Baraty, Nicola Perry, Dan Tilley, Bly Twomey

Honours 2026

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Dan Tilley

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Martin Clark

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Richard Scruton

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Tony Dias

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Jade Griffiths

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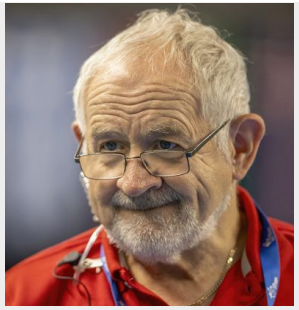
Johnny Leach MBE Most Improved Player of the Year Award

Connor Green

Special Award

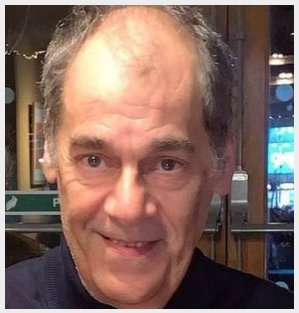
Sally Hughes

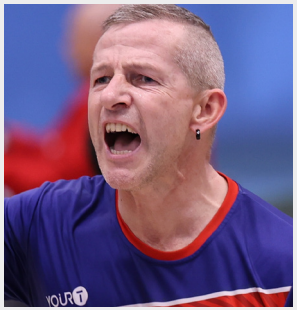
In addition, the following were awarded this year:
Tom Blunn Fund: Daniel Bullen, Harmesh 'Harry' Jutle, Sheila Walshe
Charlie Childs Coaching Fund: None

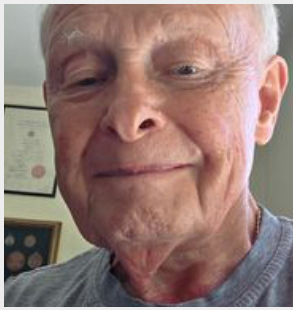












Top row from left: Howard Brialey, Jos Kelly, John Dennison;
Above row: Trevor Taylor, Jason Ramage, Martin Clark;
Below: Richard Scruton, Tony Dias, Janet Adams;
Bottom row: Jade Griffiths, Sally Hughes, Connor Green















The Mike Watts Achievement Award is presented annually to the girl and boy with the greatest improvement in ratings points between August 1 and July 31 each year. The winners for 2024/25 were Assil Sarri (above) and Harry Tomlinson (below).



Maurice Goldstein Awards: Tim Smith (York & District TTL), Steve Adams (Knighton Park TTC), *David Arnold (Lincoln), *Peter Baldwin (West Sussex), *Jane Barella (Surrey), *Steve Bessant (Leicester), *John Bowness (Leicester), *Brian Dyke (Andover), *Dave Graham (Liverpool), *Sylvia Graham (Liverpool), Roy Hames (Wembley and Harrow), *Hitesh Jethwa (Wellingborough), *Phil John (Leamington), *Bob Whittaker (Nuneaton), *Mike Withers (Andover).
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In Memoriam

Gorazd Vecko MBE: The son of former world and European table tennis champion Edvard Vecko, Gorazd coached Mateja Pintar to win the first Paralympic gold medal for Slovenia in table tennis at Athens 2004 and was recruited by British Para Table Tennis in 2009.

He proved to be an inspired choice, transforming the British Para Table Tennis programme, establishing a high-performance base in Sheffield and introducing a 'family culture' that allowed athletes to flourish and achieve their potential.

Under his leadership the British team won four medals at London 2012 and three at Rio 2016, including gold for Will Bayley (men's class 7 singles) and Rob Davies (men's class 1 singles).

At Tokyo 2020 the team secured seven medals, marking its most successful Paralympic Games in the modern era, and this was followed by five medals at Paris 2024.

A Vice-President of Table Tennis England, Gorazd was awarded an Honorary MBE by His Majesty King Charles III in 2023 for his services to British Para Table Tennis.

Jose Ransome: A Canadian international player and Chief Executive of the Canadian Table Tennis Association - the first female CEO of any Canadian sport - Jose returned to the UK in 1976 to take on the role for Table Tennis England as Assistant Director of the 1977 World Championships in Birmingham.

Since then, Jose was heavily involved in the ETTA, Commonwealth Association, Cleveland County and the Ormesby Club, as President of the latter for 30 years. She was a great help to her husband Alan during his years as ETTA Chair and Deputy Chair.

As Chairman of the ETTA Women's Committee, she was responsible for the introduction of one of the main female competitions the Women's British League, which has been running successfully ever since.

Jose played a major role in the Commonwealth Table Tennis Association, working effectively as secretary for the 29 years that Alan was Chair.

She became an ETTA Vice-President in 2014 and also received the Malcolm Scott Award (1993), the Maurice Goldstein Merit Award (1999) and the Pat Archdale Women in Table Tennis Trophy (1993) Canada TTA honoured her in 1971 with the Percy McLeod Memorial Award for contribution towards the promotion and development of table tennis in Canada.

Jia-Yi Liu: Arrived at the ETTA in 1994 in the role of National Junior Coach, having previously been National Coach at both the Chinese TTA and Dubai TTA, as well as working personally with Chen Xinhua, the former Chinese world gold medallist who later represented England.

Jia-Yi went on to be Performance Director (1997-98), National Coach (1998-2000), National Coaching Manager (2000-07), Head Performance Coach (2007-11) and National Performance Coach (2011-13), before taking up the National Coach role with Singapore TTA from 2014-19. His tenure coincided with success on the international stage at both Junior and Senior Level, including taking Paul Drinkhall to a silver medal at the World Junior Championships in 2008.

He became an ETTA Vice-President in 2012.



Clockwise from top left: Gorazd Vecko MBE, Jose Ransome, David Hockney, Beate Nicol, David Creamer, Jia-Yi Liu, Philip Lewis MBE

Philip Lewis MBE: One of the founders of the British Table Tennis Association for the Disabled, now known as British Para Table Tennis, Philip was a medallist at the Paralympic Games in 1972 and at the Commonwealth Games in 1966 and 1974.

Chairman of the British Sports Association for the Disabled (now Activity Alliance), he went on to be founding Chairman of BTTAD from 1993 until 2003, becoming President in 2015 and also served as a Vice-President of Table Tennis England.

David Hockney: Avon TTA Chair and National Councillor, member of committees including British League, Voting Review Group and, most notably, Standing Orders Committee. Table Tennis England Vice-President 2018.

David Creamer: England Junior and Senior International and national Men's Doubles champion, who went on to have a successful career as a professional golfer.

Beate Nicol: A popular umpire who started her officiating journey at St Neots TTC and was one of the team of English officials selected to umpire at the Games in Birmingham in 2022. A regular at the Women's British Clubs League, and in the 2023-24 season was awarded the Solihull Trophy, awarded to a coach, official or player who most enhanced the competition during the season, based on the most nominations from clubs.

Ted Wallbutton: ETTA Chief Executive from 1987 to 1990.

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 and can be read by scanning the QR code below. 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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