

Further information

Proposed LTA investment in local tennis facilities

The council has been approached by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), who are interested in supporting us with our work to get more people in South Gloucestershire active, and specifically, through increasing opportunities to play tennis.

They would like to invest in our local tennis courts, but first we want to understand about potential interest in tennis locally. We would like to hear from both those who do, and people who don't currently play tennis. A link to the survey appears at the end of this document.

How the proposed investment would be spent

The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) is proposing to invest in local tennis courts within South Gloucestershire to encourage more people to play tennis.



The LTA funding would be used to improve the playing facilities at courts in Kingswood Park, Page Park and Bromley Heath Playing Fields. Improvements will include re-surfacing of the courts, upgrading of the fencing around courts and installation of gated access and an online booking system.

A condition of the LTA funding is that courts must be pre-booked, fees for booking the courts will be re-invested into the courts to ensure their sustainability for the future. Users

will be able to access the courts via an annual membership offering households unlimited usage (subject to a fair usage policy) or a 'pay as you play' option. Concessionary rates would be available and there will be free to play times and other free participation events (e.g. coaching sessions). All improvements would be funded by the LTA.

Proposed booking fees

We would like to understand what you think is a reasonable price to pay for using the tennis courts. We are proposing offering an annual household membership or a pay as you play option.

The LTA have recommended a charge of £36 for annual household membership for unlimited use of facilities or £6 per hour if you would prefer to pay to play.

Investment in courts in Bristol and Bath

Similar projects have been carried out at courts in Bristol and Bath which have opened up opportunities for people who wouldn't normally play tennis to participate, with thousands of bookings each year.

Photographs in this document show the newly refurbished courts in Bath



Local courts

There are three sets of tennis courts within South Gloucestershire owned parks (Page Park, Kingswood Park and Bromley Heath Playing Field). The courts at Page and Kingswood Parks are operated by South Gloucestershire Council and the courts at Bromley Heath Playing Field are operated by Downend and Bromley Heath Parish Council. Page Park has three courts, and Kingswood Park and Bromley Heath Playing Field have two.

Courts at Page and Kingswood Parks are currently free for all to use but priority is given to those who have booked in advance. The hourly charge for bookings for adults is set at £9.50 per court per hour or £14.10 per court per hour with floodlights and costs for juniors is set at £5 per court per hour or £9.30 per court per hour with floodlights.

Courts at Bromley Heath Playing field are also free to use but priority is given to those who have booked in advance. The hourly charge for bookings is set at £4.50 per court per hour.

What do you think?

Before confirming their investment, we want to understand about potential interest in tennis locally. Everyone (both those who do and don't currently play tennis) is encouraged to complete the survey to tell us what you think. The link to the [survey is here](#)