

ANNUAL REPORT 2024 2025

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Editor's notes: Except where stated otherwise, this review covers departmental and financial matters for the year to March 31, 2025. For competition and performance matters, obituaries and notable achievements, the period covered is the 2024/25 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 – Chair, Table Tennis England

The Egypt Cup, presented at the World Championships to the host nation of the next World Championships. The Cup was donated in 1939 by King Farouk of Egypt, and it represents the friendship of the Championships.

A warm welcome to our 2024/25 Annual Review!

In the past year we have said goodbye to Chief Executive, Adrian Christy, and also to my predecessor Nick Donald, former Chair. Adrian and Nick made a big impact on the organisation and I thank them and wish them well in their future endeavours.

It is understandable if you may be thinking that a change of leadership can lead to a period of uncertainty. However, I can say with confidence that we are not standing still. Our new CEO Sally Lockyer is already making an impact, and we are determined to continue to work in collaboration with all our stakeholders – from funding partners to National Council, to clubs, counties and individual members and volunteers – to drive the sport forward and delivering our vision to be a table tennis nation.

Sally has certainly hit the ground running, getting out and about to meet as many people as possible

and listening to what they have to say about the opportunities and challenges they face in the sport.

Although I have joined as the 2024/25 season draws to a close, I have already seen great commitment and enthusiasm in all areas of our sport. I'm very much looking forward to meeting many more of you in the months ahead, across our clubs and counties.

Within a few weeks of joining the organisation, I was thrilled to witness the excitement of the WTT Feeder Manchester, where our elite players from both the English and GB performance pathways achieved such success. Many congratulations to them all and to their coaches and support team, as well as to the athletes of all ages who have excelled on the international stage this season, including our medallists from the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris.

Not long after the Feeder, I travelled with Sally to the ITTF World Championships in Doha in May, where I was honoured to take part in a ceremony at the end of the championships, receiving the ITTF flag from the Qatari hosts on behalf of TTE, via ITTF President Petra Sörling. I also received the Egypt Cup, which is traditionally presented to the host nation of the next World Championships.

With the waving of the flag on stage, I formally accepted the responsibility of staging the 2026 centenary World Championships back in London, the city where it all began in 1926.

Welcoming the world to London for this landmark Championships is a huge responsibility but also gives us a wonderful opportunity to elevate our



sport to new heights, showcasing the skills of the best players in the world and inspiring new generations to become fans, players, officials, coaches and volunteers. Making the most of this opportunity and delivering a lasting legacy will be the primary focus of the Board in the months and years ahead.

This year we welcome a fifth elected director to our Board, Liam McTiernan, following the approval of a Resolution at the last AGM which increased the number from four to five. At the same time, Ritchie Venner, Chair of the Competitions Committee, was re-elected for his second term on the Board.

Liam was ranked in the top five as a Junior player and the top 25 as a Senior and his election strengthens the vital link between Board and the grassroots, while adding to the skillset and lived experience we can draw on at a strategic level. Liam's executive role is in strategy and commercial partnerships – a great new addition to our Board.

We said goodbye to Mark Boote, who stepped down in January, and welcomed Paul Bishop, who was co-opted in his place. Paul has a wealth of finance experience as well as a passion for table tennis; he was a junior international player before his career took off and now in his retirement is an active coach and Chair of Woodford Wells TTC.

At the time of writing, we are recruiting two appointed non-executive directors after Kwadjo Adjepong and Ray James came to the end of their terms of office. We sincerely thank Kwadjo, Ray and Mark, for their contributions to our sport. Indeed, my sincere thanks go also to the whole Board for

giving up their time to sharing their considerable expertise.

I would like to thank the Table Tennis England staff for their hard work and dedication over the past year. I have already witnessed first-hand the passion, energy and commitment they bring to their roles.

We are fortunate to have so many wonderful volunteers in our sport – the enablers who give their time, enthusiasm and expertise to ensure others can enjoy and achieve in table tennis, at whatever level they choose to play. We could not do what we do without you – so a huge thank you from me and the Board.

We have some fantastic sponsors and partners too who contribute so much to our success. Much of our work is funded by the Government via Sport England and also our GB efforts by UK Sport, both with clear outcomes by which we are assessed. But we must not lose sight of the fact that we are also a membership organisation, tasked with delivering the best possible experience for our current members and prospective new members.

While our direction of travel and our decisions may not always meet with universal approval, I am excited about what the future holds for us all together as a sport and I very much look forward to being a part of the journey.

Clare Briegal - Chair, Table Tennis England



CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT



Sally Lockyer – Chief Executive, Table Tennis England

As I reflect on my first few months as CEO of Table Tennis England, my overwhelming feeling is one of the amazing opportunity we all have in the coming months to grow our sport. If we are bold and brave, together we can make significant strides towards our vision of becoming A Table Tennis Nation.

When our new Chair, Clare Briegal, symbolically waved the ITTF flag on stage at the end of the World Championships

in Doha in May, it signified that the next World Championships will be on our watch, in London next year.

The challenge and responsibility to deliver an incredible competition – and to celebrate the centenary of the Worlds in London, where it all began in 1926 – is one we embrace. Preparations are continuing at pace to deliver an unrivalled experience for athletes and spectators and has a positive long-term impact socially, environmentally and economically across the country. A home World Championships will inspire our elite players to produce their best performances, and new players to take up our sport. It is the perfect catalyst to build fandom and exposure and to create new partnerships and collaborations. In short, to really 'shift the dial'.

The World Championships is part of our wider major events strategy which includes the highly successful WTT Feeder Manchester in April and the forthcoming WTT Star Contender London in October.

Hosting regular major events is an important plank of the Table Tennis United strategy and this publication reports on the progress made on the Pledges set out in the

strategy, across the range of our work from membership to competition, participation to performance and governance to engagement.

I am delighted that momentum is growing in many areas, though we recognise there is still much to do.

Among the positive news in these pages, the latest Sport England Active Lives survey highlights the growth in adults playing table tennis to nearly 400k adults (+11%), and significantly, female participation is up 22%. You'll see membership levels are higher than they've been since before the pandemic, and our contactable database has increased considerably. All these metrics are critical in building an engaged table tennis community and in driving revenue.

As a membership organisation, our work needs to focus on providing value for our members. This season has seen the implementation of the Competition Review and transition to a Competition Pathway which aims to provide meaningful competition for all.

We have invested in our coaching strategy, which values continuous personal development to create a workforce of more coaches and better coaches, with a pathway to the top of the sport. Our programme to create a workforce of world-class officials continues, with a record year for new umpire qualifications.

Our reach and engagement is continuing to grow at pace with record numbers. Key to driving this forward is our digital transformation journey. It is marathon not a

sprint and we will work to deliver important technological updates that will underpin our ability to drive the sport forward.

On the performance front, there is a real sense of momentum in the programme, with the gold-medal winning displays at WTT Feeder Manchester headlining a year of achievements on the world stage, which also included Tom Jarvis' memorable run to the last 16 of the World Championships, earning the Richard Bergmann Fair Play Award on the way.

Table Tennis England is the responsible body for delivering the GB performance pathway, so we were delighted when Wales' Anna Hursey became both singles and doubles champion at the European Under-21 Championships.

Our governance structures continue to strengthen, enabling us to uphold the integrity of our sport and to ensure it is safe for all to enjoy. Safeguarding must always be our top priority, and I thank all the Club Welfare Officers who are helping us to protect everyone, particularly children and vulnerable adults, involved in our sport.

Partnerships are integral to what we do, and we continue to build on our relationship with long-standing partners and to build strong new collaborations with the likes of Sported, Special Olympics and the Youth Sport Trust.

I would like to thank our funding partners Sport England and UK Sport, who are fully supportive of our direction of travel. Special thanks are also due to our brand partners Mark Bates Ltd, Butterfly and the Jack Petchey Foundation, for your continued support to help us to reinvest in table tennis.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to the executive team, the Board, Committees, National Council, leagues, clubs and

to all the volunteers across the country. The growth in our sport is evident, and the potential for so much more is clear.

Our sport is on the cusp of an explosion and it is up to us all to play our part to ensure we capitalise on the opportunities and create a vibrant, welcoming, sustainable community for all.

Sally Lockyear - Chief Executive, Table Tennis England



PLEDGE 1:

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

- **Working in Partnership**
- **Growing a Grass Roots Workforce**
- **Participation with a Purpose**
- **Competition for All**



Establish strategic relationships

What we've achieved

A formal partnership was established with Sported to provide access for Premier Clubs from 2025/26 to the Sported Regional team and their member support toolkits and tools. This will give Premier Clubs the opportunity to get a greater range of advice and support to make them even stronger and more resilient.

Our work with Special Olympics GB has resulted in a formal partnership that will see clubs and coaches supported with training in how to work with and deliver for people with intellectual disabilities, also known as learning disabilities. This partnership will also support our competition pathway to enable table tennis competitions to become more inclusive.

Through local, regional and national relationships, the Area and Development team has leveraged £280,000 of external funding into the sport in 2024/25.

We celebrate our long-term partnership with the Jack Petchey Foundation and another successful year:

- Reaching the milestone of 100,000 young people that have played the sport since the programme began

- 1,141 directly benefitted through the Jack Petchey schools competitions this year
- 222 tables distributed to 70 schools and 28 youth clubs across London and Essex

Working with the Greater London Authority, we were successful in recruiting two paid interns, funded by the Greater London Authority.

This is allowing us to provide an opportunity to two young people to develop their skills, gain valuable experience and increase the capacity of the team to deliver for the sport locally in London throughout 2025/26.



Our Area Local Organising Groups (LOG) are supporting and delivering meaningful activity, such as:

- Members of the North West LOG, delivering coaching activity and competitions to 1,700 people at the GNW Ping Hub in Manchester.
- Members of the North East LOG delivering Women and Girls' competitions to more than 50 women and girls and success in getting £5,000 of funding to support women and girls' activity.

What haven't we achieved

Our Local Organising Groups are all working at different paces and have differing levels of capacity due to number of people and range of knowledge, which has meant some have delivered more than others.

Not all our Community Table Tennis Partnerships have worked or seen as much progress as we'd have liked. This has been a result of high workloads for Area Managers, partnerships not aligning locally, clubs and leagues either not on board or not ready.



Looking ahead

The Area team will work to recruit, upskill and enhance their Local Organising Groups so they start to deliver consistently across England.

The Community Table Tennis Partnerships are being re-evaluated and these may change or amend slightly.

The Area team will work with clubs to develop an online session finder that Premier Clubs can use to promote their club sessions. The Area team will link this with local partners to promote.

The Club Support Zone will be created, which will be an online resource full of helpful guides, toolbox talks, resources and tools for clubs, leagues and counties to use to help support their organisations.

The Sported and Special Olympics GB partnerships will start and be offered to Premier Clubs.

Establish a Technical Officials Academy

What we’ve achieved

A record year for new Technical Officials, particularly female umpires with 26 new female L1 umpires in 2024/25, exceeding a target of 15.

The L1 Umpire exam was rewritten to become more inclusive and enable people with learning disabilities to be able to successfully take it. This has resulted in more people with learning disabilities becoming qualified.

What we haven’t achieved

Despite overachieving on new female L1 umpire numbers, the number of female L2 umpires and female Technical Officials were slightly under target. This was due to the lack of capacity to develop the L1 and L2 umpire numbers concurrently.



QUALIFICATION	MALE 24/25	MALE 23/24	FEMALE 24/25	FEMALE 23/24
L1 Umpire	↑ 274	204	↑ 82	56
L2 Umpire	↔ 21	21	↔ 3	3
L3 Umpire	↑ 30	24	↑ 7	6
Blue Badge	↔ 6	6	↔ 0	0
L1 Referee	↑ 38	33	↑ 7	6
L2 Referee	↔ 8	8	↔ 0	0
L3 Referee	↔ 2	2	↔ 1	1
Tournament Organiser	↑ 132	122	↑ 33	25

Looking ahead

We will officially launch the Technical Officials Academy. We will train new tutors and mentors to deliver the officiating qualifications and mentor new umpires, referees and technical officials.

Introduce new people to competition by introducing a localised calendar

What we've achieved

Area Managers have supported and led new development and 1* competitions in targeted areas. 15 new development competitions were delivered to support U11s, women and girls and local junior activity.

Four more 1* competitions were delivered in England compared with 2023/24.

Five new U11 1* competitions were delivered, supporting our drive to grow U11 participation.

There were 10 women and girls-only competitions, two more than in 2023/24.

What we haven't achieved

The number of 2* competitions reduced compared with 2023/24 from 116 to 82, highlighting the ongoing issues with 2* competitions and the lack of attractiveness they have for clubs to deliver compared with 1* competitions. There was greater support for 1* events from Area Managers as the level of these events were better suited to players new to the sport, a focus for Area Managers.



More people will play table tennis, with a particular focus on gender parity and young people from deprived communities

What we've achieved

Intervention work in the Area team along with the work of our clubs has led to a 17% increase in U11 membership, a key focus area for the organisation. Girls U11 membership increased by 5%.

The sport saw 839 new U11 players through local interventions in clubs and schools, supported by the Area team. This has contributed to the increase seen in U11 membership.

The GNW Ping Hub has delivered 13,500 participants in 2024/25. 1,700 took part in





some form of coaching or competition at the Ping Hub, 50% were from ethnically diverse communities and 35% were women and girls. 30% were from the top 30% most deprived communities in England. The Hub has delivered more than 300 new members in 2024/25.

A new Ping Hub was opened at The Exchange in Ilford in January 2025. Since then, it has delivered 200 new members.

The Ping in the Community programme delivered 2,558 new players in the sport. 34% of these participants came from the top 30% most deprived communities and 37% were female, a much higher rate than our current formal membership.

The new TT Kidz programme was piloted in six clubs and three schools, leading to a launch in 2025/26 to clubs and schools across the country. This will support the work of Pathway Development Centres and clubs and create a key connection between grassroots growth and supporting the growth of high-quality players into the pathway.

We celebrated our volunteers at the Cloudathlete Pride of Table Tennis Awards, across 12 categories and 140 nominations. We thank our partners Cloudathlete, Bounce, Cornilleau, Great Northern Warehouse and Tees Sport for their support.

Through the School Games Organisers and the School Games (managed by Youth Sport Trust) we saw 344 local schools festivals happen in England. This delivered 8,492 participants aged 5-to-16 years old. 35% were girls and 9.5% were SEND students.

The new School Games table tennis resources and training has been released to all schools in England, the first time in many years the sport has had an updated universal presence in schools.

What we haven't achieved

While progress was made, gender parity in participation remains a challenge, with male players continuing to make up the majority of regular participants.

We still face gaps in data collection, particularly dynamic data from grassroots and local projects, making it difficult to measure reach and impact across all demographics in a truly reflective way.

Only 10% of our Ping participants have a disability which is less than the 17% target we wanted.

Only 21% of our U11s were from the top 30% most deprived communities, less than our 30% target.

Looking ahead

We will identify new partners and new sites to expand the number of Ping Hubs in England and invest in and support a workforce to engage and deliver at all Ping Hubs

We will establish a programme of activity at all Ping Hubs that drives meaningful activity that can translate into sustainable activity that grows revenue and supports the sport. This will create more places to play, increase the number of facilities for table tennis and grow revenue and membership.

We will introduce and grow TT Kidz across clubs and schools, particularly in CTPP areas with the aim of growing the number of Under-11s in the sport and help sustain clubs.

We will establish Ping in the Community programmes that support our drive for gender parity and including those that are inactive or unable to access activity easily.

We will start and grow the Social Impact work around the World Championships 2026 and Star Contender in 2025. This will support the growth of table tennis and bring the excitement of the World Championships to the whole country.

Competitions & Events

National Series

The National Series is a new four-date competition this season, providing a regular high-quality competitive opportunity for the top U13, U15 and U19 boys and girls from the Home Countries.

Year 1 saw an average of 127 participants across each of the four rounds, with promotion and relegation taking place between tiers in each age/gender category following each round.

Following the inaugural Series, a detailed operational and technical review and comprehensive stakeholder consultation have supported a number of developments and enhancements to format and structure for Year 2.

British Clubs Leagues

The former National Cadet League (NCL), National Junior League (NJL) and British League (BL) moved under a single British Clubs Leagues umbrella for 2024/25.

This new alignment comprised:

- Evolved TTE staff support for volunteers, hosts and entrant clubs
- Common documentation, regulations and online entry/payment processes
- Integrated committee support

Rebranding was developed following extensive consultation with all British League, NCL and NJL clubs. As well as an

over-arching brand to encompass the whole British Clubs Leagues landscape, the Senior, Veterans, Women's and Youth sections each have their own look and feel, with a set of logos and fresh and distinctive appearance, formed as part of family. The new branding was rolled out in digital assets and event documentation over the season.

This season saw increasing overall entries, as the graphic on this page shows, with a positive shift for women's and girls' entries.

The alignment of Cadet and Junior BCL under the main BCL umbrella means the competitions use the full functionality of TT Leagues for the first time, including online entry, payment and player registration. We are grateful to and thank all the hosts for their support and organisation, and particularly Westminster Under School for stepping in as a host venue. A review of the support in TT Leagues for the Cadet & Junior formats in Year 1 will see some improvements and changes for Year 2 and beyond.

This new access to registration and entry data has underpinned the viability for a new Girls' Cadet BCL pilot, which has been agreed for 2025/26.

The six clubs in the Senior BCL Premier Division regrettably requested to be



released from TTE's contractual and strategic commitment to the TTE.TV streaming platform, and also withdrew their support for the SBCL Premier Cup – a knockout cup event inaugurated in 2022/23 at their own specific request. Consequently, this end-of-season event was cancelled for 2025 and for future seasons. This changing dynamic has prompted a consultation on future options for the Premier Division, which will be delivered in 2025/26.

Implement Phase IV of the Competition Review

The National Competition Review moved into the penultimate phase of implementation in 2024/25. This has included:

- The launch of the four-date National Series for top U13, U15 & U19 boys and girls
- The launch of the U21 National Cup to aid retention and provide valuable competition opportunity to this priority cohort
- Reconfiguration of the National Championships into an U11-13s open event, a Cadet & U17 event, a Junior & U21 event, and a standalone Senior event - creating greater capacity, more doubles opportunities and continued integration of para categories
- Memorandums of Understanding established with Jersey TTA and Wales TTA for satellite events

A huge amount of work has been undertaken throughout the season to finesse and refine the framework for Tiered Open Tournaments, which will continue to be known as 1*/2*/4*s in 2025/26 while more consultation is carried out to establish a new naming convention.

Valuable member feedback supported an update of regulations to make the new Senior 4* tournaments easier and more cost-effective to host, and the first events were successfully held in Cleveland (May) and Nottingham (June) – our thanks to Cleveland TTA and Nottingham TTC.

Further changes to reduce the hosting requirements for 4*s at other age-categories, and 1* and 2* events, will launch for 2025/26.

The last element of the Competition Review will also launch in 2025/26 - the new one-day annual U11 & U13 boys' and girls' Pathway Development Cup will be supported locally by the Pathway Development Centres, as a springboard to National Leagues. This will provide a targeted team competition opportunity for these priority age-groups at area level.

We extend our sincere thanks to all members of the Tournament Approval Panel and its Chairman John Mackey, the Technical Officials Committee, all the volunteer technical officials at national events, the members of all league and tournament committees, the British Clubs League Press Officer Wilf Reeve, 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.

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

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

Following implementation of the Competition Review, an exercise was undertaken to identify the value that is paid back into the wider community through the use of TTE member venues for core competition formats including Senior BCL, Cadet/Junior BCL, County Championships, National Cups and ELCC – more than £55,000 was paid from TTE to member clubs for venue usage in 2023/24.

Thank you to all club host venues for their support, and to all clubs, teams, players, coaches, parents, table officials, commentators, scorers, venues, volunteers and organisers of regulated leagues and tournaments.



County Championships

Neil Hurford, County Championships Chair, writes: This year across the five competitions that comprise the County Championships, 238 teams competed in 30 divisions, resulting in 766 team matches and 7660 individual matches. All the matches were played by mid-April, with all results published on the County Championships website by the end of April. TT Leagues remains central to the management of the results of county matches. All results were included in the various TTE ranking runs in a timely manner.

This is a very heavy workload for a small Committee, so I take this opportunity to thank my fellow Administrators, Premier Weekend Organisers and Referees for the contribution that they make to the smooth running of the County Championships.

In last year's report, I emphasised the need to strengthen the County Championships by the recruitment of additional Administrators, so I am delighted to welcome Karen Aitkenhead to the Committee who will take on the running of the O-60s competition. Karen has huge experience of the County Championships and will be a great asset to the Committee.

The 2025 Annual Conference took place at the end of June. Last year the Conference was held online which greatly increased the participation from the Counties. The Conference provides an excellent opportunity for the Committee to engage with Counties so that they can shape the format and direction of the County Championships.

At the 2024 Conference, we discussed the possibility of extending the County Championships to include competitions for the U11/U13 age-groups, in line with the Table Tennis United strategy. With the support of TTE staff, we carried out a consultation to gauge the views of Counties. We will be discussing with the Counties how we should proceed based on the feedback received.

The Entry Process for the 2025/26 competition is now well under way. The number of teams in the competition will be similar to 2024/25.



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

In the talent space, a comprehensive review of the Pathway Development Centre (PDC) system was undertaken in late 2024, including reviewing the age category and delivery model, which resulted in changes for the coming year.

The PDC network grew to five across the year (Greenhouse TTC, Kingfisher TTC, Ormesby TTC, Halton TTC, and Plymouth TTC), with two further agreed within this time frame to be operational for the coming year (London Academy & Draycott and Long Eaton TTC).

The PDC age bracket has been reduced to U13 and a more flexible model designed that means some sites deliver fewer hours than others.

A PDC national camp was held in September in Sheffield with all

national coaches present, the camp programme has been enhanced for the coming year, with four planned in the calendar.

The SHEcoaches female talent and performance coach programme ran across the year, with participants taking part in two in-person camps with multiple workshops and seminars, plus 12 online educational sessions.

Coaches were educated on various aspects of the player pathway, coaching at international events, sport psychology, lifestyle, reflection skills, executive coaching practices, and more.

As part of the programme, the SHEplays talent ID day was delivered in May where 34 girls in the U12 age category enjoyed a day of training at the University of Nottingham, co-delivered by the SHEcoaches group. Four coaches were selected to be part of the



**Dave Hembrough (inset with Gavin Evans) leads a session with young pathway players
Below: A Futures camp**





Top: The SHEcoaches cohort; above: Gavin Evans leads a coach CPD session; below: Young members of the pathway squads on a training trip to China



Year 2 programme, which includes a more individualised programme and paid work on national camp activity.

Natalie Green was recruited into the role of DiSE Lead and Talent Pathway Support in November 2024 with a remit to grow the DiSE programme. A comprehensive camp and educational programme were delivered and was so successful that we have been awarded an additional number of places for the 2025-26 programme, bringing the cohort to 27.

Looking Ahead

Work planned in the pathway space in the coming year includes:

- A new England Talent Coach based in London will drive the development of the best U13s across the area, predominantly working across two PDC sites
- A new pathway educational programme will educate players and coaches on the key areas they should be aware of to support their child to progress
- We will host the first ever England Hopes Week, culminating in the England Hopes Challenge Event, with one girl and one boy securing a place at ITTF Hopes Week
- The England Futures Programme will deliver a number of trial events to identify the next generation
- Sheffield will host the ITTF World Hopes Week – the best U12 players worldwide will come to the city with their coaches for a week of intense training and competition
- The player development framework will launch and educate the next generation of players and coaches about the skills and demands required to excel in table tennis



ETC Sheffield

Our ETC is now fully operational with more than 1,200 hours a year of delivery. We have started to notice improvement in the professionalism and behaviours of our athletes, leading to a culture of belief, ambition and commitment.

Another big step forward is how British Para Table Tennis and GBTT have started working together to share resources, coaches, hall and office space and generally building a very positive relationship that will support the culture and programme to maximise its performance outcomes.

An agreement has been confirmed with BPTT and GBTT to work together to enable a full-time training facility for athletes.

Table Tennis England and Sheffield Hallam University have signed a partnership agreement which will see athletes at the ETC receive world-class sports science support.

The agreement includes strength and conditioning support for athletes at all stages of the performance pathway, research and development support in areas such as injury prevention, data, student placements and other opportunities.

The partnership follows the performance pathway's return to Sheffield earlier this

year and is a continuation of a partnership which begun more than 10 years ago when the sport was previously based at the English Institute of Sport (EIS).

The goal of the partnership is to lift British table tennis to new levels through world-class scientific approaches, supporting the elite and talented athlete programmes with the additional intention to inspire the next generation in our Pathway Development Centres.

Dave Hembrough, a senior research fellow with the Sheffield Hallam's School of Sport and Physical Activity, is leading the new partnership having previously supported Table Tennis England, including helping the England team to achieve five medals at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Another key component driving high performance was ensuring the holistic development of our athletes is central to our vision. We have put together a multi-disciplinary team to include expert practitioners to enhance and develop a player-centred culture.

The team is:

- Dave Hembrough – Strength and Conditioning Lead
- Matthew Goosey – Strength and Conditioning coach



- James Hooper – Athlete Lifestyle Practitioner
- Alice Stratford – Sports Psychologist
- Justin Lucas-Hill – Physiotherapist
- Emma Vickers – Head of Pathway Development
- Evie Collier – Coach Learning and Development Manager
- Gavin Evans – Director of Performance Development

This team will work closely together with a shared and aligned objective. Their collaboration will focus on developing player data and metrics, providing bespoke support for priority players, and delivering wider system and programme education.

A background image showing a person in a grey shirt holding a table tennis ball. In the foreground, a black plastic basket filled with yellow and white table tennis balls sits on a white surface. The background is blurred, showing other people and what appears to be a table tennis table.

Coach Development and Learning

A new transformational Coach Development Strategy and Implementation plan was agreed and signed off by Board with further investment into this area.

This will see coach education move to a continuous coach development system, guided by the following principles:

1. Place-based learning is best.
2. Coach development and learning is a continuous process.
3. Learning can take place anywhere and with any experience.
4. Coach development must be inclusive, collaborative and sustainable.

Three new staff have now been appointed to include a Coach Learning and Development Manager, Evie Collier, and two Coach Developers, Steve Brunskill and Matthew Eggleton-Wood.

PLEDGE 3:

Connection across the table tennis community

- **Building our Digital Capability**
- **Staging Fantastic Events**
- **Developing our Partnerships**





TT Leagues

The story of TT Leagues since its launch in 2019 has been one of building on a firm user-base within local leagues to expand into other league competitions and then into other formats such as knockout and handicap competitions.

The 2024/25 season has seen TT Leagues secure a strong base as illustrated by the following data:

- 139 local leagues
- 4 regional/county leagues
- 6 competitions in the British Clubs Leagues
- 5 competitions in the County Championships
- 16 venues that run competitions in the Cadet/Junior British Clubs League
- 8 competitions in the National Schools Team Finals

This data is a compelling illustration of how much has been achieved with TT Leagues in such a short space of time from a standing start. But there is still much more to come as Table Tennis England takes advantage of the opportunities presented by digital transformation.

Using TT Leagues for online entry has been a feature of British Clubs Leagues for the past three years. In

2024/25, online entry was extended to Cadet/Junior British Clubs Leagues. The plan is to progressively introduce online entry for the County Championships from 2026/27 onwards.

During 2024/25, we piloted the use of TT Leagues for schools competitions. The Butterfly Schools National Team Finals were selected to illustrate how TT Leagues could be used for Schools Competitions. All the results from the Team Finals were published on the website in “near real-time” so that players, coaches and parents could keep track of how the competitions were progressing.

The referee also found the system extremely helpful in terms of immediate resolution of team positions in the group table when teams were tied on points.

Based on the success of this pilot exercise, we plan to use TT Leagues more widely for Butterfly National Schools competitions next season.

In addition, the enhanced functionality that has been developed to enable TT Leagues to be used for the Schools National Team Finals is now available to local leagues.

As in previous years, we have

steadily added new functionality to the system and improved the existing functionality. Improvements introduced in 2024/25 include:

- Sharing news articles across multiple sites
- Split divisions for local league formats
- Contact form for emailing league
- Improvements to team data sheet
- Additional downloads and exports
- Additional filters in fixtures & results
- Improvements to KO and handicap formats

This process of continuous improvement will be maintained into the 2025/26 season and currently under way is a major upgrade of the underlying infrastructure of TT Leagues. This will make the system more robust and provide faster operation.

This upgrade will also enable us to enhance the mobile app which will be re-launched prior to the start of the season with additional functionality.

Thanks to Neil Hurford for his commitment and support in the development and with any queries.

Engagement & Communications

2024/25 marked a landmark year for engagement across Table Tennis England's digital platforms, driven by a step-change in content delivery, collaborations and strategic partnerships.

We saw major growth across our social media channels, including a doubling of our audiences on both Instagram and YouTube. In total, our content generated more than 11 million impressions, reached more than 8 million accounts, and grew our combined social media following to over 130,000 accounts cross-platform.

This season also saw the highest ever level of live coverage across our domestic calendar, with every age-group National Championships event streamed, and full coverage of every table at the Mark Bates Ltd Senior National Championships for the first time, in addition to coverage across British Clubs Leagues Championship, Women's, Youth and Veterans' divisions, U21 National Cup and the new National Series.

Our domestic events are increasingly serving as a platform for creative content and audience connection – bringing fans closer to the action through highlights, behind-the-scenes footage and real-time storytelling. These events not only celebrate the sport's top performers but also give a stage to grassroots clubs, volunteers and community heroes, playing a vital role in showcasing the

breadth of our sport and the people behind it.

Our partnership with Spectatr.AI has been a key enabler in transforming our production workflows – saving more than 250 hours in editing time and dramatically improving our turnaround for highlights and compilations. It has also supported the revival of archive footage, helping bring English table tennis history to new audiences.

On a global scale, our visibility continues to grow. Collaborations with ITTF, WTT, other national federations and international players have expanded our reach into new markets, bringing more eyes to the English game than ever before.

Throughout, our communications have remained focused on building awareness and driving action – inspiring more people to play, participate in and follow our sport. We've also taken important steps to ensure our storytelling reflects the diversity and values of the table tennis community, amplifying voices from across regions, age groups, genders and backgrounds.



Digital

In 2024/25, we made significant strides in laying the groundwork for a comprehensive digital transformation.

This year has been focused on reviewing our existing digital infrastructure, identifying key opportunities, and establishing a clear strategic direction. Our aim is to build a frictionless, user-centric digital experience for our community while delivering operational efficiencies and long-term cost savings.

Data

Our data strategy continues to underpin our wider engagement and commercial ambitions.

Over the past year, we achieved a 24% increase in our contactable database, growing to more than 132,000 contacts. We also delivered over 3.5 million personalised emails, contributing to higher open rates, improved retention, and stronger engagement.

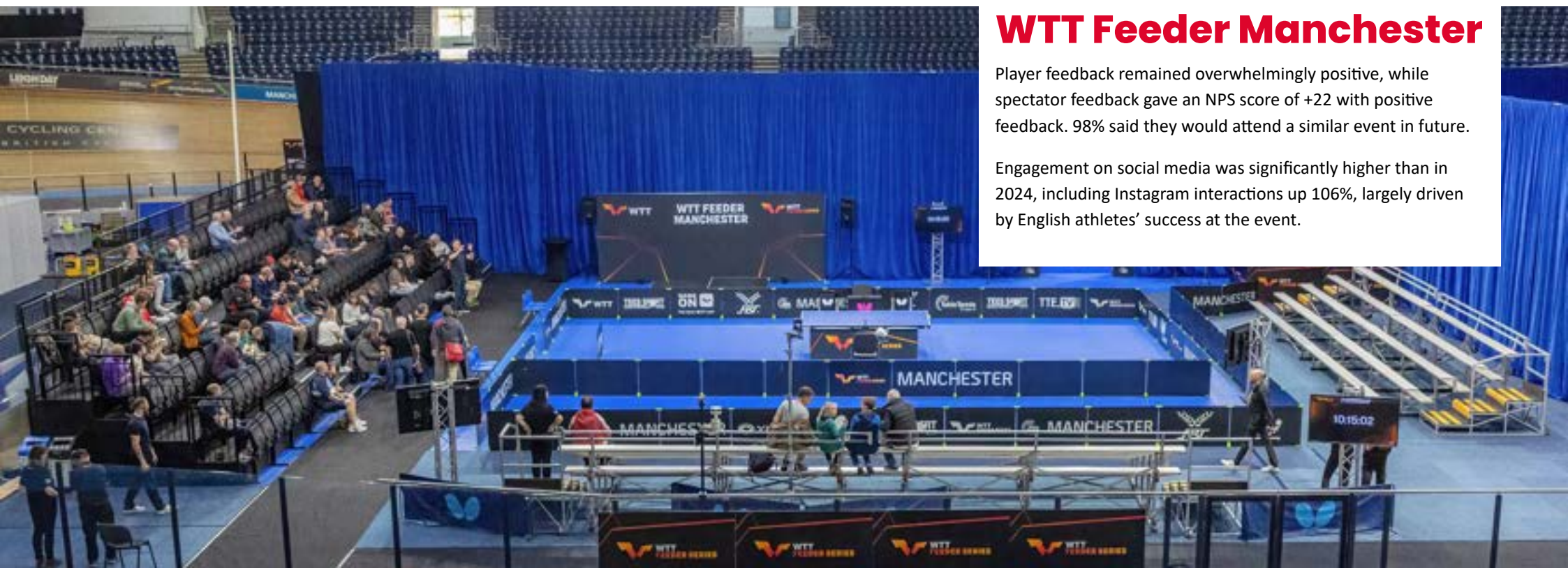
This growth – paired with increasingly tailored communications – strengthens our ability to connect directly with our community, support participation growth and deliver greater value to commercial partners.

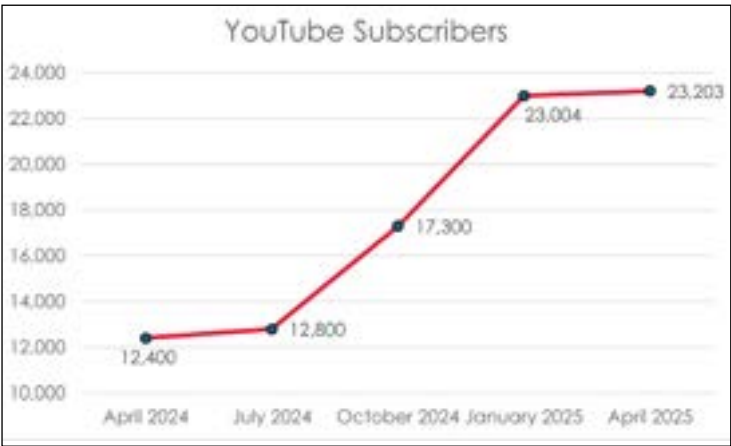
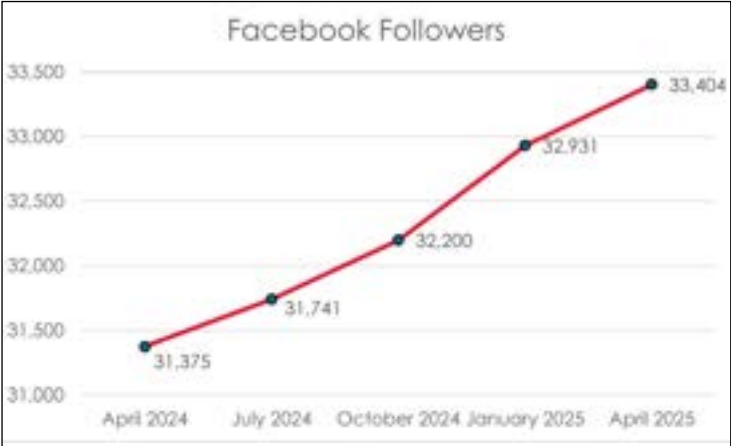
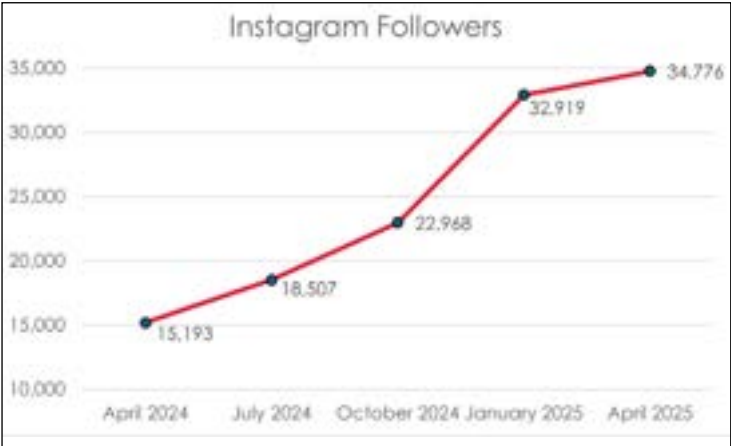


WTT Feeder Manchester

Player feedback remained overwhelmingly positive, while spectator feedback gave an NPS score of +22 with positive feedback. 98% said they would attend a similar event in future.

Engagement on social media was significantly higher than in 2024, including Instagram interactions up 106%, largely driven by English athletes' success at the event.





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**



A key part of our Governance is compliance to the Code for Sports Governance. As a National Governing Body, Sport England are an important funding partner and their financial support is essential to our ongoing development and success.

To ensure our ongoing compliance to the Code and our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion, several resolutions were put to the 2024 Annual General Meeting, which were all supported by the membership.

A thorough review of a number of our governance regulations, including Disciplinary and Affiliation Regulations, were approved by the Board to ensure the protection and good governance support is robust and fit for purpose.

We continue to drive our People Plan, including making inroads on improving our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (ED&I). We have strengthened our commitment in this area by recruiting a People Manager to support our ambitions in this area and to help support our Level The Table strategy, which was launched in September 2021, designed to tackle inequalities in table tennis with a clear set of strategic goals.

Earlier this year, we published our four-year Level The Table update, which you can read [here](#).



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 UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) Framework and this was completed in March.

There has been significant delivery this year and Evie Collier, Coach Learning and Development Manager, who is our trainer in this area, completed a fantastic programme of delivery across all squads, parents and coaches (84 sessions in total), which was recognised in the UKAD February Update newsletter in the Educator spotlight section.

Safeguarding

During the past year Safeguarding has developed its own brand, SafeTT, and reviewed all policies, procedures and guidance. It is vital that the whole of table tennis works with and implements these policies and procedures because they provide our sport with a clear barrier to make it difficult for the people we don't want within table tennis to access it.

At the beginning of 2024/25, we introduced a new requirement for Associate Club affiliation to appoint a welfare officer who holds a valid safeguarding certificate, to ensure we safeguard junior and adult members at a local level.

During the course of the year we have managed three new safeguarding cases in conjunction with statutory agencies. All have either been dealt with by Table Tennis England's processes or progressed to a disciplinary hearing. As a result, two people are currently serving suspensions from our sport.

In addition, a case was heard by the Disciplinary Committee regarding breaches of the TTE Anti-Corruption Regulations, following an investigation in conjunction with the Sports Betting Intelligence Unit (SBIU). We continue to act to protect the integrity of the sport and issue sanctions as appropriate.

The Child Protection in Sport Unit carries out an annual review, during which it looks at all

of our policies, guidelines and processes to make sure they are fit for purpose. In May 2024, Table Tennis England fully met all of the required standards.

Regular webinars have been held for our welfare officers, coaches and clubs during the year with 10 sessions held over the course of the year providing updates and answering questions on topics such as managing concerns, DBS checking, further training, processes and new staff sessions.

Five female chaperones have been recruited to work with the performance squads where under-18 girls are playing, providing key support for the players and allowing coaches to concentrate on their role. We have also delivered safeguarding training for the performance team, held sessions with parents of players and a session for the players on how to keep themselves safe when playing and travelling.

Sport England have recruited Sport Welfare Officers across England, linked to the Active Partnerships, who are providing training and support to club welfare officers including networking sessions and training events, but not managing cases or concerns. At the National Championships, a team from the Midlands hosted a stall providing safeguarding information and carrying out a survey on our behalf.



Membership & Customer Service

Membership numbers as of 31/03/2025 show an increase of 6% from the previous season, as outlined in the tables below, which highlight numbers and trends across all areas.

Paid memberships for the current season are up 4% on last season. Auto renewals for 2024/25 were up 6% on 2023/24.

We carried out targeted marketing campaigns to new audiences and lapsed members, including a variety of different messaging to create interest in our offers.

There was a 96% retention rate for Compete Plus members and an 84% retention rate for Compete members.

There was a total of 984 Under-11 memberships as of 1 April 2025.

Membership revenue was up 22% on 2023/24, with revenue as of 1 April standing at £512,585. This is the result of having more members and a price increase – which allowed us to introduce the free U11 membership category.

Since 1 April, we have run a reduced priced membership campaign to target membership growth through the remainder of the season.

Customer Service

Customer service enquiries have risen by 10% to 10,189, partly due to the introduction of a help contact form, which we are actively encouraging as the primary channel for all queries.

Additionally, new assignee groups have been introduced. The 10% increase is a positive indicator that members are now using the helpdesk route instead of contacting individual staff members directly. Using this method enables us to better track queries and respond more efficiently and promptly. The table on the right shows the number of queries received, categorised by assignee group.

Rankings

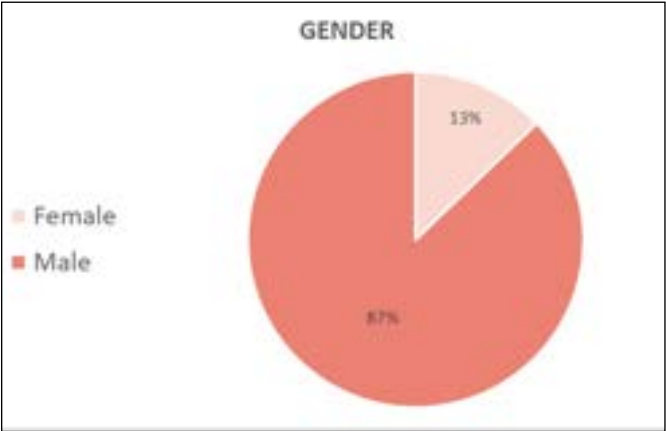
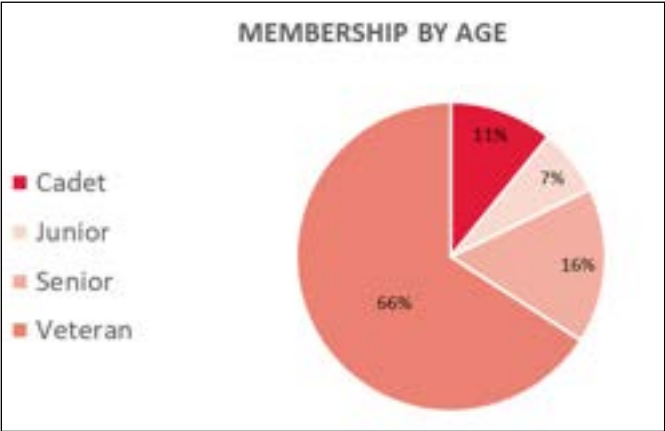
From the 1 August 2024 to 30 May 2025, we uploaded 579 sets of results, which equates to 69,858 individual matches.

Due to a high volume of data processed each month some errors may occur, however any inaccuracies are investigated and corrected for the following month. This season we have experienced some software issues and worked with the developers to have these rectified.

TICKET GROUP	23-24	24-25	%
All Agents	203	211	4%
Clubs, Leagues & Volunteering	224	365	39%
Coaching	335	370	9%
Competitions	229	150	-53%
East	0	47	100%
Finance	219	815	73%
London	0	69	100%
Membership	915	288	-218%
North-East	0	35	100%
North-West	0	22	100%
Partnerships	132	101	-31%
Performance	1276	1288	1%
Ranking	613	506	-21%
Schools	0	59	100%
South-East	0	36	100%
South-West	0	31	100%
Support	5120	5614	9%
TT Clubs	0	85	100%
TT Leagues	0	25	100%
West	0	72	100%
TOTAL	9266	10189	10%



TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	As of 31/03/25			As of 29/05/25	
					24/25	Trend	% of membership increase from	Female	Male
Supporter	1143	99	865	971	953		-2%	344	664
Club Play	2899	3531	4188	4434	5134		16%	1386	4089
Compete	12343	18193	18635	19229	19688		2%	1661	18082
Compete Plus	1313	2353	2717	3082	3532		15%	589	2963
Total Membership	17698	25074	26405	27716	29307		6%	3980	25798
Membership by age									
Cadet	1428	2437	2937	3007	3565		19%	520	3224
Junior	1134	1881	1861	1931	2023		5%	277	1778
Senior	2174	3732	4091	4514	4614		2%	571	4149
Veteran	12962	17024	17541	18264	18988		4%	2612	16647
Membership by age - Compete plus									
Cadet	288	509	687	742	1002		35%	194	829
Junior	259	482	490	542	594		10%	112	483
Senior	288	552	671	806	868		8%	120	753
Veteran	478	810	876	986	1056		7%	163	898
Membership by age - Compete									
Cadet	684	1133	1315	1374	1527		11%	149	1416
Junior	640	1140	1132	1162	1183		2%	112	1076
Senior	1444	2668	2802	2942	3049		4%	278	2786
Veteran	9575	13252	13371	13707	13886		1%	1123	12804



CASE STUDIES



 Dudley TTC making waves



 Pride of Table Tennis Awards



 Swerve Women & Girls Festival



 Over-50s Black Men Forum



 Kelham Island TTC outreach



 Stilton TTC's heart-warming culture

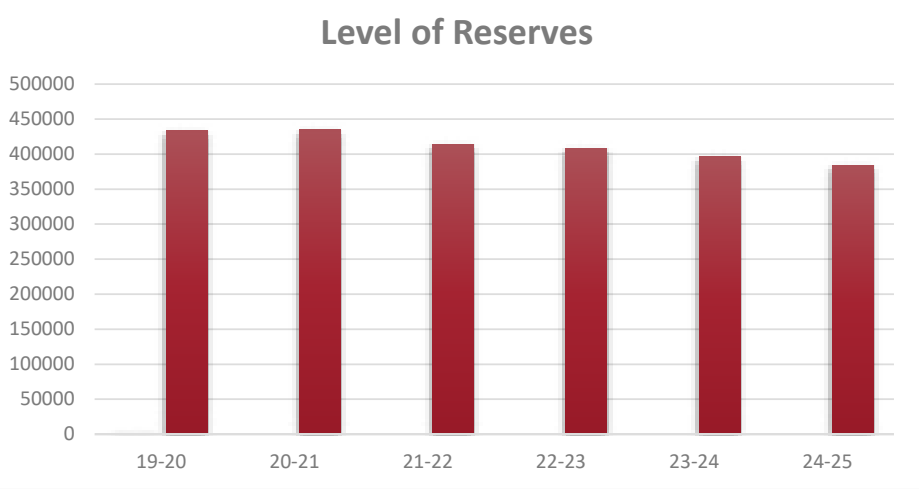


 Spotlight on Kidlington TTC



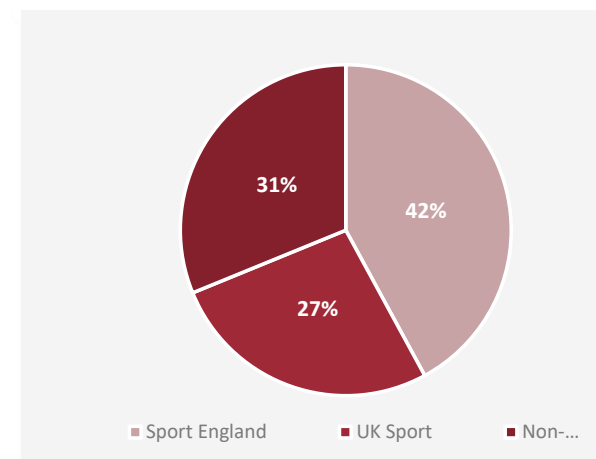
Financial Reports

	2025	2024
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Income	5,073,160	6,375,302
Administrative Expenses	(5,101,209)	(6,404,295)
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(28,049)	(28,993)
Interest receivable and similar income	19,656	20,494
Taxation	(3,735)	(3,894)
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(12,128)	(12,393)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
Fixed assets	72,578	59,550
Current assets	1,134,273	1,203,932
Current liabilities	(822,820)	(867,323)
Net Assets	384,031	396,159
Income and expenditure account	349,531	361,235
Testimonial funds	34,500	34,924
Reserves	384,031	396,159



SOURCES OF INCOME

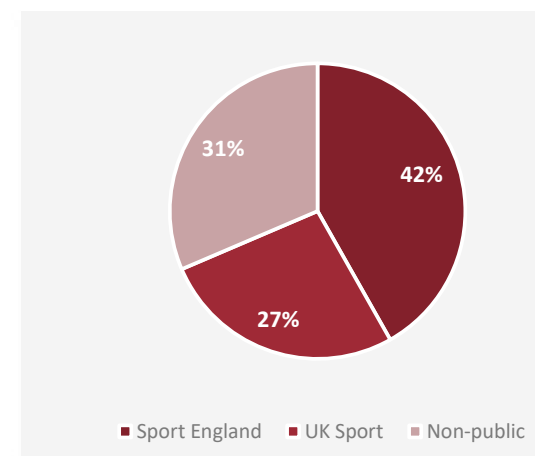
	Sport England	UK Sport	Non- public	Total
Participation grants	41%			41%
Para Performance grants	1%	20%	1%	21%
Other grants	1%	7%	3%	11%
Membership income			10%	10%
Sponsorship income			2%	2%
Other income *			16%	16%
	42%	27%	31%	100%



* 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	Total
Overheads/Support costs	10%		1.6%	11%
Talent	8%		1%	9%
Participation/Core market	13%		0.8%	13%
Para Performance	0.5%	20%	0.7%	21%
Performance		7%	15%	22%
Events and Courses	4%		11%	15%
Marketing	7%		1%	7.3%
Other costs			0.4%	0.4%
	42%	27%	31%	100%



Financial Statement

This is the third year of the 2022/27 Sport England funding cycle, in which we received a partner award of £2,075,000. Sport England funding continues to be ringfenced with clear outcomes and outputs required to maintain investment of public funds.

Last year we highlighted the impact that UK inflation has had on Sport England funding and since the beginning of this funding period we have seen inflation increase by around 25%.

While the last few years have been challenging with rising living costs and inflation, we have worked hard to achieve a near balanced year-end position, although we did finish the year with a small deficit, which was due to the final regional funds being distributed.

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 ringfenced funding, we are limited as to how quickly we can grow our reserves level.

Membership numbers have gradually increased since the pandemic and this year we introduced free under-11 categories for Compete and Compete Plus memberships. Although we increased membership fees this year, it is worth noting that we had only increased membership fees once since 2018/19 (shown in the table on this page) and even with the small increase this year, on average this was still lower than the rate of inflation.

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.

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. Because of this, income and expenditure is lower this year

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

Price Per Membership Category							
	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
Compete Plus - Under 11							FREE
Compete Plus - Under 19	£ 19.00	£ 19.00	£ 19.00	£ 19.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 22.00
Compete Plus - Senior	£ 38.00	£ 38.00	£ 38.00	£ 38.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 44.00
Compete - Under 11							FREE
Compete - Under 19	£ 8.00	£ 8.00	£ 8.00	£ 8.00	£ 9.00	£ 9.00	£ 11.00
Compete - Senior	£ 16.00	£ 16.00	£ 16.00	£ 16.00	£ 18.00	£ 18.00	£ 22.00

compared to the previous year, which is due to the European Para Table Tennis Championships held in the previous year.

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, and to Mark Bates Ltd for their commitment to the Senior National Championships.

During the year we also received 266 individual donations from our

members, totalling nearly £1,800, for which we are extremely grateful and which will be used to support the areas selected by those members.

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.

Samantha Garey - Director of Finance and IT , Table Tennis England



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.

Adrian Christy, CEO, stepped down in December 2024 after being with the organisation since December 2021 and we thank Adrian for his commitment and drive to Table Tennis England. After a

robust recruitment process, Sally Lockyer was appointed and started in December following Adrian’s departure.

After one-and-a-half years as Chair of Table Tennis England, Nick Donald stood down in March 2025, and the Board would like to thank Nick for his contribution to the organisation during this time and wish him well in his new role as Chair of PaddleUK. Clare Briegal was appointed as Chair and took up the position on the 31 March 2025.

We continue with our governance journey to ensure we are a High Performing Governing Body and to aid in this we have restructured to include new roles of a Governance Manager and a People Manager to support our delivery of the Code for Sports Governance and particularly to drive our People Plan.

There were four scheduled Board meetings held during the year and the Board member attendance is tabled on this page. There were also two interim virtual Board Meetings held during the period.

NAME	ROLE	05-JUN-24	14-AUG-24	13-NOV-24	12-FEB-25
Nick Donald	Chair until 18/3/2025	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Richard Ayers	Senior Independent Director	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Attended
Kwadjo Adjepong	Appointed Director	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Paul Bishop	Co-opted Director in 02/2025	N/A	N/A	N/A	Attended
Mark Boote	Appointed Director until 21/1/2025	Attended	Attended	Attended	N/A
Adrian Christy	Chief Executive Officer until 12/12/2024	Attended	Attended	Attended	N/A
Katharine Curran	Appointed Director 03/24	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Sally Hughes	Elected Director	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Ray James	Appointed Director	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Jos Kelly	Elected Director	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Sally Lockyer	Chief Executive Officer from 16/12/2024	N/A	N/A	N/A	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 03/2024	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
TOTAL ATTENDED		12	11	12	12

Minutes of the Board meetings, some with appropriate redactions, are available on the website.

In addition, every Board member sat on at least one of the [committees](#), which met in between the scheduled Board meetings.

Don Parker’s term came to an end but he was eligible for a second term and with the review of the skills required, Don re-applied

and was successful in being re-elected for a second term.

Mark Boote, Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, stood down in February after having served one-and-a-half years of his four-year tenure. The Board co-opted Paul Bishop, who sits on the Finance and Audit Committee to the Board, whilst the recruitment process is undertaken.

National Council

The 2024/25 season has seen the implementation of a new relationship for National Council with Table Tennis England that I outlined in my report last year. This has involved National Council becoming more autonomous and taking full control of how it operates.

The most notable changes are that we have now appointed our own General Secretary and created our own website for sharing documents ahead of meetings.

The new General Secretary of National Council is Susie Venner who was elected unanimously at our first meeting in September 2024. Susie has made an immediate impact on the running of National Council.

In addition to welcoming Susie to this new role, I express my appreciation for the members of Table Tennis England staff who have undertaken the role of National Council Secretary over many years. And I am particularly grateful to the support provided by Jo Keay-Blyth and Sue Wressell over the last 18 months.

The National Council's new website is currently primarily being used as a way of distributing the documentation for meetings. However, the website provides wider opportunities for engaging with members, clubs, leagues and counties that we have not yet explored.

These changes strengthen the role of National Council as a source of independent advice to the Table Tennis England Board. We are taking advantage of our greater autonomy by allowing National Councillors to invite an additional person from their county to attend National Council meetings. This will provide wider perspectives to the discussions at National Council meetings and also help with succession planning for National Councillors.



Meetings

There were four meetings of National Council in 2024/25. These were all online meetings. At the January meeting we welcomed our new Chief Executive, Sally Lockyer, to table tennis.

Sally shared her ambitions for table tennis with us and shared her view from other sports that counties play an important role in governance and development of sport.

At our June meeting, the new Table Tennis England Chair, Clare Briegal, explained her background in sports governance and outlined her ambitions for our sport.

At the March meeting, Richard Scruton updated us on the plans for the World Team Championships in London in April/May 2026.

Richard explained that it is essential that 2026 World Team Championship is a magnificent celebration of table tennis. In this way, the event will establish England as a home for world-class table tennis, inspire new and existing audiences and leave a lasting legacy. National Councillors confirmed that they and their colleagues at county level would do all they could to help meet these objectives.



[Visit the
National Council website](#)

Counties

At all the meetings, we have had very much on our minds the need to help County Associations with the challenges they face. Many counties are facing the challenges of declining membership and in some cases leagues closing. Declining income has made it increasingly difficult to fund county teams, which are a key part of county activities. The discussions have quickly indicated that the problems that have been raised are shared by many counties.

We have set up a small Working Group to provide guidance on how counties can deal with these challenges. This guidance will be contained in “County Administrators Handbook” which will play a similar role to the “League Managers Handbook” which has proved to be very useful.

The Handbook will provide advice on governance issues and also how the County Association can engage proactively with its members, clubs and leagues. The Handbook should be published before the start of the new season.

Select Committees

National Council’s three Select Committees on the Constitution, on Competitions and on Disability continue to do valuable work in examining specific issues in detail. Their reports are published on the National Council website.

The Select Committee on the Constitution has expressed concern about the changes to “Good Standing” in the Affiliation & Registration regulations. The Select Committee has encouraged the Board to be pro-active in formalising the relationships with organisations that previously had “In Good Standing” status. In this way, the strong and mutually beneficial links with these organisations can be maintained.

The Select Committee on Competitions has monitored the implementation of the Competition Review and has made suggestions on how some aspects such as the new National Series can be improved for next season. It is understood that most of the proposed changes will be adopted for the 2025/26 National Series. The Select Committee on Disability has initiated contact with organisations that have special expertise in para-sport. As a result, it is hoped to collaborate with at least one para-sporting body on areas of mutual interest. Such collaborations could cover club affiliation, competition development and workforce & coaching development.

Neil Hurford - Chair, National Council



International Influence

International Table Tennis Federation

The 2024/25 season for the International Table Tennis Federation was very much focused around the delivery of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris. The events did not disappoint with record crowds, outstanding performances and the Chinese dominance being challenged by the top Swedish and French players.

The Paralympics once again showcased the outstanding ability of the players, including the young GB rising star Bly Twomey.

I was very fortunate to be invited as a guest to the World Masters Championships held in the beautiful city of Rome. The event saw a record number of entries with more than 6,000 passionate table tennis veterans competing for a significant number of titles. It was a mass of global participants all enjoying the sport and friendship.

This year also saw a momentous occasion when Mrs Petra Sörling, the ITTF President, was elected as a member of the International Olympic Committee.

I was reappointed as the deputy chair of the ITTF Nominations Committee. This required a considerable input as the committee is responsible for vetting, confirming and recommending all nominations of

candidates for relevant elections and committees, to the ITTF AGM which was held at the World Championships in Doha, Qatar.

The directors and event delivery organisation of the company responsible for the delivery of the 2026 World Championships (Table Tennis International Events Ltd) were present throughout the whole of the championships on Doha. This was an ideal opportunity to meet with the ITTF/ WTT persons responsible for all the departmental responsibilities.

The ITTF Summit was also held in Doha and was extremely well attended. This culminated in the ITTF AGM with a record number of delegates in attendance. It was a long agenda as this year included the Presidential elections and subsequently the election of the ITTF Executive Board.

The procedure for the election of the president was both a physical

vote by those in attendance and a hybrid voting process for those unable to attend. There were two candidates Mrs Petra Sörling (current president) and Mr Khalil Al-Mohannadi (EB member).

The result recorded at the AGM was exceptionally close with Petra Sörling receiving two more votes than Khalil Al-Mohannadi. As a result of such a close margin there was a serious level of disquiet from a number of delegates, which resulted in the AGM being closed before the final agenda items could be completed. The membership now awaits on how everything will be moved forward and ultimately finalised.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the Championships was the outstanding performance by our very own Tom Jarvis. He was a credit himself and to the performance programme and subsequently received the Richard Bergmann Fair Play Award.



European Table Tennis Union

The Executive Board of the ETTU met 12 times throughout the year. There is a minimum of four meetings in person at events and the remainder on a monthly basis.

The ETTU ranking system for juniors, introduced in January 2024, was used for seeding for all junior events. From the commencement of 2025, the ETTU senior ranking was finalised.

The Top 16 event was once again held in Montreux. A further contract has been agreed with the Swiss Table Tennis Association for a three-year period. The decision was taken to increase the number of players selected and hold a qualification event prior to the knockout draw. The prize money for this prestigious event was also increased equally across both male and female categories.

A number of investments have been made to increase visibility of the European events throughout this financial year. Enhanced production has increased the number of European TV companies taking up the coverage, resulting in an increased income, as well as a number of sponsors.

A new contract has been agreed with

Sportradar. In addition, there has been investment with a company to produce an entry system, a new website and OTT platform.

The 2024 ETTU accounts have been audited by the international auditing company and following their recommendation an additional financial officer role is budgeted. Josh Reynolds is an elected member of the in-house audit commission and has led on the analysis of the Audit report. The financial statement and balance is now completed and will be presented at the Congress in October.

The U13 ETTU event has now been recognised as a regular championships. I attended this year in Bucharest and the standard was very good. The ETTU is continuing with the youth series and still considering a continental senior series subject to calendar availability.

The club competitions continue to go from strength to strength. This May saw the second Champions League final four weekend. It is an amazing event with a full house of spectators. This format will continue for the men but the Champions League women's competition continued



with home and away semi-finals and final. Further discussions are taking place to once again consider a final four weekend for the Women's Champions League.

The EB decided to follow the IOC and ITTF recommendation for the inclusion of individual athletes from Russia and Belarus competing as AIN athletes.

Following on from the successful webinars, the process was repeated again for finance, propositions and ranking.

The Congress was held at the Individual European Championships in Linz, Austria. This year included the election of the EB, the ITTF council representation and the BOA members. Nominations for committee chairs and members were also received. This

provided an opportunity to try to secure English representation at this important continental level.

Pedro Moura was elected as the President. Heike Ahlert was unopposed and elected as Deputy President and I was also unopposed and elected for a further four-year period as Vice President for Finances.

Other elected Executive Board members: Sonia Grefberg, Ina Jozepsone, Jaroslaw Kolodziejczyk, Didier Leroy, Zoran Primorac.

Richard Scruton was also elected as a European representative on the ITTF Council alongside Phil McCallum, who was nominated by Scotland.

Sandra Deaton, ETTU Executive Board



The England squad celebrates qualifying for the European Championships; inset: Tin-Tin Ho was unbeaten at the tournament



England results

European Team Championships – Qualification

Women's Group B

England 3 Greenland 0
England 3 Lithuania 1
England 3 Switzerland 0

Women's Group 2

England 3 Norway 1
England 3 Slovenia 2

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Performance

World Championships

At the World Team Championships, the pathway players were faced with tough draws. Liam came up against the No 1 seed Lin Shidong in the opening Round of 128 and although he competed well, he was beaten in four games.

In the Mixed Doubles, Liam teamed up with Anna Hursey (Wales) and faced the No 1 seeds from China, losing 3-0.

Connor Green competed at his first World Championships and paired up with Liam Pitchford in the Men's Doubles, being defeated by Jang Woojin & Cho Daeseong of South Korea in the first round.

The standout performance was from Tom Jarvis, who beat Benedek Olah in four games and followed up with a major upset, beating world No 10 Dang Qiu – Tom had to hold his nerve to win a deciding game after Qiu fought back from 3-0 down to 3-3.

Tom caused another upset, beating Iulian Chirita 4-0 in the last 32, and then faced Liang Jingkun in the last 16. Despite a strong performance, he unfortunately was not able to overcome his opponent and lost 4-2. Tom did, however, win the Richard Bergmann Fair play Award.

World Youth Championships

Wales and GB Athlete Anna Hursey came away with a bronze medal in the Under-19 Women's Doubles event in Helsingborg with her partner Annett Kaufmann of Germany.



European Individual Championships

The European Individual Championships in Linz showcased strong performances from the British squad. Connor Green earned his first Senior championships appearance and claimed his first international win, defeating Vladimir Petkov in four sets to advance in second place from his group. He narrowly missed reaching the main draw, losing in five to Benedek Olah in the preliminary round.

Tom Jarvis also progressed from his group but fell 3-2 to Ioannis Sgouropoulos in the preliminary round. Sam Walker reached the last 64 before being defeated 4-0 by Yang Wang. Liam Pitchford advanced to the last 32 with a 4-1 win over Robert Gardos but was beaten to a quarter-final spot by Thibault Poret, losing 4-1.

In the women's event, Wales and GB's Charlotte Carey reached the last 64, falling to European champion Sofia Polcanova in straight sets. Anna Hursey and Tin-Tin Ho progressed to the round of 32 but were halted, respectively, by Christina Kallberg (4-0) and Yuan Wang (4-3). Tin-Tin beat seventh seed Natalia Bajor 4-0 in the round of 64.

Gavin Evans congratulates Tom Jarvis after he beat 10th seed Dang Qiu at the World Championships;

below: WTT Feeder Manchester champions Paul Drinkhall & Sam Walker



European Team Championships Stage 1

In January the women's team successfully qualified for the European Team Championships finals (taking place in Zadar, Croatia in October). The team, made up of Tin-Tin Ho, Jasmin Wong, Ella Pashley and Tianer Yu, navigated strong competition and went undefeated, including wins over Switzerland and Slovenia, to secure a direct place at the finals. Tin-Tin completed an unbeaten tournament and there were wins for Tianer over Rachel Moret and Sara Tokic.

England will be represented by both men's and women's teams at the finals in October.

European Under-21 Championships

In May, GB pathway athlete Anna Hursey became a double European Under-21 champion. Anna was singles gold medallist, while she and her partner Mia Griesel (Germany) took the championship title in the Women's Doubles.

Connor Green also demonstrated a strong performance, reaching the last 16 of the Men's Singles and the doubles quarter-finals with his partner Van Dessel (Netherlands).

European Youth Championships

We saw some positive results at the European Youth Championships which took place in Malmo last July. The Cadet boys' team finished in seventh position. The Junior teams had tough draws and both ended up in 23rd place.

Standout performances came from Connor Green and Abraham Sellado, with Sellado reaching the quarter finals of the Cadet Boys' singles.

Other competitions

Athletes across our Performance and Pathway squads have played 2,132 matches and have achieved 46 quarter-final finishes, 15 bronze medals, 6 silver medals and 11 gold medals.

This included three golds, a silver and a bronze at WTT Feeder Manchester, where Liam Pitchford won the Men's Singles to become the first English athlete to win a senior WTT title. Paul Drinkhall & Sam Walker took the Men's Doubles gold, the first all-English pair to win a WTT doubles title. Anna Hursey won the Women's Singles, a first WTT senior title for Wales and GB.

Among the other highlights, Max Radiven became the first Pathway athlete to win a Cadet (U15) gold medal at a WTT Youth Contender.



Anna Hursey



Connor Green



Top: Howard Brialey at the Paralympics; above: Umpire Kim Mudge-Johnson at the European Youth Championships; below: Abraham Sellado, Adam Alibhai, Kacper Piowar, Max Radiven; right: Alyssa Nguyen



The following represented Great Britain

Olympic Games: Anna Hursey, Liam Pitchford

The following represented England

World Championships: Connor Green, Tom Jarvis, Liam Pitchford

European Championships: Connor Green, Tin-Tin Ho, Tom Jarvis, Liam Pitchford, Sam Walker

European Team Qualification Tournament: Tin-Tin Ho, Ella Pashley, Jasmin Wong, Tianer Yu

European Under-21 Championships: Mari Baldwin (SF), Connor Green

European Youth Championships: Junior – Anna Green, Connor Green, Sienna Jetha (team), Isaac Kingham, Ella Pashley, Ralph Pattison, Ben Piggott, Larry Trumpauskas, Tianer Yu; Cadet – Adam Alibhai, Sienna Jetha (singles), Kacper Piowar, Max Radiven, Abraham Sellado

Euro Mini Championships: Li Hao Chen, Dimitar Dimitrov, Ryan Goodier, Amber Lemmon, Violet-Lily Marquis, Alyssa Nguyen, Aarav Parihar, Pablo Ramirez Rioja, Hannah Saunders

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

Europe Top 16: Liam Pitchford

Other events

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

Under-19: Sophie Earley, Anna Green, Connor Green, Anna Hursey*, Ralph Pattison, Jakub Piowar, Kacper

Under-17: Ralph Pattison, Jakub Piowar, Kacper Piowar, Max Radiven, Abraham Sellado

Under-15: Kacper Piowar, Max Radiven, Abraham Sellado

**GB funded*

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

Senior: Andrew Baggaley, Mari Baldwin, Paul Drinkhall, Anna Green, Connor Green, Tin-Tin Ho, Tom Jarvis, Sienna Jetha, Ella Pashley, Yat Poon+, Abraham Sellado, Sam Walker

Under-19: Francesco Bonato, Rohan Dani, Sophie Earley, Connor Green, Joseph Hunter, Isaac Kingham, Ella Pashley, Ralph Pattison, Jakub Piowar, Kacper Piowar, Larry Trumpauskas, Tianer Yu

Under-17: Francesco Bonato, Rohan Dani, Jake Davidson, Ryan Goodier, Sienna Jetha, Isaac Kingham, Eunice Lam+, Aarav

Parihar, Ella Pashley, Ralph Pattison, Jakub Piowar, Kacper Piowar, Max Radiven, Pablo Ramirez Rioja, Abraham Sellado, Janak Shah, Larry Trumpauskas, Bly Twomey, Tianer Yu

Under-15: Kai Lun Chow, Jake Davidson, Dimitar Dimitrov, Ryan Goodier, Sienna Jetha, Eunice Lam+, Oscar Nikolli, Aarav Parihar, Kacper Piowar, Max Radiven, Pablo Ramirez Rioja, Hannah Saunders, Abraham Sellado, Janak Shah, Nishil Shah, Bly Twomey

Under-13: Jayden Chen, Kai Lun Chow, Dimitar Dimitrov, Oscar Nikolli, Hannah Saunders, Nishil Shah, Lusio Wen

Under-12: Dimitar Dimitrov, Amber Lemmon

Under-11: Jayden Chen, Dimitar Dimitrov, Lusio Wen
+ association entry

The following officials were selected for international events

2024 Olympic Games

Umpire: Nico Caltabiano

Call room manager: Howard Brialey

2024 Paralympic Games

Umpire: Tom Purcell

Call room manager: Howard Brialey

2025 World Championships

Umpire: Harry Jutle

2024 European Championships

Umpire: Nico Caltabiano

2025 European Championships, Stage 1

Umpire: Harry Jutle

2025 European Under-21 Championships

Umpire: Vladimir Shadrinov

2024 European Youth Championships

Umpires: Harry Jutle, Kim Mudge-Johnson, Sheila Walshe

WTT Feeder Manchester

Referee: Steve Smith

Umpires: Dan Bullen, David Edwards, Harry Jutle, Jo Outhwaite, Matt Pryke, Tom Purcell, Lynda Reid, Jenny Sanders, Sunil Sapre, Sheila Walshe

Competition Manager: Chris Newton

Other international competitions

Umpires: Dan Bullen, Vincenzo Chiarello, Richard Horsfield, Harry Jutle, Swee Kiat Lim, Kim Mudge-Johnson, Sandy Nash, Sunil Sapre, Vladimir Shadrinov, Alan Thomas, Sheila Walshe

Other para competitions

Deputy Referee: Karen Tonge OBE

Umpires: Dan Bullen, Richard Horsfield,

Sandy Nash, Jo Outhwaite, Lester Smith

Field of play manager: Howard Brialey



- Nico Caltabiano was one of the two umpires for the Men’s Singles final between Fan Zhendong and Truls Moregard at the Paris Olympic Games.
- Tom Purcell was umpire for the Men’s Class 6 Singles gold medal match and assistant umpire for the Men’s Class 8 Doubles gold medal match at the Paris Paralympic Games.
- Nico Caltabiano became the first and only English umpire to attain ITTF Gold Badge status.
- Harry Jutle was part of the umpires team at the World Championships in Doha.
- Former Table Tennis England CEO Adrian Christy was appointed MBE in the New Year Honours 2025.
- The Ping Hub in Manchester, based at Great Northern Warehouse, won the Our Manchester Award – given to an organisation or individual that has strengthened communities in Manchester – at the Manchester Sport Awards 2024.
- Former England youth international Darcie Proud was named RAF Sportswoman of the Year.
- Murhad Hussain, a former Butterfly National Schools champion, was one of 25 people worldwide to be selected from more than 5,000 applicants to be an IOC Young Leader for 2025-28.

Performance - senior

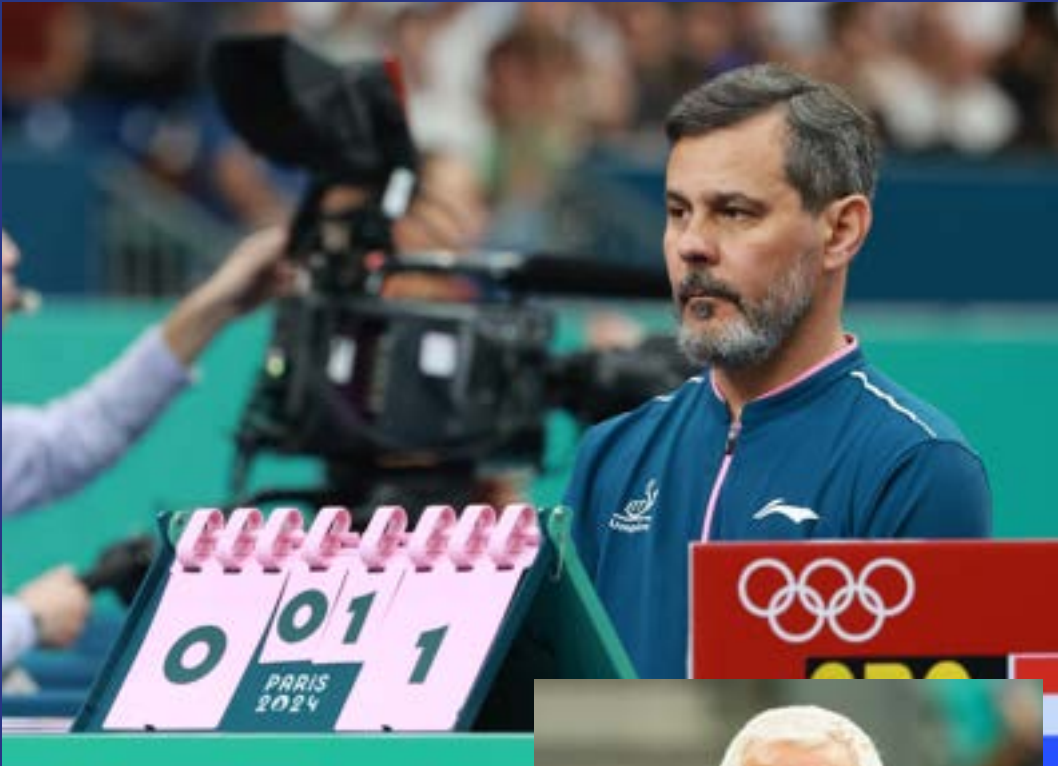
- Tom Jarvis reached the last 16 of the Men’s Singles at the ITTF World Championships in Doha. Jarvis also won the Richard Bergmann Fair Play Award.

WTT Feeder Manchester

Men’s Singles	Liam Pitchford	Gold
Men’s Doubles	Paul Drinkhall & Sam Walker	Gold
Mixed Doubles	Connor Green & Sophie Earley	Silver
Mixed Doubles	Liam Pitchford & Anna Hursey (WAL)	Bronze



The Ping Hub is honoured at the Manchester Sports Awards



Above: Nico Caltabiano; right: Tom Purcell;
below: Anna Hursey with coach John Murphy





Clockwise from above:
Fliss Pickard & Bly
Twomey, Rob Davies with
coach Andrew Rushton,
Billy Shilton & Paul
Karabardak, Will Bayley



Performance - GB

World Youth Championships

Under-19 Girls' Doubles	Anna Hursey (WAL) & Annett Kaufmann (GER)	Bronze
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European Under-21 Championships

Women's Singles	Anna Hursey (WAL)	Gold
Women's Doubles	Anna Hursey (WAL) & Mia Griesel (GER)	Gold

WTT Feeder Manchester

Women's Singles	Anna Hursey (WAL)	Gold
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WTT Youth Contender Vila Real (Portugal)

Under-19 Girls' Singles	Anna Hursey (WAL)	Gold
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WTT Youth Contender Zrenjanin (Serbia)

Under-19 Girls' Singles	Anna Hursey (WAL)	Gold
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WTT Youth Contender Metz (France)

Under-19 Girls' Singles	Anna Hursey (WAL)	Gold
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WTT Youth Star Contender Metz (France)

Under-19 Girls' Singles	Anna Hursey (WAL)	Gold
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Performance - para

Paralympic Games

Men's Class 1 Singles	Rob Davies	Silver
Men's Class 7 Singles	Will Bayley	Silver
Women's Class 7 Singles	Bly Twomey	Bronze
Men's Class 14 Doubles	Billy Shilton & Paul Karabardak	Bronze
Women's Class 14 Doubles	Bly Twomey & Fliss Pickard	Bronze

SQY French Para Open

Men's Class 10 Singles	Shae Thakker	Gold
Men's Class 4 Doubles	Chris Ryan & Tomasz Jakimczuk (POL)	Gold
Men's Class 1-2 Singles	Chris Ryan	Silver
Men's Class 10 Singles	Max Flint	Bronze

Mixed Class 14 Doubles	Dan Thomson & Aruzhan Giniyatova (KAZ)	Bronze
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ITTF World Para Future Costa Brava (Spain)

Men’s Class 8 Doubles	Romain Simon & Henrik Andersson (AUT)	Bronze
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ITTF World Para Challenger Wladyslawowo (Poland)

Men’s Class 8 Singles	Billy Shilton	Gold
Women’s Class 7-8 Singles	Bly Twomey	Gold
Women’s Class 14-20 Doubles	Grace Williams & Anja Handen (SWE)	Gold
Men’s Class 18 Doubles	Aaron McKibbin & Joshua Stacey	Silver
Mixed Class 10 Doubles	Jack Hunter-Spivey & Megan Shackleton	Silver
Women’s Class 6 Singles	Fliss Pickard	Bronze
Men’s Class 9 Singles	Joshua Stacey	Bronze
Women’s Class 5-10 Doubles	Megan Shackleton & Caroline Tabib (ISR)	Bronze
Women’s Class 14-20 Doubles	Bly Twomey & Fliss Pickard	Bronze

Mixed Class 17-20 Doubles	Joshua Stacey & Bly Twomey	Bronze
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ITTF World Para Challenger Podgorica (Montenegro)

Men’s Class 6 Singles	Paul Karabardak	Gold
Women’s Class 6 Singles	Fliss Pickard	Silver
Men’s Class 14 Doubles	Theo Bishop & Matthew Britz (NZL)	Bronze

ITTF World Para Challenger Lasko (Slovenia)

Men’s Class 4-5 Singles	Jack Hunter-Spivey	Gold
Women’s Class 6-7 Singles	Bly Twomey	Gold
Men’s Class 6 Singles	Martin Perry	Gold
Men’s Class 7 Singles	Will Bayley	Gold
Men’s Class 8 Singles	Aaron McKibbin	Gold
Men’s Class 9 Singles	Joshua Stacey	Gold
Women’s Class 14-20 Doubles	Grace Williams & Thea Nielsen (DEN)	Gold



Martin Perry (left) and Jack Hunter-Spivey (right) both won gold at the ITTF World Para Challenger Lasko



Mixed Class 14 Doubles	Will Bayley & Bly Twomey	Gold
Men's Class 1 Singles	Rob Davies	Silver
Men's Class 14 Doubles	Will Bayley & Theo Bishop	Silver
Men's Class 2 Singles	Chris Ryan	Bronze
Women's Class 4-5 Singles	Megan Shackleton	Bronze
Women's Class 6-7 Singles	Fliss Pickard	Bronze
Men's Class 8 Singles	Billy Shilton	Bronze
Women's Class 8 Singles	Grace Williams	Bronze
Women's Class 10 Doubles	Megan Shackleton & Caroline Tabib (ISR)	Bronze
Men's Class 18 Doubles	Aaron McKibbin & Joshua Stacey	Bronze

ITTF World Para Elite Lasko (Slovenia)

Men's Class 7 Singles	Will Bayley	Gold
Men's Class 8 Singles	Aaron McKibbin	Gold
Mixed Class 14 Doubles	Will Bayley & Bly Twomey	Gold
Women's Class 6 Singles	Fliss Pickard	Silver
Men's Class 9 Singles	Joshua Stacey	Silver
Women's Class 14 Doubles	Fliss Pickard & Bly Twomey	Silver
Men's Class 1 Singles	Rob Davies	Bronze
Women's Class 7 Singles	Bly Twomey	Bronze
Women's Class 8 Singles	Grace Williams	Bronze
Women's Class 10 Doubles	Megan Shackleton & Caroline Tabib (ISR)	Bronze
Mixed Class 10 Doubles	Jack Hunter-Spivey & Megan Shackleton	Bronze
Men's Class 14 Doubles	Billy Shilton & Martin Perry	Bronze
Mixed Class 14 Doubles	Martin Perry & Grace Williams	Bronze
Men's Class 18 Doubles	Aaron McKibbin & Joshua Stacey	Bronze
Women's Class 20 Doubles	Grace Williams & Lin Tzu Yu (TPE)	Bronze

PingPongParkinson World Championships

Class 3 Women's Singles	Gillian Lacey-Solymar	Gold
Class 2 Men's Singles	Rob Cook	Bronze
Class 2 Mixed Doubles	Gary Lee & Gillian Lacey-Solymar	Bronze

Performance - junior

- Abraham Sellado reached the Cadet Boys' Singles quarter-finals at the European Youth Championships in Malmo.
- England boys and girls first teams both finished fourth in the team events at the Under-18 ISF World Schools Gymnasiade in Bahrain.
- England retained the boys' and girls' team titles at the Primary Schools International. The England girls' squad comprised Cindy Xiao, Phoebe O'Brien, Alexia-Bianca Ciobanica and Mindy Gao; the boys' team was Jayden Xuan Chen, Saisurya Prasanna Kumar, Zacharia Sarri and Oliver Glowacki. Chen and Xiao took the individual titles, with silvers for Prasanna Kumar and Gao and bronze for O'Brien.
- The England squad at the Senior Schools International won a total of nine gold, nine silver and eight bronze medals across singles and team events. The squad was - Under-14 Girls: Gianna Pang, Senuli Ranasinghe, Assil Sarri, Charlotte Wong; Under-14 Boys: Kai Lun Chow, Ryan Holland, Oscar Nikolli Rishaan Sawant, Aaron Wong; Under-16 Girls: Chloe Evans, Catherine Lv, Millie Noble, Ria Wun; Under-16 Boys: Prayrit Ahluwalia, Winston Hill, Hugo Nguyen, Angad Saggi, Rex Wong; Under-18 Girls: Luna Archard, Rachel Chak Ya Li, Anna Piercey, Jonabel Taguibao; Under-18 Boys: Joseph Dennison, Zac Greenhough, Hiko Yan Masa, Wajid Wafiq.
- Max Radiven won team, doubles and singles gold medals representing Great Britain at the European Maccabi Youth Games. Kai Shalson won team and doubles gold, plus singles silver.



Gillian Lacey-Solymar on the podium at the PingPongParkinson World Championships

WTT Youth Contender San Francisco (USA)

Under-13 Boys' Singles	Oscar Nikolli	Bronze
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WTT Youth Contender Varazdin (Croatia)

Under-11 Boys' Singles	Dimitar Dimitrov	Silver
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WTT Youth Contender Otocec (Slovenia)

Under-11 Boys' Singles	Dimitar Dimitrov	Bronze
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WTT Youth Contender Podgorica (Montenegro)

Under-11 Boys' Singles	Dimitar Dimitrov	Gold
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Under-13 Boys' Singles	Dimitar Dimitrov	Bronze
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Under-15 Mixed Doubles	Dimitar Dimitrov & Yoana Kirilova (BUL)	Bronze
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WTT Youth Contender Sarajevo (Bosnia-Herzegovina)

Under-11 Boys' Singles	Dimitar Dimitrov	Gold
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WTT Youth Contender Batumi (Georgia)

Under-15 Boys' Singles	Max Radiven	Gold
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Under-15 Boys' Singles	Abraham Sellado	Bronze
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WTT Youth Contender Prishtina (Kosovo)

Under-15 Boys' Singles	Max Radiven	Gold
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Under-15 Mixed Doubles	Max Radiven & Khulan Khurelotgon (MGL)	Gold
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Under-13 Boys' Singles	Oscar Nikolli	Bronze
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Under-13 Boys' Singles	Nishil Shah	Bronze
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WTT Youth Contender Senec (Slovakia)

Under-11 Boys' Singles	Dimitar Dimitrov	Gold
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Under-19 Boys' Singles	Connor Green	Bronze
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WTT Youth Contender Szombathely (Hungary)

Under-11 Boys' Singles	Dimitar Dimitrov	Gold
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WTT Youth Contender Tunis (Tunisia)

Under-19 Boys' Singles	Connor Green	Silver
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Under-15 Boys' Doubles	Abraham Sellado & Kacper Piwowar	Bronze
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WTT Youth Contender Vila Real (Portugal)

Under-11 Boys' Singles	Jayden Chen	Silver
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Under-13 Boys' Singles	Jayden Chen	Bronze
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WTT Youth Contender Zrenjanin (Serbia)

Under-15 Mixed Doubles	Kacper Piwowar & Natalia Wszolek (POL)	Gold
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Under-15 Boys' Singles	Kacper Piwowar	Silver
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Left: Abraham Sellado and Max Radiven; above: The England squad at the Primary Schools International; right: Dimitar Dimitrov



Under-13 Boys' Singles	Dimitar Dimitrov	Bronze
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WTT Youth Star Contender Metz (France)

Under-15 Boys' Doubles	Abraham Sellado & Kacper Piowowar	Bronze
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WTT Youth Contender Prishtina (Kosovo)

Under-15 Mixed Doubles	Kacper Piowowar & Maria Picu (ITA)	Gold
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WTT Youth Contender Helsingborg

Under-15 Boys' Singles	Abraham Sellado	Bronze
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Under-15 Mixed Doubles	Abraham Sellado & Alexia Nodin (FRA)	Bronze
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WTT Youth Contender Sandefjord

Under-15 Mixed Doubles	Kacper Piowowar & Natalia Wszolek (POL)	Silver
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Europe Youth Series Croatia

Under-15 Boys' Singles	Abraham Sellado	Gold
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Under-15 Boys' Doubles	Abraham Sellado & Kacper Piowowar	Bronze
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Europe Youth Series Bosnia-Herzegovina

Under-15 Mixed Team	Dimitar Dimitrov, Kacper Piowowar, Pablo Ramirez Rioja, Alyssa Nguyen, Soraya Rahmani-Walentynska, Hannah Saunders	Silver
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Under-13 Boys' Singles	Dimitar Dimitrov	Bronze
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Under-15 Boys' Singles	Kai Lun Chow	Bronze
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Under-13 Boys' Doubles	Dimitar Dimitrov & Zihan Lin	Bronze
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Performance - veteran**ITTF World Masters Championships (Rome)**

MD85	Ray Dixon & Dennis Bromage (WAL)	Gold
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WD90	Betty Bird & Marianne Blasberg (GER)	Gold
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Para Class 2-5 Doubles	Simon Heaps & Davide Scazzieri (ITA)	Gold
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WS90	Betty Bird	Silver
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MD40	Victor Guang Shi & Thomas Guignat (FRA)	Silver
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XD80	Robin Stace & Sally Bax	Silver
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XD50	Lorestan Trumpauskas & Angela Tian (USA)	Bronze
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WD75	Marjorie Dawson & Larisa Ilinskaia (NEU)	Bronze
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European Veterans' Championships

MS55	Lorestan Trumpauskas	Gold
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MD55	Lorestan Trumpauskas & Sandijs Vasiljevs (LAT)	Gold
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WD80	June Nelson & Susan Felstead	Gold
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MD85	Ray Dixon & Dennis Bromage (WAL)	Gold
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MD40	Victor Guang Shi & Thomas Guignat (FRA)	Silver
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MD60	Paul Giles & Paul Whiting	Silver
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MD60	Phil Snelson & Ivan Lewis	Bronze
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MD65	Clive Carthy & Savas Ertufan (TUR)	Bronze
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MD70	Nigel Eckersley & Petr Polak (CZE)	Bronze
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WS75	Linda Simpson	Bronze
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WD80	Margaret Dignum & Monika Maul (SWE)	Bronze
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From left: Connor Green, Ray Dixon & Dennis Bromage, June Nelson & Susan Felstead, Lorestan Trumpauskas





Clockwise from left: Billy Shilton with Mark Bates, Anna & Connor Green, Liam Pitchford, the Women's Singles podium, David McBeath, Mari Baldwin & Tianer Yu, Sam Walker & Paul Drinkhall, Jack Hunter-Spivey



Mark Bates Ltd Senior National Championships

University of Nottingham – March 2025

Men's singles: Liam Pitchford (Dy)

Women's singles: Tin-Tin Ho (Mi)

Men's doubles: Paul Drinkhall (Cv) & Sam Walker (Ng)

Women's doubles: Tianer Yu (Mi) & Mari Baldwin (Dv)

Mixed doubles: Connor Green (Ng) & Anna Green (Ng)

Para Class 2-5: Jack Hunter-Spivey (Ch)

Para Class 6-10: Billy Shilton (Gs)

- Record-equalling 7th Women's Singles title for Tin-Tin Ho
- Liam Pitchford goes equal second on all-time list with 7th Men's Singles title
- Record-equalling 15th Men's Doubles title for Paul Drinkhall
- First Senior National titles for Tianer Yu, Mari Baldwin, Connor Green and Anna Green





Ralph Pattison and Sophie Earley

Mark Bates Ltd Junior & U21 National Championships

Kettering – May 2025

Under-21 men's singles: Larry Trumpauskas (K)

Under-21 women's singles: Ella Pashley (Cv)

Junior boys' singles: Jakub Piowar (Dv)

Junior girls' singles: Sophie Earley (Dy)

Under-21 men's doubles: Max Radiven (Mi) & Rohan Dani (Ng)

Under-21 women's doubles: Sophie Earley (Dy) & Eva Eccles (Nk)

Under-21 mixed doubles: Isaac Kingham (Sk) & Mabel Shute (E)

Junior boys' doubles: Larry Trumpauskas (K) & Jakub Piowar (Dv)

Junior girls' doubles: Sophie Earley (Dy) & Ella Pashley (Cv)

Clockwise from top left: Jakub Piowar & Larry Trumpauskas, Isaac Kingham & Mabel Shute, Jakub Piowar and father, the Junior Girls' Doubles podium, Larry Trumpauskas and Ella Pashley, Sophie Earley & Eva Eccles



Under-21 National Cup

BATTS TTC, Harlow – September 2024

Women: 1 Sophie Earley, 2 Mari Baldwin, 3 Ella Pashley, 4 Sienna Jetha, 5 Rachael Iles, 6 Rebecca Savage, 7 Mía Lakhani, 8 Saskia Key, 9 Bly Twomey. (Mabel Shute withdrew injured after day one)

Men: 1 Ralph Pattison, 2 Connor Green, 3 Larry Trumpauskas, 4 Louis Price, 5 Isaac Kingham, 6 Jakub Piowar, 7 Krish Chotai, 8 Joseph Dennison. (Ollie Cornish withdrew before competition; Toby Ellis withdrew injured after seven rounds)

National Series

Under-13 Girls: 1 Amber Lemmon, 2 Assil Sarri, 3 Serene Rahmani-Walentynska

Under-13 Boys: 1 Rishaan Sawant, 2 Lewis Wu, 3 Zihan Lin

Under-15 Girls: 1 Soraya Rahmani-Walentynska, 2 Hannah Saunders, 3 Catherine Lv

Under-15 Boys: 1 Jake Davidson, 2 Dimitar Dimitrov, 3 Sinan Surensoy

Under-19 Girls: 1 Rachael Iles, 2 Anjali Singh, 3 Mía Lakhani

Under-19 Boys: 1 Max Radiven, 2 Rohan Dani, 3 Larry Trumpauskas



Clockwise from left: Ella Pashley, Soraya Rahmani-Walentynska, Max & Harry Randall, Evie Knaapen & Catherine Lv with Pablo Ramirez Rioja & Adam Alibhai, Abraham Sellado



Mark Bates Ltd Cadet & U17 National Championships

University of Nottingham – March 2025

U17 boys' singles: Abraham Sellado (Y)

U17 girls' singles: Ella Pashley (Cv)

Cadet boys' singles: Abraham Sellado (Y)

Cadet girls' singles: Soraya Rahmani-Walentynska (Mi)

U17 boys' doubles: Max Radiven (Mi) & Harry Randall (E)

U17 girls' doubles: Ella Pashley (Cv) & Sienna Jetha (He)

U17 mixed doubles: Isaac Kingham (Sk) & Ella Pashley (Cv)

Cadet boys' doubles: Adam Alibhai (E) & Pablo Ramirez Rioja (He)

Cadet girls' doubles: Evie Knaapen (E) & Catherine Lv (Le)



Mark Bates Ltd U10-13 National Championships

Brentwood – April 2025

U10 boys' singles: Stefan Wierszylowski (La)

U10 girls' singles: Hattie Xiao (Ca)

U11 boys' singles: Saisurya Prasanna Kumar (Bk)

U11 girls' singles: Cindy Xiao (Ca)

U12 boys' singles: Dimitar Dimitrov (E)

U12 girls' singles: Amber Lemmon (Ca)

U12 boys' doubles: Dimitar Dimitrov (E) & Malek Shamakh (Dy)

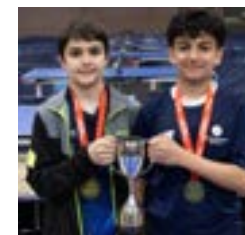
U12 girls' doubles: Amber Lemmon (Ca) & Cindy Xiao (Ca)

U13 boys' singles: Sinan Surensoy (Mi)

U13 girls' singles: Amber Lemmon (Ca)

U13 boys' doubles: Sinan Surensoy (Mi) & Zaid Aldilimi (Mi)

U13 girls' doubles: Amber Lemmon (Ca) & Cindy Xiao (Ca)



Clockwise from above: Sinan Surensoy & Zaid Aldilimi, Stefan Wierszylowski, Hattie Xiao, Saisurya Prasanna Kumar and Cindy Xiao, Dimitar Dimitrov & Malek Shamakh, Amber Lemmon





Brighton celebrate winning the Senior BCL Premier Division. Right (clockwise from top right): Veterans' BCL Men's Premier champions Topspin Fusion, Youth BCL Girls' Premier champions London Academy, Youth BCL Boys' Premier winners Grantham Academy, Women's BCL Premier winners Drumchapel Glasgow and Veterans' BCL Women's Premier champions Ellenborough

Senior British Clubs League

Premier Division: Brighton

Championship: BATTs II

Division A1: Butterfly Lilleshall

Division A2: Finsbury

Division B1: Northfield

Division B2: Archway Peterborough A

Division B3: New House

Division B4: Draycott III

Division C1: Aberdeen & District

Division C2: Stilton

Division C3: Crusaders

Division C4: Blitz

Division C5: Bristol Associates

Division C6: Ashford

Division C7: Flick

Division C8: Kidlington Forum

Women's British Clubs League

Premier Division: Drumchapel Glasgow

Division One: Joola Plymouth

Division Two: Cippenham

Division Three: Greenhouse

Division Four: Cleeve Park

Division Five: Graham Spicer II

Division Six: Flick

Youth British Clubs League

Premier Boys: Grantham Academy

Premier Girls: London Academy

Division One Boys: eBaTT II

Division One Girls: London Academy II

Division Two Boys: Woodford Wells

Division Two Girls: London Academy III

Division Three Boys: Mid-Ulster

Division Three Girls: Cleeve Park

Division Four Boys: Drumchapel Glasgow

Division Five Boys: Brighton

Division Six Boys: Draycott III

Division Seven Boys: Fusion III

Division Eight Boys: Ormeau II

Division Nine Boys: London Academy III

Veterans' British Clubs League

Premier Men: Topspin Fusion

Premier Women: Ellenborough

Division 1 (Group 1) Men: C Jenkins Windows

Division 1 (Group 2) Men: Horsham Spinners

Division One Women: IPS Tigers

Division 2 (Group 1) Men: Joola Plymouth

Division 2 (Group 2) Men: Wensum

Division Two Women: Ellenborough II

Division 3 (Group 1) Men: Admiral Paws

Division 3 (Group 2) Men: TableTennisDaily

Division Three Women: Butterfly Lilleshall

Lightning

Division 4 Men: Ajax Wolvey

Division 5 (Group 1) Men: York Gardens

Division 5 (Group 2) Men: Guernsey





The multiple medal-winning London Academy squad at the Butterfly School Team Championships
Left (from top) the respective age-group County Championships Premier Division champions Cambridgeshire (Cadet), Warwickshire (Junior), Middlesex (Senior), Yorkshire (Veteran) and Yorkshire (Over-60)

County Championships

Cadets

Premier Division: Cambridgeshire

Division 1A: Yorkshire

Division 1B: Warwickshire II

Division 1C: Middlesex III

Division 1D: Essex II

Juniors

Premier Division: Warwickshire

Division 1A: Yorkshire

Division 1B: Middlesex II

Division 2A: Leicestershire

Division 2B: Berkshire

Division 2C: Oxfordshire

Seniors

Premier Division: Middlesex

Division 1A: Nottinghamshire

Division 1B: Hertfordshire

Division 2A: Cambridgeshire

Division 2B: Devon

Veterans

Premier Division: Yorkshire

Division 1A: South Yorkshire

Division 1B: Essex

Division 2A: Yorkshire III

Division 2B: Bedfordshire

Division 2C: Sussex II

Division 2D: Wiltshire

Division 3A: Northamptonshire

Division 3B: Cornwall

Over-60s

Premier Division: Yorkshire

Division 1A: Worcestershire

Division 1B: Sussex

Division 2A: Yorkshire II

Division 2B: Northamptonshire

Division 2C: Wiltshire

English Leagues Cup Competitions

Wilmott Cup: TBC

JM Rose Bowl: TBC

Carter Cup: TBC

Bromfield Trophy: TBC

Butterfly School

Team Championships

Under-19 Girls: Putney High School

Under-19 Boys: Grantham College

Under-16 Girls: London Academy

Under-16 Boys: Charles Read Academy

Under-13 Girls: The Kings (The

Cathedral) School, Peterborough

Under-13 Boys: London Academy

Under-11 Girls: London Academy

Under-11 Boys: London Academy

Butterfly School

Individual Championships

Under-19 Girls: Hannah Silcock

Under-19 Boys: Krish Chotai

Under-16 Girls: Max Radiven

Under-16 Boys: Ella Pashley

Under-13 Girls: Gianna Pang

Under-13 Boys: Kai Lun Chow

Under-11 Girls: Cindy Xiao

Under-11 Boys: Saisuriya Prasanna

Kumar



Cloudathlete Pride of Table Tennis Awards



The exceptional volunteers within our sport were recognised at the Cloudathlete Pride of Table Tennis Awards ceremony during the Mark Bates Ltd National Championships.

Winners were announced in 12 categories during the awards dinner on Saturday evening, attended by finalists across all the categories.

The ceremony was part of a weekend invitation to the finalists to watch the Mark Bates Ltd Senior Nationals and receive recognition from the table tennis community on the court on Finals Day court.

The awards were supported by our Headline Partner, Cloudathlete. The sports management platform, powered by Rocca

Creative, also put its name to the flagship Cloudathlete Volunteer of the Year category.

Thanks also go to our Award Partners, Bounce and Tees Sport; and Award Sponsors Great Northern Warehouse and Cornilleau.

The finalists were chosen from almost 140 nominations and the winners were chosen by the national judging panel.

Cloudathlete Volunteer of the Year

Winner: Andy Chapman (Community TTC, Leeds)
Runners-up: Peter Leahy (Natland & Oxenholme TTC), Claire Kelly (Waterside TTC)

Young Volunteer of the Year

Winner: Kaiser Williams (Bromley TTC)
Runner-up: Anees Khan (Baildon TTC), Zygis Kaminskis (Britannia TTC)

Contribution to Table Tennis Award

Winner: Norman Philbey (Dallam TTC)

Runners-up: David Arnold (Lincolnshire TTA), Steve Bessant (Knighton Park TTC)

Lifetime Achievement Award

Winner: Dave Graham (Lancashire)
Runners-up: Peter Baldwin (Sussex), Harmesh (Harry) Jutle (Hereford TTC)

Bounce Club of the Year

Winner: Kelham Island TTC
Runners-up: Stilton TTC, Graham Spicer TTC

Tees Sport Coach of the Year

Winner: Jan Johns (Crewe Central TTC)
Runners-up: Hussein Juma (Kenton TTC), Nick Davidson (Bristol TTA)

Great Northern Warehouse Inspirational Story of the Year

Winners: Andrew Cassy (Britannia TTC) and Adam Sharp (Barnet TTC)
Runner-up: Bly Twomey (Brighton TTC)

Bounce League of the Year

Winner: Southport TTL
Runners-up: Brighton TTL, Stroud & District TTL

Level the Table Award

Winner: Craig Mehew (St Austell TTC)
Runner-up: Andrew Cassy (Britannia TTC), Jan Johns (Crewe Central TTC)

Cornilleau Partner of the Year

Winner: Mencap
Runner-up: Highfield Community Centre

Tees Sport School of the Year

Winners: St Just Primary (Cornwall), Patcham High School (Brighton)
Runner-up: Robert Mellors Primary (Nottingham)

Technical Official of the Year

Winner: Nico Caltabiano
Runners-up: Margaret Welch, Sheila Walshe

In Memoriam

Harvey Webb: During a lifetime of service to table tennis, Harvey was richly rewarded with several honours by the ETTA – The Ivor Montagu Award in 1981, a Vice-President in 1986, the A K Vint, OBE Staff Award in 2004 and an Honorary Life Member in 2011.

A familiar face for decades at domestic and international tournaments including, at the very top level, as Umpires Control at the World Championships in Birmingham in 1977. At the World Championships in 1997 he was the Hospitality Director and was Venue Director at the World Veteran Championships, also in Manchester, in 1998.

At the Olympic Qualifying Tournament in 1992, European Championships in 1994 and the Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2002 he was Deputy Competition Manager.

From 1978-2001 Harvey held a major position at every English Open bar one, including Hospitality Director in 1996, the first ever ITTF Pro Tour event.

Among a plethora of positions with the ETTA, both voluntary and salaried, Harvey was National Events Manager 2000-2011 and Calendar Working Party Chairman.

As a Tournament Organiser, he organised well over 100 individual tournaments. In retirement, he held several positions in the Swaythling Club International, including Deputy President and Secretary.

Jean Head (nee Winn): England international and World Championships medallist. Played for England in two World Championships, in 1954 and 1955, reaching the round of 32 in the Women's Singles and the quarter-finals in the Women's Doubles with Joy Seaman in 1954. In 1955, in Utrecht, along with Di and Ros Rowe and Ann Haydon, finished third in the Women's Team event to win the bronze medal. She again reached the quarter-finals in the Women's Doubles, this time with Helen Elliot of Scotland.

Judy Williams: England and Netherlands international, winner of the Women's Singles at the National Championships in 1969. Played for England in the World Championships in 1963, 1967 and 1969.

Betty Bird: Multiple world and European veteran champion and former England international. Competed at the World Championships at Wembley in 1954, reaching the last 16 of the Women's Singles and Women's Doubles (alongside Ella Zeller of Romania) and the last 32 of the Mixed Doubles, alongside Ivor Jones. Huge success in the Veteran ranks, at both European and world level, winning a combined 12 gold medals across competitions and age groups, plus 10 silvers and 16 bronzes, from the 1990s until 2024, when she won the WD90 class at the ITTF World Masters Championships in Rome, alongside Marianne Blasberg of Germany, as well as taking silver in the WS90 class.



Clockwise from top left: Harvey Webb, Di Jermyn, Betty Bird, Colin Davison, Jean Head, Judy Williams, James Rawson, Sir Jack Petchey CBE



James Rawson: Six-time Paralympian (1988-2008) and one of Britain's most successful Para table tennis players, winning five medals including gold in the men's class 3 team event with Neil Robinson and Phillip Evans in Barcelona in 1992; silver in the men's class 3 team event with Robinson and Stefan Trofan in both Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004; and men's class 3 singles bronze and team bronze in Atlanta 1996. Represented Great Britain in World and European Championships, winning World team silver and individual bronze in Taipei in 2002 and three European team titles in 1999, 2003 and 2005.

Diana (Di) Jermyn: International Umpire, administrator and Table Tennis England Vice-President. Umpire Manager at the World Table Tennis Championships in Manchester in 1997 and the World Veterans Table Tennis Championships in the same city the following year. Maurice Goldstein Merit Award, 1998.

Steen Kyst Hansen: England national coach, 2001-10.

Colin Davison: Table Tennis England Vice-President.

Arthur Morgan: International Umpire.

Sir Jack Petchey CBE: Through the Jack Petchey Foundation, Sir Jack's philanthropic work empowered and inspired countless thousands of young people in London and Essex to achieve through sport, dance, music and public speaking, including many thousands who have enjoyed and achieved in table tennis during our 13-year partnership with the Foundation.

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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