

Tennis

Sport England's involvement

Tennis has been named as one of the 10 England priority sports. In the immediate future, Sport England will be working closely with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to produce a business plan for the sport, which includes funding.

Tennis is also involved in the following Sport England initiatives:

- *County Sports Partnerships* – with funding of more than £83,000
- *Awards for All* - with funding of more than £154,000 for various projects
- *Club Development Programme* – £9.4 million has been earmarked to improve all year round tennis facilities over the next three years.

Achievements

Britain's number one tennis player, Tim Henman, has achieved a number of excellent results this year, including winning the Paris Masters Series, being a quarter finalist at Wimbledon and a semi finalist at Queens. He was also a semi finalist in Vienna and a finalist in Washington.

Key funding benefits

Since the Sport England Lottery Fund began in 1995, tennis has received 568 awards, totalling in excess of £87 million towards improving tennis playing facilities in the community. One example is Sport England's contribution of more than £769,000 towards the provision of new playing and support facilities for the Parklangley Club in Beckenham. This investment has enabled the club to provide coaching for 1,600 juniors and 200 adults each week, extending the club's membership to more than 2,000. In addition, Boston Lawn Tennis Club received £460,000 towards its indoor centre, which provides coaching and playing opportunities for local people.

Development programmes

To date, three awards totalling more than £207,000 have been made to help increase participation amongst ethnic communities, people with disabilities, women and girls and people on low incomes.

Previous funding

Year	National	Community
1995 – 1996	£0	£6,013,989
1996 – 1997	£0	£5,395,101
1997 – 1998	£0	£4,441,582
1998 – 1999	£37,188	£12,911,549
1999 – 2000	£0	£30,821,126
2000 – 2001	£0	£4,852,807
2001 – 2002	£0	£14,052,789
2002 – 2003	£0	£8,154,732
2003 – 2004	£0	£2,453,348

Note:

National funding is a total of Exchequer funding and the World Class Programme. Community funding is a total of the following programmes: Community Capital, Safer Sports Grounds, Active Communities Development Fund, all Active Sports Programmes, Community Athletics Refurbishment Programme, Football Youth Development, School Sport Coordinators, Sport Action Zones and Awards for All. The summary is by the financial year, according to the start date of the award period – an award may continue over a number of years.