

BTTC ANNUAL REPORT 2018 - 2019

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Table Tennis Club



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

A FANTASTIC AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR

I am privileged to be Chair of **Brighton Table Tennis Club**. It has been a fantastic year with so many successes and highlights.

As the theme of this report, We are Brighton Table Tennis Club, demonstrates, it is a vibrant and welcoming community open to people of all backgrounds, ages and gender. It is a truly special place.

I would like to thank all the **coaches** and **volunteers** for their hard work that makes the club so successful. Their efforts are much appreciated by everyone. **Tim Holtam**, the club's director, deserves special thanks for his commitment, enthusiasm, energy and sheer love for the club. He is greatly respected by everyone. Thanks also to the many people and organisations that help fund the club. Their support is much appreciated. So too is the support and guidance of my fellow trustees, particularly **Harry McCarney**, one of the club's founders, who I succeeded as Chair.

Finally, a special thank you to the **Catholic Diocese of Arundel and Brighton** for the use of the **Fitzherbert's Centre**. Without its backing and support the club would not have such a brilliant facility for table tennis.

I am looking forward to the next year. The many projects underway will increase the participation of table tennis and bring together people from our community and beyond. These are exciting times to be involved with **Brighton Table Tennis Club**.

Tony Tregear
Chair



OUR VALUES IN ACTION

RESPECT

AMINE ISHAQ MAKES THE OPENING SPEECH AT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S CONFERENCE ON MIGRANT INTEGRATION THROUGH SPORT IN PARIS, NOVEMBER 2018

COMMUNITY

BTTC WON AN ACTIVE SUSSEX AWARD IN 2018 IN RECOGNITION OF OUR INTEGRATION, INNOVATION AND INSPIRATION

COMPETITION

TEAM OF THE YEAR WAS AWARDED TO TEAM SANTOS IN RECOGNITION OF PEDRO SANTOS, HARRY FAIRCHILD, ANDREW TONKIN AND CHRIS O'FLINN'S OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR ATHLETES WITH DOWN'S SYNDROME, BRINGING HOME FIVE BRONZE MEDALS BETWEEN THEM ALL

SOLIDARITY

“THE TABLE TENNIS SESSIONS GIVE ME A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND A SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT. WITH MY TABLE TENNIS COACHING QUALIFICATION, I REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO COACHING VISITORS TO THE PRISON. THIS FEELS LIKE IT COULD BE THE START OF SOMETHING MUCH BIGGER FOR ME
Prisoner at HMP High Down



OUR WORK IN PRISONS AND WITH PEOPLE AS THEY COME THROUGH THE GATE IS EXPANDING

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

THE TIMELINE AT THE BACK OF THIS ANNUAL REPORT REFLECTS THE ASTONISHING GROWTH AND IMPACT OF THE CLUB OVER THE PAST TWELVE YEARS

While the club looks very different today, at heart it remains the same place, rooted in our core values of **community, respect, solidarity and competition**.

One of the most exciting things we have ever done is work in **prisons and immigration detention centres**. Seeing people learn to play table tennis, train as coaches, help others, come 'through the gate' and join the **BTTC community** is proving to be an effective way of reducing reoffending and providing a focus for many.

A recent highpoint is moving in and setting up at **Moulsecoomb Primary School** – there is a huge potential to build a club there that will have a lasting impact on all aspects of the local community and provide some local competition to **BTTC** in Kemptown.

I also have a great sense of pride in seeing people who have been coming to and playing at the club over the years, improving

their game and making lifelong friends. In particular, the players who have grown up with the club, like **Billy, Brandon, Charlie and Matthew**. They have all played here for many years, are all coaches and are making a fantastic contribution to the club. They are the next generation who will help the club to continue and grow over the next decade.

In competition we have had an exceptional year. Our **Senior British League First team** finished a close second in the national A division - the highest level reached to date by a **BTTC** team. All our **T21 team members** returned from the **World Championships** in Madeira with medals. Our **Junior British League girls' team** won division two of a competition against the best players from across the UK. We have 11 teams in the **Brighton League**.

We have also hosted **National Junior** and **National Cadet**

League competitions at **Sussex University** for more than 150 players.

The **community café** is open for lunch now every Wednesday in the **St John the Baptist parish hall**. All the food is prepared from surplus food which was destined for landfill. The project is a collaboration between the church, **BTTC, Voices in Exile** and **The Real Junk Food Project Brighton**. It is a great and sustainable way to make a stronger connection with our local community.

As the club grows and we reach more and more people in the community I'm content that the values, which **Harry, Wen Wei** and I instilled in the club all those years ago, will remain at its heart as we continue to expand and reach even more people.

Tim Holtom
Director

CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

WORLD CLASS

Will Bayley, Paralympic Rio gold medallist, plays in our Senior British League first team and practises at the club when he is in Brighton. Also in the team are **Pedro Santos, Harry McCarney, Cedric Scrivani and Mark Scutts**.

SUPPORTERS

We have a **new minibus** thanks to supporters. We raised some of the money needed from a **crowd-funding appeal** and hope to raise more over the coming year to cover the cost of buying the van and help with ongoing running costs.

NEW PROJECT

As part of **Sport England's refugee integration funding** we have expanded this project to work with homeless and vulnerably housed people in the city. We are now running weekly sessions at **The Clock Tower Sanctuary** for young homeless people as well as at **First Base**, plus very popular sessions on the outdoor tables by the bandstand.

BELIEVE THAT

This film made by **Caleb Yule** about training and competing at the **Sports Union of Down's syndrome World Championships** in Porto, played to three sell-out audiences at the **Duke of York's cinema**. Film goes and supporters then raised an incredible £5,000 to send the team to the next games in **Madeira**. Watch this amazing film on the club's Vimeo channel - [Vimeo.com/bttc](https://vimeo.com/bttc)

TUESDAY EVENING SESSIONS AT THE OUTDOOR TABLES BY THE BANDSTAND RUN THROUGH THE SUMMER FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS

TOP PLAYERS

We have some great young players who are doing really well in the rankings and are certainly ones to watch. **As of June 2019:**

JUNIOR U18: JAMAR MCGLASHAN NO87

U18 GIRLS: JODIE MORRIS NO29

U13 BOYS: MAX WILSON NOS4

U12 BOYS: LOUIS VAUGHAN-DRAKE NO32

U12 GIRLS: GEORGIE HUNTER NO16

U11 BOYS: CONNOR AUSTIN NO20

U11 GIRLS: ISOBEL LANGRIDGE NO10

NEW CLUB

Worthing Ping United first opened in December 2018 and is BTTc's first partner club. The club is run by **David Scurr, Cedric Scrivani, and Nageeb Saide**, all former players at BTTc. Sessions are held at the Sidney Walter Community Club on Saturday afternoons and Monday evenings.



BTTc'S NEW MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

MISSION

TO INSPIRE EVERYONE TO BE A CHAMPION, INSTIL A LIFELONG LOVE FOR TABLE TENNIS AND A POSITIVE SENSE OF COMMUNITY WITHIN ALL OUR PLAYERS

VISION

AN INTEGRATED COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE FROM ALL BACKGROUNDS PLAY TABLE TENNIS TOGETHER WHILE BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS AND PREJUDICE

VALUES

COMMUNITY: THE CLUB HAS A STRONG ETHOS OF INCLUSION WHICH LEADS TO A FRIENDLY, VIBRANT AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY

RESPECT: EVERYONE AT THE CLUB IS EXPECTED TO RESPECT THE FEELINGS, WISHES AND RIGHTS OF OTHERS

SOLIDARITY: OUR STAFF, COACHES, VOLUNTEERS AND PLAYERS WORK TOGETHER WITH A SENSE OF UNITY AND COMMON INTEREST

COMPETITION: WE PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PLAYERS TO COMPETE AT A LEVEL THAT IS RIGHT FOR THEM AND WE ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN BTTc, LOCAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS AS APPROPRIATE



OUR TIMELINE

2006

TIM HOLTAM, HARRY MCCARNEY & WEN WEI XU

meet at Brighton University Table Tennis practice and start to plan a new community table tennis club

2007

FEBRUARY

Our first session is held at Brighton Youth Centre

2008

SEPTEMBER

Our first outreach session at Patcham High School and the beginning of establishing links into schools across Brighton & Hove

2011

SEPTEMBER

The first Virtual School session for Children in Care at Patcham High

2012

SUMMER

Ping! Brighton & Hove outdoor tables are put up across the city: BTTC organises events during the summer and continues to do so to this day

2013

DECEMBER

Our first session with Grace Eyre for adults with learning disabilities

2014

AWARDS

We are awarded Club of the Year at the Brighton & Hove Council Sports Awards

2015

JANUARY

Caroline Lucas MP visits the BTTC to turn on crowdfunded lights

JANUARY

Hoang Nguyen is the first asylum seeker referred to BTTC

JULY

We get the keys to our new home at the Fitzherbert's Centre

SEPTEMBER

The first 50+ sessions begin

2016

MAY

The club is awarded Sports Club of Sanctuary for its welcome to refugees

AUGUST

BTTC makes the national press in a Guardian article about our work with young refugees

AUGUST

BTTC holds its first session with Friends, Families and Travellers

SEPTEMBER

BTTC holds its first Ricochet plus session for people affected by cancer

2017

MAY

We receive Sport England funding for our refugee work.

MARCH

Completion of a major refurbishment of the club

JUNE

We deliver our first table tennis coaching session in a prison at HMP High Down

AUGUST

Beginning of The BT Supporter's Club Children in Care project and Comic Relief Levelling the Field project supporting women in the community

SEPTEMBER

Jeremy Corbyn visits the club

OCTOBER

BTTC gives a talk to 1,500 people at TedX Brighton

OCTOBER

We bring back gold in the men's doubles from the World Championships for Down's syndrome athletes

2018

JUNE

'Believe That' a film about Team Santos playing in Porto plays to three sell-out audiences at The Duke of York's cinema in Brighton

OCTOBER

Team Santos play in the World Championships for Down's syndrome athletes in Madeira. They win team bronze

NOVEMBER

Amine makes the opening speech at the Council of Europe's conference – Integration through Sport

70 SESSIONS EVERY WEEK
35 CLUB SESSIONS
35 OUTREACH SESSIONS

- BTTT SCHOOLS DELIVERY**
- BHASVIC
 - BLATCHINGTON MILL SCHOOL
 - BRIGHTON & HOVE PUPIL REFERRAL UNIT
 - BRIGHTON & HOVE'S VIRTUAL SCHOOL
 - BRIGHTON ALDRIDGE COMMUNITY ACADEMY (BACA)
 - CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 - CARLTON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
 - DOROTHY STRINGER HIGH SCHOOL
 - DOWN'S VIEW LINK COLLEGE
 - ELM GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
 - GREATER BRIGHTON METROPOLITAN COLLEGE

- OUTREACH**
- HOMWOOD COLLEGE
 - HOVE PARK COLLEGE
 - MOULSECUMB PRIMARY SCHOOL
 - HOVE HIGH SCHOOL
 - PATCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
 - PATCHAM HIGH SCHOOL
 - ST LUKE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
 - ST MARK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
 - ST DAVID'S HALL
 - ST SUSSEX UNIVERSITY
 - THE CONNECTED HUB
 - VARDEAN SCHOOL
 - T21
 - THE CLOCK TOWER SANCTUARY
 - TINSLEY HOUSE IMMIGRATION REMOVAL CENTRE
 - VOICES IN EXILE
 - YMCA
- PARTNER SESSIONS**
- BRIGHTON HOUSING TRUST
 - BRIGHTON WOMEN'S CENTRE
 - FRIENDS, FAMILIES AND TRAVELLERS
 - GRACE EYRE
 - TEAM DOMENICA
 - BROOKE MEAD EXTRA CARE HOUSING SCHEME
 - FIRST BASE DAY CENTRE
 - HMP DOWNVIEW
 - HMP HIGH DOWN
 - HMP FORD
 - KING ALFRED LEISURE CENTRE
 - MILL VIEW HOSPITAL

A COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER

2007



2012



2013



2014





THEY SPEAK ABOUT BRANDON WITH KINDNESS AND AFFECTION



“ I AM KEEN TO PLACE ON RECORD OUR THANKS FOR THE LEVEL OF COMMITMENT AND PATIENCE DISPLAYED BY YOUR COACH BRANDON BENNETT WHO VISITS BROOKE MEAD AND ENCOURAGES OUR ELDERLY FOLK HERE TO ENJOY PLAYING TENNIS. THEY SPEAK ABOUT BRANDON WITH KINDNESS AND AFFECTION AND THIS IS EVIDENT FROM MY OWN OBSERVATIONS HERE. YOU CAN INDEED BE VERY PROUD OF THE DIFFERENCE HE HAS MADE AND HIS INTERACTION FOR SUCH A YOUNG PERSON IS IMPRESSIVE TO SAY THE LEAST.

Noel Sweeney, Manager, Brooke Mead

FUNDING

Thanks to funding from **Dementia Action Alliance**, BTTC is delivering sessions at **Brooke Mead** where our coaches teach table tennis to residents who have dementia. Sessions are led by **Brandon Bennett**, aged 18.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

	Unrestricted funds 2018	Restricted funds 2018	Total funds 2018	Total funds 2017
Income from:	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	17,369	121,631	139,000	220,202
Charitable activities	101,161	-	101,161	80,817
Total income	118,530	121,631	240,161	301,019
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	2,837	4,000	6,837	3,823
Charitable activities	104,823	170,883	275,706	148,787
Total expenditure	107,660	174,883	282,543	152,610
Net movement in funds	10,870	(53,252)	42,382	148,409
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	308	164,360	164,668	16,259
Total funds carried forward	11,178	111,108	122,286	164,668



“ HE'S NOT A BAD KID REALLY, HE JUST NEEDS A BIT OF PING PONG IN HIS LIFE

Leon Mason, BTTC Coach



STAFF, COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS

- Alexis Maryon
- Amine Ishaq
- Andrew Tonkin
- Anna Brookes
- Becky Hewlett
- Billy Keegan
- Brandon Bennett
- Caleb Yule
- Cedric Scrivani
- Charlie Rudling
- Chris O'Flinn
- Farhad Barakzai
- Francesco Fassari
- Gary Vidgeon
- Geralyn Meyler
- Harry Fairchild
- Iain George
- Ian Fowlds
- John Scatchard
- Julie Fisher-Jane
- Leon Mason
- Lucas Bradbury
- Lucie Fairchild
- Matthew Johnson
- Nick Kreel
- Pedro Santos
- Pippa Hodge
- Rachel Kupper
- Raffaella Kurz
- Sarah Cope

- Sandie Clark
- Teresa Bennett
- Tim Holtam
- Wasim Alyousef
- Wen Wei Xu

FUNDERS

- Comic Relief
- Dementia Action Alliance
- Home Office
- Johnnie Johnson Trust
- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- Sport England
- Sussex Community Foundation
- The Big Lottery
- The Chalk Cliff Trust
- Timothy Martin - Jenkins
- Tudor Trust

TRUSTEES

- Bill Randall
- Harry McCarney
- Linda Beanlands
- Madeleine Rudge
- Martin Tothill
- Pete Castleton
- Pete West
- Tony Tregear (Chair)

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