

BUILDING A COMMUNITY

**BTTC ANNUAL REPORT
2019-2020**



**BRIGHTON
TABLE TENNIS
CLUB**



MESSAGE FROM

THE CHAIR

"For all of us, this last year has ended very differently. The strength of our community has been tested through lockdown and we've missed each other and playing table tennis together. Typically, the club has adapted quickly to the situation, setting up ways for us all to keep connected and has done this with both imagination and purpose, which has been recognised nationally.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR INCREDIBLE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR HARD WORK

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible staff and volunteers for their hard work and adaptability during this time; it has shown just what a strong and supportive community we are.

I have been impressed too with how local charities and organisations have pulled together and would like to thank the Catholic Diocese of Arundel and Brighton, not only for allowing us the use of the Fitzherbert's Centre, but their generosity when we have not had an income.

We would also like to thank our funders and in particular Sport England and the Tudor Trust once again, for their demonstration of support in funding as we continued to work during this difficult time.

As we are able to begin slowly to play table tennis again, we are looking forward to welcoming new players to the club as well as our members and seeing our community thrive. We have been developing some really exciting new projects and I am looking forward to seeing them in action very soon."

Tony Tregear.
Chair of Trustees.

Will Bayley - Paralympic Gold Medallist



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

This period of time has been one of exceptional challenge. Our normal club activities came to an abrupt end with lockdown. We decided that we wanted to respond rapidly and creatively, and try to provide some reassurance within our community, as well as some fun.

Although it has been a difficult time of no revenue and staffing costs, with further expenses for keeping our club safe, we tried to respond imaginatively to support and reach out to our players and the local community.

before we could start limited play after the first lockdown, making it a lifeline for our vulnerable players especially we are told, as well as keeping our club community close.

We also sent our own postcards with vibrant photos of the club players to people we knew were isolated, in order to keep in touch and make them still feel a part of things. They have been a particular and welcome hit with our prisoner player colleagues.

Locally, we provided bats and ball to our nearby primary schools so that they were well equipped for table tennis when they returned.

The summer project on The Level in the centre of Brighton was a resounding success and provided a pro active social setting as well as introducing many new players to the game.

Next to the club, our own tables, in public view, were also staffed with a coach in club kit providing a confident image and projection that helped optimism and well being in our own direct community.

Returning to our club home, we have great plans for new community developments alongside the thrill of playing together once more.

WE COMPLETED 100 DAILY SHOWS BEFORE WE COULD START LIMITED PLAY AFTER THE FIRST LOCKDOWN

As a result, we were first off the mark to create a Food Hub, using our volunteers and our established partnership with the Brighton and Hove Partnership, Fareshare Sussex, Sussex Gleaning Network, The Real Junk Food Project Brighton, Brighton Food Factory and Brighton and Hove City Council.

We were one of the first clubs to try to keep our community together during this time through online means. We completed an amazing 100 Daily Shows

Tim Holtam.
Founder Director.





HIGHLIGHTS PRE-LOCKDOWN



NATIONAL AWARDS

Pride of Sports Club of the Year 2019
one of the judges said that every town in the country needed a Brighton Table Tennis Club.

**Community Sport and Recreation Alliance
Community Engagement Award 2020**
a national award for our successful Community Engagement work reflecting the wide range of groups that are involved.

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LEAGUE WINNING TITLES

Senior Brighton
League Premier
Division

Women's British
League Division 2

Junior British League
Girls Division 2



“

The children go along weekly and it's given them a real sense of belonging to another community and of course has given them the opportunity to learn a life skill and to play a sport which is really accessible and incredibly good fun.”

Tamsen Beer, Headteacher of Carlton Hill Primary School.

“

Playing here has made me think I have some talent...and I have made friends through playing table tennis. Coming here helps back at school.”

Moulsecomb pupil at after school club.





4500

**REAL JUNK PROJECT
FOOD MEALS
DISTRIBUTED**

49

**VOLUNTEERS
TO DATE**

OVER

**12537 PEOPLE
FED BY OUR FOOD
PARCELS**

B TTC FOOD HUB

At the very beginning of Covid we ran a food distribution service that ran three times a week for 12 months for local people who were affected by the impact of the pandemic.

The hub was run by our amazing team of volunteers working with our neighbour the Real Junk Food Project, who provided delicious hot food to distribute in addition to the provisions we source from other partners.



**SUSTAINING
A COMMUNITY
IN LOCKDOWN**

DAILY REGULAR SHOWS

The Daily Show for BTTC members allowed us to be together, and to be silly, caring and creative in one fun distracted hour; the perfect antidote to self isolation.

We completed 100 shows before we could start limited play, with additional linked workshops of yoga, keep fit and music to enhance the provision throughout the week.

See our shows and attendances below

117

**DAILY
SHOWS**

365

**TOTAL NUMBER
OF SESSIONS**

220

**UNIQUE
VISITORS**

5053

**TOTAL
ATTENDANCES**

“

The Daily Show and workshops across the week gives the day structure... and I love what this is doing for us at this time”

“

I am missing everyone..really missing the club. It's hard on an emotional level..this support is such a good idea”



CITYWIDE ACTIVITY



PING CITY

Despite a lockdown summer, BTTC has been able to create a huge amount of activity particularly around the outdoor tables citywide. There are now over 200 tables in operation across a vast range of venues across the city.

As well as 189 indoor tables in local schools, community centres and supported living centres for vulnerable people in Brighton and Hove, there are now 30 outdoor tables in 15 different locations.

Places that have really taken off with ping power are at the popular bandstand location, with the attractive backdrop by the sea; The Level where free summer coaching and enthusiasm has provided lots of pro-active social activity and attracted many new players; and of course on the tables by the club in Kemptown.

As a result Brighton and Hove has become an example nationally of using the Ping! tables to put the sport on the map, in spite of the pandemic. Known to be one of the most accessible and exciting sports, helping both physical and mental agility for all ages, the fun and fitness available through these sessions has had a really positive impact.



BANDSTAND TO BEDFORD STREET

Tables at the seafront and outside the club are always busy and are a real focus of interest for passers by. Our volunteers and locals are now developing the grass outside the club to become a lovely community garden.



30

OUTDOOR
TABLES

189

INDOOR
TABLES

55

DIFFERENT
LOCATIONS





NEW COMMUNITY VENTURES

BTTC was invited by Sport England to design and develop a course for leaders of sports clubs and other organisations who want to be more community focussed in their delivery. The content of the course is a distillation of the club's experience of building community integration over the past thirteen years and how it has been achieved. We have completed two very successful pilots with local, national and international participants, and the modular course will be launched soon using online means during the pandemic.

Building a Grassroots Community programmes will also be piloting a consultancy model developed from this first course and will also be offering a Future Leaders Course.



“

Totally loved the course. Engaging, inspiring, humbling and lots of fun. So great to meet other grassroots orgs is around with community at the forefront of their plans.”

Sam Byford-Winter. Nam Yang Martial Arts.

“

BTTC is so much more than being about table tennis and this course helps you unlock and understand their approach which can be applied beyond sports settings since it is all about embedding grassroots approaches in a way that celebrates everyone's contributions. We've loved being part of the course. It's way beyond sport; a course for anyone wanting to change their world from the bottom up.”

Paul Richards. Gig Buddies.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FROM THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 2020

	Unrestricted funds 2020	Restricted funds 2020	Total funds 2020	Total funds 2019
Income from:	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	14,203	268,651	282,854	203,607
Charitable activities	119,479	-	119,479	113,144
Total income	133,682	268,651	402,333	316,751
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	3,762	5,874	9,636	14,290
Charitable activities	80,554	252,0123	332,566	331,881
Total expenditure	84,316	257,886	342,202	346,171
Net movement in funds	46,534	13,597	60,131	(29,420)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	(3,016)	95,882	92,866	122,286
Total funds carried forward	43,518	109,479	152,997	92,866

ALL STARS TT

AllStarsTT is our new, free to use table tennis game for anyone to play anywhere in the world. Despite the pandemic, over 10,000 games were played in the period July to June at a time when all other league and national competitions were on hold.



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