

Banbury Tennis Leagues

Secretary's Report

27th February 2026

Dear Members and Club Representatives,

Thank you everyone for attending our AGM.

Another year is behind us, and what a busy year it was! It may be hard to remember now, after all these rainy days, but we had a fabulous summer season, during which we managed to play an impressive 173 matches across the three leagues.

The Summer League produced an amazing level of competition. Brackley A led for most of the season, but Banbury West End A and Byfield A made a late charge.

In the end, Banbury West End took the title in a very close finish, with Byfield A and Brackley A both finishing on 64 points, Byfield securing second place on games difference.

Division 2: Harbury edged out Brackley B by just one point (75–74).

Division 3: King's Sutton B won by a clear margin of 8 points, with Banbury West End as runners-up.

Division 4: Tysoe A and Harbury B tied on 51 points, with Tysoe taking the honours on game difference.

The Mixed Weekend League was another highlight, with Hook Norton A claiming top spot on 50 points, followed by Harbury Mixed in second.

Matches were played in great spirit throughout, and the Floodlit League continued in much the same fashion, with a very high level of competition and great team spirit. Some of the matches were played in very difficult weather conditions, and we had a lot to reschedule, but spring will soon be upon us, and the weather has already been slowly improving.

Regarding Playwaze, the annual fee for 2026–2027 has remained the same at £180 (February to February) and, overall, the system is working largely well.

The problem with the Summer Weekend Leagues continues. We have an increased number of teams willing to play in the 2026 Summer weekday evening league (up to 29 from 26 last year), but the weekend league entries have fallen again – only two teams have entered the Weekend Mixed: Hook Norton and Priors Marston, and the same for the Seniors League, with only two teams, Hook Norton and Kings Sutton. This is obviously not viable, and unless there is a change of heart from the clubs, these leagues will not run in 2026.

As I understand it, most clubs are still playing a healthy number of weekend matches, but they prefer other leagues, such as the Oxfordshire League, etc. Is the variety the only reason, or is BTL doing something wrong? It would be useful if you could share your thoughts on this.

Thank you very much once again, and I am looking forward to a long and warm summer of tennis!

Best regards,



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