

Ellie

Ellie is an incredible 15-year-old. She is always at her club helping by assisting in many of the group lessons ranging from tots to adults' tennis. She is a fantastic role model for younger children and a shining example of the Herts Tennis values.

She is very popular and is always available to help at LTA competitions including grade 4 and 5 tournaments. She helps to umpire mini red and orange tournaments and is involved in social competitions at her club such as the 'monster smash', helping to organise and make these as fun as possible for young kids. Ellie helped at the Hertfordshire County Championships, where she worked very closely with officials, setting up courts, ensuring the children were safe, getting the players to court and ensuring scores were taken correctly, then tidying up. Ellie doesn't stop until everything is completed, doing all of this with a smile on her face.

Ellie has helped with several HIT events, which draw large numbers of entrants. For many children and their families, these events are their first experience of tennis competition. It is imperative each event runs well and is enjoyed by everyone. During all these tournaments Ellie has been an amazing support, she is very kind, caring and considerate of the children and others around her, nothing is too much trouble, she doesn't mind helping with all elements of the tournament, whether she is being asked to clear the courts or score matches. Being a tennis player herself, Ellie understands the fundamentals of the game very well, from the player perspective and from the standpoint of the rules and fair play.

Ellie represents her club in junior leagues as well as adult teams and competes for the club's women's and mixed doubles teams. Ellie has won countless grade 4 and 5 competitions and competes in grade 3s. Her dedication to the sport is incredible and she has a real passion for helping younger players follow in her footsteps. Ellie is looking forward to starting her level 1 coaching qualification as soon as she is 16 and wants to qualify as a referee when she is eligible.