

Bishops Stortford LTC

Bishops Stortford LTC is a thriving Herts club with 16 tennis courts of various surfaces– grass, astro, clay and hard (with a seasonal bubble) and 2 padel courts. On offer there are Tennis Rungs for singles matches, 7 mix-in sessions per week, a winter and a summer tournament. Two cardio, two improvers and three intermediate sessions are also on offer each week for adults. The club enters teams into the Herts, National and Small Clubs Leagues, so there is something for everyone.

For juniors in coaching, there are schools' sessions, and at the club a 3-level system for different abilities with all coaching guaranteed to be inside for the cold winter months. This has helped with retention and ensured that juniors continue their progression through the levels. Academy juniors are encouraged to assist with coaching sessions and there are now four who have completed their Level 1's, all of whom wish to also gain the Level 2 qualification. Pay & Play has also grown hugely in popularity since it was initially offered in 2019.

The two padel courts are extremely popular and there is a waiting list. The club runs Padel Intro sessions and mix-ins for newbies as well as mix-ins for members and competitive league play. There have been two padel retreats to Italy and club kit is now available to purchase with profits being donated to Grove Cottage, a local Mencap facility. The padel courts were also used to host the Herts Padel Champs in 2024.

The club runs community tennis and padel sessions for many local groups and schools. Additionally, in co-operation with the Town Council, they run the three new tennis courts in a local park and offer free coaching sessions to coincide with events at the park and encourage players to participate in Local Tennis Leagues.