

Tennis at Heath Park

Key Messages

- ☞ **Heath Park is the most important parks tennis location in Wales.** It has the highest latent demand for playing tennis of any park court site in Cardiff and the whole of Wales.
- ☞ The site is used extensively by the local community for sport, leisure, and recreation purposes. **In 2022 alone there were a minimum of 1,959 people play at the site.**
- ☞ **Tennis at Heath Park provided 6,847 hours of physical activity for local residents in 2022**, making a significant contribution to the health and well-being of the Heath and wider Cardiff community.
- ☞ Tennis Wales has made financial contributions totaling £18,525 to Parkwood Leisure for upkeep of the site and gate maintenance fees prior to the end of their agreement with Cardiff Council for the site.
- ☞ Therefore, the preservation and subsequent restoration of the Heath Park courts to a fit for purpose state is a priority for Tennis Wales.
- ☞ Our technical services assessment for the site estimates the cost to renovate the Heath Park courts to a fit for purpose state to be £96,525. This cost estimate would see the following potential work completed:
 - ✓ Repaint and Bind of all six courts to macadam top layer
 - ✓ New nets and posts installed,
 - ✓ Upgrade of existing 3 floodlit courts to LED lighting and the remaining 3 courts receiving an installation of LED lighting.
 - ✓ Led lighting to be programmed to switch on and off based on court usage and entry via gate access system to improve energy efficiency and remove artificial light when not required.

Key Stats

- ☞ In 2022, there were 917 subscription holders at the site, who made 3,998 bookings and played tennis for a total of 5,833 hours at Heath Park.
- ☞ There were also 818 casual users who made ad hoc pay and play bookings totaling an additional 1,014 hours of tennis activity.
- ☞ Since Tennis Wales commenced operation the site on behalf of Parkwood Leisure in 2019, 26,846 of tennis have been played at the site.
- ☞ The coaching programme at Heath Park has 224 regular participants. There are 24 separate group coaching sessions (18 children and 4 adult), with participants from 4 years old to adult age. Coaching activity takes place 6 days a week.
- ☞ The coaching programme at Heath Park provides self-employed work to 5 local coaches with 3 further young people volunteering as junior leaders.
- ☞ Heath Park is home to Wales' only LGBTQ+ tennis club, Cardiff Baseliners with 40 people playing at the site as part of session and 20 club members.