Newton Abbot Squash Racquets and Lawn Tennis Club

Financial review for year ended 30 September 2026

Accounting Separation

At the 2025 Annual General Meeting of the Newton Abbot Squash Racquets and Lawn Tennis Club (the 'Club') on 22 January 2025, a vote was held and passed to separate the financial ownership and responsibility of the Club into two sections, one for the Squash section and one for the Tennis section effective 1 May 2025. The Club remains a single legal entity with both sections jointly and severally liable for debts and creditors (mainly Newton Abbot Recreational Trust). The Treasurer reports financial performance and activity by each section on a monthly basis.

The financial reporting for the year ended 30 September 2026 shows the Club results as the single entity, together with separate profit and loss accounts and balance sheets for each of the sections. The comparative figures in the profit and loss account shows the results from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025, and not the period from the date of separation on 1 May 2025 to 30 September 2025. This is to provide a comparable view of each sections' performance in the prior year.

Financial Performance

Summary

The Club has made a profit after tax of £10,012 for the year ended 30 September 2028 compared to a profit after tax of £20,386 in the prior year.

The change in profit after tax can largely be explained as follows:

Reduction in tennis court booking fees	£1,500
Increase in NART fees (squash and tennis)	£1,300
Increase in repairs and maintenance for tennis court cleaning	£1,600
Investment in junior squash equipment and coaching	£1,800
Increase in depreciation from capital expenditure	£4,200
	£10,400

Split by section, the Squash section made a profit after tax of £15,903 (2025: profit £22,364) and the Tennis section made a loss after tax of £5,891 (2025: loss £1,978).

Earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation & amortisation (EBITDA) was £20,049 (2025: £25,767).

Gross profit increased marginally by £3,442 to £69,262 (2025: £65,820). However, overheads increased by £9,161 to £49,213 (2025: £40,052) which is largely responsible for the overall reduction in profit from 2025 to 2026.

The Club's balance sheet remains in a solid position with net assets increasing £10,012 to £114,586 (2025: £104,575). Cash at bank has reduced significantly following the investment in the refurbishment of four squash courts to £29,344 (2025: £61,571) but still remains in a healthy position to meet obligations in the future.

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Revenue
Total revenue for the year stood at £84,766 (£2025: £80,454) largely driven by additional other income.

Membership fees have decreased year on year by £2,031 to £48,101 (2025: £50,132) bringing the revenue back to a level previously seen in 2024. Looking at the sections, Tennis have increased its membership fees by £1,119 (2025: £2,200 increase) which is as expected following a rate rise in January 2026 while Squash membership revenue has dropped by £3,150 (2025: £999 decrease).

Booking fees were also lower than 2025 at £12,713 (2025: £14,468) mainly as a result of lower tennis booking fees from floodlights due to the inclement weather over the winter period. Squash booking fees remained constant at £11,842.

The lower revenues from membership and booking fees were partially offset by junior squash mornings and the squash courts being hired to Torquay Boys Grammar School providing £2,104 in additional revenue.

Other Income
Other income has increased by £5,993 to £20,579 (2025: £14,586). Grants and donations represent £3,213 of this increase. The majority of other income is still generated by the Squash section with activities such as SummerTeams at £5,935 (2025: £4,425), squash club competitions at £1,098 (2025: £1,165) and squash club socials at £1,138 (2025: £109).

Tennis match fees were introduced in 2025 and now contribute £1,260 (2025: £1,100) following a full match schedule over the winter and summer leagues.

Guest fees remain an important part of income generation with the Squash section collecting £2,236 (2025: £2,888) and the Tennis section collecting £600 (2025: £825).

Grants
A number of grants were received in 2024 and 2025, some for capital investments and some for the provision of services.

These grants have been accounted for as deferred income on the balance sheet and will be released to the profit and loss account over the useful economic life of the assets to which they relate. In this case both the roof and squash court floor are expected to last for 20 years. £2,045 (2025: £1,310) has been released as income in respect of these grants in the year ended 30 September 2026.

The Tennis section receives grants from Strategic Solution Financial Planners in respect of funding for tennis coaching for Safebreaks. £1,450 (2025: £1,040) has been recognised in the year ended 30 September 2026 when the tennis coaching has been provided. The remaining balance of the grant is held on the balance sheet as deferred income.

Overheads
Overheads have increased £9,161 in the year to £49,213 (2025: £40,052).

A major part of the overheads are the costs relating to using the facilities at the NART. The contribution, lease and licence costs amounted to £18,528 (2025: £17,640) which represents a 5% annual increase of £888.

Overheads (continued)
Repairs and maintenance increased by £2,126 to £4,186 (2025: £2,060) as a result of tennis courts cleaning (£1,600) which was not undertaken in 2025, a new tennis light bulb (£120) and materials for the internal redecoration of the squash courts which was undertaken by squash volunteers in May 2026 (£400).

Club tournament & social events expenses are largely monies paid to The Rec for food when a Squash event is held. The increase of £2,463 in 2026 is a direct result of increased income (as noted in the Other Income section of this report) from social events such as SummerTeams and club competitions held by the squash club.

The Squash section has invested in the Junior squash section and have hired a part time coach to run Saturday Morning Squash sessions. This has resulted in additional coaching costs of £1,800. The investment has also included new equipment and kit being purchased for the juniors at a cost of £1,349. This cost is partially offset by a £2,000 donation from a member of the squash section.

Balance sheet
Fixed assets net book value has increased to £133,308 (2025: £92,966) following the capitalisation of the refurbishment of the remaining four squash courts at a cost of £44,292. The new squash court floors are being depreciated over their useful economic life of 20 years and the redecoration element over their useful economic life of 5 years. The refurbishment was paid for from the squash section's savings bank account.

The bank and cash balance at 30 September 2026 was £29,344 (2025: £61,571). The bank balances at 30 September 2026 for the two sections is Squash at £11,646 (2025: £40,428) and Tennis at £17,698 (2025: £21,143).

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Treasurer