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MAWDESLEY TENNIS CLUB – PROVIDING TENNIS TO LOCAL RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

Mawdesley Tennis Club has been helping to put Mawdesley well and truly on the map recently and provide important community opportunities to local residents.

TEAM SUCCESS

Mawdesley Tennis Club's 1st Team have just been crowned the 2011 Champions of the Southport & District Tennis League. This is the first time in the Club's history that they have won this title. It is a fantastic achievement for a small village tennis club, who have beaten the bigger Southport tennis clubs such as Birkdale, Formby and Argyle. This achievement represents three years of hard work by the Club and Captain, local resident, Mark Bamber.

In addition to the success of the 1st team, the 3rd team gained promotion to Division 4 for the 2012 season.

SAM ROGERSON – POTENTIAL STAR

Long time junior member and lifelong Mawdesley resident Sam Rogerson played a massive part in the success of the 1st team this year. At 16 years of age, Sam is currently ranked No2 in Lancashire in his age group. He is about to embark on the county championship followed by a trip to Florida to play in the prestigious Orange Bowl Tournament for the 2nd time in two years. Former Wimbledon star Angela Buxton is currently acting as Sam's mentor.

CLUBMARK

As a charity, Mawdesley Tennis Club is currently working hard in the local community to provide tennis to all ages and abilities helping to break down the barriers and show the local community that tennis is a sport for all. The Club has recently been awarded 'Clubmark' a national sporting accreditation which has been validated by the LTA. A recognition of excellence in standards of delivery across all areas of junior and senior tennis including coaching, child protection and Health and Safety. An achievement of which the club is extremely proud.

COACHING

The Club currently provides a community junior coaching programme to over 100 local children, which runs over a six week period three times per year. The junior community coaching programme is one of the most successful programmes in the area, teaching children important hand-eye co-ordination, movement and ball skills from 3 years of age. This coaching model has also been adapted for adult players

providing local adults with the opportunity to learn completely from scratch or refresh their tennis skills.

From this coaching programme juniors and seniors can move to playing competitive tennis in the local Southport & District Tennis League. Mawdesley Tennis Club currently has five competitive senior teams, and four junior teams ranging from U10 – U18 age groups.

The Club has been placed 17th out of 99 clubs within Lancashire for the number of Juniors that compete throughout the district. The Club also holds weekly social practice sessions, has its own friendly senior team, and runs its own club tournaments and winter tennis leagues outdoors, and also indoors at South Ribble Tennis Centre

THE LEGACY

From Tuesday 6th September 2011 onwards the Club will be running a tennis programme for twelve disabled children from The Legacy. Our LTA qualified club coaches Andrew Manchester and Suzanne Rath have organised a tennis based programme which has been specifically adapted for disabled children

INVOLVEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY

Furthermore the Club has also been working with West Lancashire and Chorley Borough schools to provide important school links in the local area and provide tennis coaching and tennis equipment to children who may not ordinarily be able to access the sport. The club hopes to continue to build upon and develop these important links over the next few years.

The Club is also working with the U3A, to provide tennis opportunities to local U3A members.

Additionally local based company The DIY Centre, who have shops in Parbold, Eccleston and Tarleton, have recently provided sponsorship to the club, providing the junior team members with match kit hoodies and t-shirts in recognition of the local opportunities that the club provides.

Mawdesley Tennis Club is extremely proud of its achievements and hopes to build upon the success both within the club and the community over the next few years. The Club is committed to providing tennis to local residents of all ages and abilities and believe that the Club really will continue to help put Mawdesley on the map.