



Local park tennis courts in Torpoint set for renovation

 Torpoint Town Council and the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) agree partnership to breathe new life into local park tennis courts in Torpoint.

 The project will see £60,000 of investment into the tennis courts in Thanckes Park.

 Investment comes from the UK Government and LTA Tennis Foundation's Park Tennis Project, being delivered by the LTA.

Torpoint Town Council and the LTA have today announced a partnership to invest in and refurbish public park tennis courts in Torpoint. In total, two tennis courts will be renovated, with investment of £60,000 helping ensure that quality facilities are available for the local community.

The project is part of a nationwide investment by the UK Government and LTA Tennis Foundation, delivered by the LTA, to refurbish public tennis courts across Great Britain, and open up the sport to many more people. This investment will see thousands of existing park tennis courts in poor or unplayable condition brought back to life for the benefit of communities across the country through renovation works, and improved court accessibility with new gate-access technology and booking systems.

Park tennis courts are vital in providing opportunities for children and adults to get active, delivering significant physical and mental health and wellbeing benefits to participants. Accessible facilities in parks are particularly critical to opening up the sport to those from lower socioeconomic backgrounds and women and girls.

In addition to investment of £40,000 from the UK Government and LTA Tennis Foundation, £20,000 will also be invested by Torpoint Town Council, this includes donations received for the project.

Alongside the investment, Torpoint Town Council will also work with the LTA to deliver a range of activity on these tennis courts. This will include weekly organised free park tennis sessions for all ages, playing levels and experience where equipment is provided, meaning that people will not need someone to play with or their own racket. Local Tennis Leagues will also provide friendly, sociable, opportunities to get active through local competition.

The park courts being renovated are located in Thanckes Park. The courts will have online booking found via the LTA website www.lta.org.uk/play and Torpoint Town Council website. This will make it far easier to find and book a tennis court or activity in at Thanckes Park.

Work on sites is anticipated to start in the New Year and be completed ready for Spring 2024.

Councillor Rachel Evans, BEM, Chair of the Development and Localism Committee said:

"Torpoint Town Council is delighted to be working in partnership with the LTA on this project. Thanckes Park is one of Torpoint's greatest assets and enhancing its beauty and facilities is a project in our Vision for Torpoint which sits within the draft [Torpoint Neighbourhood Plan](#). We are grateful to the LTA for recognising the importance of these courts to our community and their upgrading will bring so many positive benefits to all our residents. A key part of this refurbishment project will be to ensure that the courts are accessible to all and the Town Council is also grateful to [The Rame Group Practice](#), [Torpoint Street Markets](#) and [Friends of Thanckes Park \(FoTP\)](#) for the additional funding support they have provided to ensure this happens. I will be looking forward to playing and watching many games at this fantastic venue once they are completed."

Julie Porter, Chief Operating Officer at the LTA, said:

"We are delighted to be working with Torpoint Town Council to improve their park tennis facilities and provide more opportunities for anyone to pick up a racket and get active. This investment is part of the UK Government and LTA's Parks Tennis Project, and will mean that courts will be available for people to use for years to come. We will also be working closely with Torpoint Town Council to ensure that the local community have a range of accessible opportunities to get on court, and open up our sport to many more people."

