

UK's first Olympic legacy tennis courts open in East Park Farm

The two brand new tennis courts at East Park Farm in Charvil are now officially open. Run by the Charvil Community Tennis Club (CCTC) in association with Wokingham Borough Council, the courts were designed to build on the 2012 Olympic legacy and contribute to a new rural agenda. It is hoped that these new, excellent facilities in the community will inspire another generation to get involved in tennis.

The tennis courts, which are, uniquely, painted in the main London 2012 Olympic colours are the first public tennis courts in the UK to fulfill the Olympic legacy.

When two existing tennis courts in East Park Farm had to be relocated to make room for the new Charvil Piggott Primary School it presented an opportunity to improve and develop the tennis facilities for the community. The result of discussions between CCTC and Wokingham Council, Charvil Parish Council, The Lawn Tennis Association, Sport England and Wargrave Piggott Academy resulted in the creation of this exciting new facility.

Carl Emerson-Dam, chairman of the Charvil Community Tennis Club, said: 'We hope to contribute to the

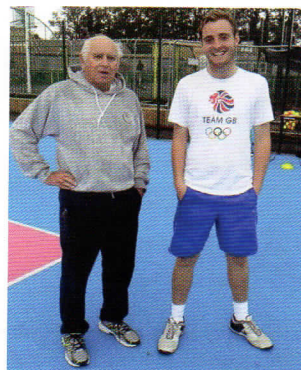


The new Olympic legacy tennis courts at East Park Farm, Charvil.

Olympic legacy that was promised and encourage local residents to take up the sport and in particular to develop the talents of our young people.'

A special celebration event day to mark the opening of the new tennis courts was held recently.

It started with heavy rain and thunder, but



LTA qualified coach, Ross Batten (right) with Brian Warren, chairman of LTA Berkshire

the sun came out in time to rescue the event.

Two of the club's LTA qualified coaches, Ross Batten and Josh Berry, organised tennis activities that were fun for all.

The main event of the day was a hard fought exhibition set between the coaches with Josh Berry coming out on top 6-3.



Part of the new Charvil facility is this practice wall (above) of which the chairman of LTA Berkshire, Brian Warren said: 'This is great, I think every facility should have practice walls in place.'

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