



On 18th May 2025, Wheldrake Tennis Club officially re-opened its brand-new courts. The Open Day was attended by the MP for York Outer, the Mayor for York, and the President of Yorkshire Tennis. The event was a fantastic announcement that tennis is well and truly back in Wheldrake!



Wheldrake is a village on the South-East side of York. It has a small population of just over 2,000 and a membership around 100. It plays on 3 tennis courts which until recently have been carpeted. The tennis club is an affiliate member of Wheldrake Recreation Association (WRA) who act as trustees for the Village Hall, playing fields and the tennis courts.

Over the years, the state of the courts deteriorated to the extent that the third court became unplayable. Being a small club with limited resources, it would prove impossible to afford the six-figure sum quoted for repairs.



A new vision was developed with the WRA to repair the courts, install new floodlights and perimeter fencing, lay a new surface suitable for playing multiple sports including tennis, 5-a-side football, netball, and basketball. The work so far represents the completion of the first phase of this ambitious project.

Money was raised from the Tennis Club, the WRA (bar-takings and events) and not least a £25,000 loan from Yorkshire Tennis and work started in November 2024. Fosse Contractors were used to carry out the work which was completed in Spring 2025.



So now we have three new tarmac courts, and we are back playing matches at 'home' in The York Mixed Doubles league. Fund-raising continues for the next phase, which will include an artificial surface and new floodlights.



Tennis will always be the priority for the space, but we are looking forward to many more people making use of the space for a full range of sporting activities. The good news is that membership has grown by 20% year on year and there are more children enjoying coaching than ever before.