

Ripon Tennis Centre – Lighting Upgrade

Ripon Tennis Centre has 700+ members and offers 2 indoor tennis courts, 6 outdoor floodlit tennis courts, 2 floodlit padel courts (one canopied with the second court also due to be covered in the coming months) and a gym and studio.

The Club was re-located to its present site in 1996 and this larger site has enabled the Club to grow in both facilities and membership numbers.

The tennis hall had the original lighting in so it has been an aim to replace this with LED lighting for some time. The opportunity to apply for a loan from Yorkshire Tennis has meant this could be done earlier than anticipated as it has given the surety of cashflow for such a major purchase.

The club opted for not only LED lighting, but “intelligent” LED lighting which means that the system assesses the current levels of light in the tennis hall and then emits the required lighting to bring it to LTA advised light levels – this means that on a sunny day the Club is only paying for the necessary light required to reach this level.

The reasons for wanting to make the change to intelligent LED is very clear – not only is it better for the environment, it is clearly going to save us a large energy bill in the process. The company the club chose to undertake the works, also mapped out the projected savings to give us an indication of how many years it will take to pay for itself.

An added bonus to the lower energy bill is that the light spread on court is so much better than the previous lighting we had; every person who has played under the new lights has had nothing but positive comments about the playing conditions.

The change was a fairly simple one for us; no planning permission was required as it was simply replacing our existing indoor lighting and the fitting only took approximately a week. The light replacement was pre-booked for August which resulted in the job been completed ahead of the September Winter block bookings starting.

We applied for the loan from Yorkshire Tennis earlier in the year so that we knew that we had the funding before booking the work in, we pencilled in the work with the lighting company who were very accommodating while we waited for confirmation of the funding. The Yorkshire Tennis loan application process made the development much simpler and stress free and gave us the confidence to go ahead as soon as the loan application was approved.

Many thanks to Yorkshire Tennis, we really appreciate your support!

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