

ADTTA Development Report 2021/22

There is not a lot of development activity to report from the past year mainly because, for much of the year, schools have not been open for extracurricular activities, sheltered housing and care homes have been closed and TT activity has generally been limited. However, there have been a few bright spots.

Development Officer for South Aberdeenshire area

Towards the end of the year when Covid restrictions were easing a recruitment process was started to replace the development officer for the South Aberdeenshire area vacated in November 2020 when Catherine Inverarity resigned.

The post was advertised through Sport Scotland, Table Tennis Scotland and our own website and we are delighted to announce that Dave Lomax (dave.lomax@aberdeentabletennis.com) has recently started in the post. He will cover the area roughly from Ellon in the north to Laurencekirk in the south and up the Dee Valley to the west. He will promote TT in clubs, community groups and schools and will also help to establish TT sessions for disability groups and in sheltered housing in Aberdeen City. Welcome Dave!

North Aberdeenshire area

Rob Barsby (rob.barsby@aberdeentabletennis.com) continues his hard work in the north area and has developed a useful package of templates and relevant information for those starting to form a TT club. He has also been involved with tasters and after-school clubs at several schools and has promoted disability TT.

Juniors and Schools around ASV

A separate report on the ASV Academy will be given during the AGM. In early 2022 Max Singer arranged with 6 primary schools in the neighbourhood of the Sports Village to take TT sessions for P4 – P6 pupils. This will continue during the spring/summer terms.

Evergreen sessions

In both Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire, the over 50s TT sessions are returning to pre-pandemic numbers very slowly with most groups operating at reduced capacity, initially due to Government restrictions. There is still great enthusiasm for TT in this age group who appreciate the benefits to be gained in general fitness and social mixing.

Coaching

A Level 1 course was held in Aberdeen in autumn 2021 at which 3 candidates from the Aberdeen area were successful. Well done, Ade, Claire and Don! A level 2 course intended for April/May 2020 was unfortunately cancelled.

Dick Ferro

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