



Walking tennis/accessible tennis development lead (part time) - Tennis Shropshire.

Hours – 16 hours/week, part time

Contract duration – 9 months

Salary - £1,200/month plus results based performance bonus

Following a successful grant application Tennis Shropshire is looking to recruit an enthusiastic and well organised self-employed tennis lover to become a champion of walking tennis in Shropshire.

We are committed to increasing tennis participation in the wider community, working in partnership with our 36 member tennis clubs. Tennis is an extremely adaptable sport; it can be enjoyed by everyone irrespective of their age, ability or disability and playing tennis is proven to offer benefits for mental and physical health as well as being a very social sport. Walking tennis is one of the most accessible forms of the game with the numbers of players growing rapidly and we want to support its growth in Shropshire.

We are seeking a walking tennis champion who will:

- 1) Build relationships with community groups and tennis clubs to kick start their walking tennis sessions, working with a local organiser and club committees to keep the sessions sustainable.
- 2) Develop programmes at the Cathie Sabin Community Tennis Centre to encourage a wide cross section of people to enjoy tennis, using walking tennis as a platform to bring new people into the sport from a range of backgrounds including learning disability, chronic illness, mental illness, as well as from the community generally.

The role is suitable for someone with excellent organisational and communication skills, enthusiasm and a love of tennis, who is results driven and able to manage their time effectively. A coaching qualification is not essential but would be an advantage and additional coaching work could be available for the successful candidate with our coaching partners at the Cathie Sabin centre, Inspire2Coach. Support would also be available for the right candidate to work towards a coaching qualification if desired.

The role will be home based but will require travel across the County, with travel expenses reimbursed in line with Tennis Shropshire's existing policies. The postholder will be expected to manage their time flexibly within the agreed number of hours; some evening and weekend work will be required. The initial length of the role will be for 9 months. Further extensions and other opportunities will be determined by the success of the project and other funding streams available.



If you would like an informal discussion about the role or have any questions please e-mail info@tennisshropshire.co.uk. Interested applicants should send their CV to Tennis Shropshire at the same address, together with a covering email explaining their interest in the role. Closing date for applications 26th May 2024.

Person Specification:

Essential:

- Love of tennis and experience of how club tennis operates
- Fun and engaging personality
- Excellent organisational and time management skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Interest in growing community sport
- Full UK driving licence
- High personal and professional standards
- Valid DBS (or a willingness to undergo a DBS check)

Desirable:

- Knowledge of local community groups
- Knowledge of Shropshire tennis
- LTA coach qualification or interest in gaining a coaching qualification.