

JNECLTL – Promoting Junior Tennis since 1971

The idea for establishing the **Junior North East Cheshire Lawn Tennis League** took hold at Prestbury Village LTC whose juniors, under the guidance of Sadie Youatt, had played some friendly matches during the 1970 season. A couple of preliminary meetings were called and at a third the League was formed in 1971.

At the start there were 24 member clubs and nine of those entered second teams too, although by the end of the following season only 16 clubs continued as members.

Originally the teams played Mixed Doubles at U-18 level only - a rule change in 1979 meant that matches did begin to include Boys and Girls doubles, and by 2000 Mixed Divisions of U-15's and U-13's plus separate Boys Doubles divisions at all 3 age groups were also included, followed by Girls Doubles divisions from the 2013 season

The advent of the Covid-19 virus and its effect on everyone's activities caused the abandonment of any League programme for the 2020 season, since when the League has been slowly recovering the support of its member clubs, and the 2024 season saw 57 teams from 20 clubs contesting 9 Divisions.

The League is managed by an Executive Committee of 5 members, chaired by Peter Nugent, with Jules Mackenzie (President), Vicki Bissett (Vice President), Maria Bailey (Treasurer) and David Sykes (Match Secretary) – all in all, with over 160 years service between them!