

HITHERCROFT SQUASH RACKETS CLUB

Affiliated to England Squash

Welcome Pack

Welcome to Hithercroft Squash Rackets Club. Thank you for becoming a member. We hope you will enjoy using the facilities, playing squash, keeping fit and getting to know other members. Below is some useful information about using the club, how to book a game, put on the lights and heating etc. and who to contact on Committee.

If you would like to be met and shown round the club then please contact me. The Committee and I hope you enjoy playing at the club, but if you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch.

Richard Kellagher, Chair (hithercroftsquash@gmail.com)

The Courts

Password setting, Database and GDPR

Your personal details will be added to a club database (on the mycourts website) where the membership secretary and chair of the committee have access to manage the club and membership. Your details will be accessible to you and you can update your details at any time. Included is the ability to set your privacy settings in compliance with GDPR requirements.

The initial privacy settings will be based on the assumption that you would like to arrange games with other club members unless you ticked the box in the Emails section on the application form. Only your email address will be seen by other users when your membership commences. You can opt to show your phone number or hide your email address within your settings. For Youth Members, contact details will not be displayed.

You will receive **an email from hithercroftsquash.mycourts.co.uk** asking you to login and create a password. **Please note** that on this initial password page **you need to tick the two options relating to GDPR and privacy** policy in order for the password to be accepted.

Once you have successfully setup your login and password you can either login online and book a court, or use the console at the courts.

Please email the Membership Secretary Alex at alexswanton@hotmail.com if you have any queries.

How to Book a Court

To book a court you need to log in to the MyCourts website and book the court online. There is a link to this website from the main Club website. (www.hithercroftsquash.com)

Parking/ Accessing the Courts

The club is based at Wallingford Sports Park which is on the outskirts of Wallingford by the Hithercroft Industrial Estate. There is a map on the 'contact us' page of the website. There is ample free parking at the Sports Park. The squash courts entrance which can be found by walking round the right hand side of the building.

The code for the door is: 1357Y. This changes each November and you will be emailed the new code at least a week before the change takes place.

Lights for the court

To operate the lights on the court you will need 50p, £1 or £2 coins. You get 10 minutes for £1 and the court sessions are 45 minutes.

Heating

If it is cold when you arrive at the courts, you can put the heating on. The button is on the panel at the far end of the viewing gallery. Press the button just once for heating for 1 hour.

Showers & the Roof

Just a note on the men's showers; we are about to carry out repairs and refurbishment to the men's showers. Please bear with us for any inconvenience incurred in the interim. Provision of a spare changing room for men has been arranged (Room 6 beside the main door to the squash club).

The Committee have applied and obtained funding for redoing part of the roof. It is not anticipated that this will have a material effect on being able to use the courts when this work is carried out sometime in the next few months.

Dress code

There is only one rule associated with dress code and that is shoes used on court must be indoor sports shoes which are non-marking and are not worn outside.

The Club activities

Club Nights

Mondays from 7:30 till 9:00 or slightly later is club night. It provides an opportunity to play a range of people and abilities. There is a strict 15 minute rotation and the aim is to make sure everyone plays each other. It is not for people who wish to play only one or two specific people.

The fee is £2 for members. If you have a friend who plays squash and would like to try out the club, they are very welcome to come along to club nights for £3 a session. Non-members may come up to a maximum of 6 times. After that we hope that they will take up membership as we are a members-only club.

Club Matches

If you have Single adult or Joint adult Membership or Corporate Plus membership you are eligible to play in the Oxfordshire league matches. The club has men's teams in the league which cater for all levels of ability. Playing takes place Home and Away and has a meal afterwards with the other team.

The Ladies have an inter-county arrangement as there are insufficient clubs with ladies teams to run a standard league.

Please contact Richard (hithercroftsquash@gmail.com) for more information if you are interested.

Safety and Policies

All of the club policies can be found on the website (under the Membership header). It is your responsibility to ensure you have read them and comply with them. In particular we would like to draw your attention to the Code of Conduct and the Code of Conduct for protection of young people.

To access them on the website the pin code is: **1066**

The club policy related to safety and a risk assessment is posted on the club notice board. Every member is responsible for reading and adhering to its requirements. In summary behaviour on court is expected to be safe and courteous. Playing squash carries the risk of getting hit by a racket or even worse, a ball in the eye, so appropriate care must be taken at all times. In particular, those under 18 are advised to wear safety glasses and preferably be accompanied by an adult. The use of safety glasses should not be considered to be limited to young people.

The Committee

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The Committee meet several times a year. If you would like to raise a concern or have a suggestion please feel free to contact any of the Committee and we will discuss it at our next meeting.

If you are interested in helping to run the Club or interested in being on the Committee, please contact Richard Kellagher.