

Grants Boost Coaching

The Bournemouth & District Table Tennis Association has in place a range of coaching facilities under the control of Coaching Officer James Lewis.

In 2009, as a result of a grant of £3005 from the National Lottery Awards for All scheme, 12 coaches qualified as UK Coaching Certificate - Level One coaches. These instructors have assisted James in coaching at various schools and places, and also at their individual clubs.

This season, the B & D TTA has been successful in securing a further 2 grants, which have greatly assisted our coaching programmes. Both of the awards were given to the Association by the Community Foundation for Bournemouth Dorset and Poole.

In August 2010, an award of £675 was made to us, which enabled 5 of our more experienced coaches to qualify at the more advanced UKCC – Level Two. This grant was made under the Community Foundation’s “Grassroots” Scheme.

In March 2011, an award of £710 was made to us, which enabled us to set up a new coaching facility for older people, pensioners and for members of the University of the Third Age (U3A). This grant was made under the Community Foundation’s “Active at 60” campaign.

The B & D TTA is most grateful to the Community Foundation for these 2 grants, which have greatly assisted us in bringing enjoyment to newcomers (especially older people), in developing players, and in promoting table tennis in the area.

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