



# Jimmy's Tennis Disability Award

## *Disability Programme - Regional Award Winner*

Jim has been working with groups of people with varying disabilities. He currently goes into schools to deliver tennis, coaches at disability sport open days and runs a weekly session for adults with learning disabilities. Through a local charity for people with learning disabilities, Jim now runs one of the largest coaching programmes for people of this category in the UK. He voluntarily works individually with children with disabilities who would find participating in an after-school club too difficult.

In the last year Jim has started a session with Spadework charity where he has coached tennis to over 90 adults with learning disabilities and other disabilities. He has also run ad hoc wheelchair tennis sessions and promoted tennis for all, which has now grown into weekly individual wheelchair tennis sessions as well. Through Medway Council contacts word is spreading of the excellent programme. He volunteers a lot of his time to these causes.

Jim runs sessions at schools, Frindsbury LTC, park sites also peoples place of work. He works with both children and adults with varying disabilities, providing adapted equipment so that players are able to achieve and feel comfortable in their environment.

He has worked with a garden centre charity called Spadework where he delivers weekly tennis sessions to their adult trainees with learning disabilities. Taking this approach means he has been able to engage over 90 participants which is a lot higher than if he did it at his club. He has excelled at helping players confidence grow and develop, especially for those players with coordination challenges.

Jim is a fantastic community coach who puts the community first. He does everything he can to get as many people of all abilities to play tennis. He is very willing to help with LD competitions around the county at any time, even at the last minute.

