



Luke House Coach of the Year

Coach of the Year - Regional Award Winner

Luke is a Level 4 Accredited+ coach at Shooters Hill where he delivers coaching to 349 tots, red, orange, green, and junior yellow players, plus adults intermediate and ladies' groups. He coaches junior performance groups and in 2018 one of his players represented Kent. He offers advice to parents in supporting their decisions around their children and goes to external competitions to support them. He captains and plays in our Men's First Team in SE Region Team Tennis. He also coaches the Men's and Ladies 1st and 2nd teams. He has massively impacted the quality of tennis throughout the club and number of teams, now up to 13 adult and 10 junior teams increase of 5 adult teams and 3 Junior teams since 2017. Luke also in 2018 coaches in local 6 primary and 2 secondary schools and delivers teacher training sessions.

Players are visibly making good progress. Many parents have commented that their children have grown in confidence through tennis and developed friendships across a diverse group of children brought about by his unique style of delivery. He has contributed to the LTA T4K Programme with a 60% retention figure for his groups. He also ran and played in the new LTA Fast Four Tournament in the South East coming runner up and was part of the team that led a fantastic Kent 8&U Fun Day

His coaching is inclusive of every child and he finds encouragement for all including those with disabilities. He has the same amount of time for a tot coming onto court for the first time to teenagers in a performance group. His adult groups are always full from all sections of our diverse community at the club and he is always available for individual help. He helps with our club GBTW Weekend by running all age/ability sessions including a wheel chair session.

Luke qualified as an LTA Coach Education tutor in 2016 and helped others develop theirs in many ways. He delivered 7 coach workshops at Shooters Hill with focus on consistency and quality of delivery. He delivered 4 Level 1/2 courses for the Coach Education Centre and delivered on court sessions at LTA Regional Coach Forums. In 2018, he played a major role in establishing the Kent Coaches Network and led the organisation of four area network of coaches to share good practice. He encourages Juniors to do LTA Leader courses and in 2018, 12 qualified. He integrates new leaders into coaching sessions and gives them the confidence to lead small sections of a session.

Luke puts the whole of his life into tennis. He first started playing tennis at the club, age 7 and he has earned a reputation as a top-class coach at all levels. His enthusiasm in 2018 to help the County is second to none. He is also an elected member of the Board of Directors at Shooters Hill helping to shape the club strategy as it continues into the 21st century.

