

Be TT Impact – Portishead Table Tennis Club

Theme: intervention

Be TT is a Table Tennis England support programme for affiliated clubs and leagues, designed to build better experiences across the sport, for players, coaches, volunteers and officials. Clubs and leagues are able to apply for support from Table Tennis England in line with key priority areas, and has provided some of our most forward-thinking clubs and leagues the chance to receive focused staff support since its launch in 2017.

Background Information

In 2016 a small group of middle aged men are playing on a single table tennis table in an old, run down hut. There are no junior players, only one female member and no coached sessions. This was Portishead Table Tennis Club.

Fast forward to 2019, with support from Table Tennis England's Be TT programme, the club has expanded to a 16-table sports hall set up, has junior members in double figures and have transformed into a thriving community club by bringing table tennis into the local community.



The Impact

The Be TT programme has allowed Portishead Table Tennis Club to complete various projects which have helped them to become a successful club – to the extent of winning Club of the Year at the 2019 Pride of Table Tennis Awards. Be TT has allowed the club to;

- > Put seven members through the Level 1 Coaching course
- > Establish a community session in a local youth centre, with support from Table Tennis England's *Ping in the Community* scheme
- > Attract over 30 pupils at a local after-school club
- > Increase junior membership to 21% of all club members
- > Bring other local clubs together with a new club vs. club competition format
- > Put four junior members through the Young Ambassador Programme