

10 years of sporting legacy

1.3 million

visitors



It's been 10 years since Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre opened to the public following an intensive transformation after the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

As the legacy partner from day one, Lee Valley Regional Park ensured that this London 2012 Paralympic venue was designed to deliver for generations.

460,000

taken part in
hockey and tennis



The pre-planned conversion from London 2012's only purpose-built Paralympic venue to the community focused Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre was swift, with the venue opening its doors to the public in June 2014.

2,000

free event tickets for
community groups



Over the past decade this popular community venue, known as the "Wembley of English Hockey," has transformed sporting opportunities in the region and delivered thrilling live sports events for fans.

1,000+

participated in
funded programmes



As we mark this major milestone and look ahead to the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, this is Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre's legacy impact.

13

major international
events



Accessibility

- World class facilities for everyone, from complete beginners to elite players
- 90% of the programme at Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre is for communities, schools and clubs
- Home to Tower Hamlets Hockey Club, six hockey teams and nine university hockey clubs
- Hosts dozens of regional, national and international hockey tournaments as well as competitions catering for mixed ability players and senior players
- A range of exciting hockey programmes for all abilities, following England Hockey's national frameworks and initiatives
- Extensive pay and play tennis which can be enjoyed by everyone
- Tennis courses for adults and children of all abilities along with private lessons and school holiday tennis camps
- A regional hub for disability tennis, offering weekly coached Wheelchair Tennis sessions, programmes for wheelchair users, players with learning disabilities and those with mental health issues
- Host of Wheelchair Tennis events, festivals and coaching clinics
- Dedicated women-only and retired group sessions
- Little Smashers sessions for children from the age of four
- Tennis courts in demand for training and British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) league fixtures by some of the top universities, with five university tennis teams including, UEL and UCL, based at the venue

Breaking down barriers

The Authority's Community Access Fund and Active Communities Grant scheme provide funding for groups from across London's 33 boroughs, Hertfordshire and Essex

- Tennis for Wellbeing, delivered since 2015 in partnership with Core Arts, a leading mental health creative education centre in Hackney and the East London NHS Foundation Trust, uses tennis as a vehicle towards positive mental wellbeing. Members report using their GP, A&E and emergency services less, or not at all
- New Age Games tennis programme for over 50s, running since 2015, encourages local residents to participate in physical activity to boost their health and wellbeing and break down the barriers of social isolation





Bringing fans face to face with their heroes

We've run a string of near continuous major events such as the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Masters, the FIH Hockey Pro League, the Unibet EuroHockey Championships, the Men's and Women's Hockey Champions Trophy, the Hockey World League semi-finals and the Vitality Women's Hockey World Cup.



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Iconic moments

2014

NEC Wheelchair Tennis Masters – the first time the event is staged in London, attracting record spectators for a wheelchair tennis event

2015

EuroHockey Championships – GB Women win in front of their home crowd

2018

Vitality Hockey Women's World Cup – a record 120,000 spectators watch the matches

2018 onwards

FIH Pro League – where the best teams in the world battle it out in the London leg of this global tournament



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Venue facts

- Four indoor US Open Standard tennis courts
- Six outdoor tennis courts
- Two of the best hockey pitches in the country
- 4,000 seat main hockey stadium with ability to add temporary seating
- Meeting space and cafe
- A regional centre for coaching, umpiring and workforce development
- Designed by Stanton Williams
- Biodiverse features include:
 - a 1,700m² brown roof made of recycled crushed brick, Aircrete, blockwork and topsoil seeded and planted to attract a range of wildlife, particularly invertebrates and birds
 - rooftop bird boxes for Starling, Sparrow and Black Redstart

Pre-Games

The venue was built on the site of the Authority's Eastway Sports Centre which had a multi-sports hall, squash complex and pitches in an area with a rich community sporting history going back to 1923.

During the Games

During the Olympics the site was used as a training venue for London 2012 athletes, with facilities including temporary swimming pools.



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During the Paralympics it staged the Wheelchair Tennis Competition and saw:



Eight days of competition



Three events



Paralympics GB won two medals, silver in the Quad doubles and bronze in the Women's doubles

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