

HBA ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 30th APRIL 2026

HBA made a small loss of £289 for the year and total funds stand at £18,180. While we continue to have sufficient funds our aim is to breakeven each year.

The net cost of running the 3 senior county and 5 Masters teams, which is analysed in detail in note 6 increased to £2,822. This was due to a £400 increase in Badminton England entry fees for the senior county teams and higher court and shuttle costs for the Masters matches.

Once again thanks to Eddie and his helpers for running the Herts Open and Restricted tournaments which made a combined surplus of £469.

We continue to make awards from the Ray Learney Fund and during the year four more awards totalling £390 were made, three for the Foundation course and one for the Level 2 course. We still have £913 left in the Fund for future awards.

HBA is arranging a parabadminton tournament at Herts Sports Village on the 1st and 2nd of August this year. Badminton England have agreed to donate £250 and we are applying for a £750 grant from Herts Sports Partnership.

We have managed to keep our county fees at the same level for many years. However, in the light of higher shuttle and court hire costs, we have decided that it is time for us to increase our county fees.

To help us make that decision, Badminton England have provided a list of all county fees:

In summary:

Senior county fees:

- range from £2.00 to £10.00
- average across all counties is £5.68
- 4 counties charge £10 .00
- Only 5 counties charge less than £3.50

Junior county fees:

- range from nil to £5.50
- average across all counties is £1.72

For next season the committee have decided that the senior county fee will increase by 50p to £4.00 and reintroduce a junior county fee of £1.00. Even after these increases our fees will remain well below the average set by all counties.

With information provided by Badminton England we have also reviewed our match fees and to come into line with the majority of other counties we have decided not to charge a match fee for playing in the senior county 1st team. All other match fees will remain the same.

We will continue not to charge a fee to enter the Herts County League.

Colin Walker June 2026