

Intelligent Energy Charitable Trust

# Sileby Tennis and Pickleball Club



**Intelligent Energy's Charitable Trust** first launched in January 2019 with the aim of making an impact on the local community it operates within. The Trust supports charitable and voluntary organisations, local to Intelligent Energy's headquarters in Loughborough, which support and aid amongst others; community groups, young people, sport and lifelong learning.

The Trust currently distributes £100,000 each year and several organisations have already benefited from funding awards, including Sileby Tennis and Pickleball Club who received £1,255 in 2023.

Sileby Tennis and Pickleball Club was established in 1927 and sits at the heart of the village of Sileby, Leicestershire. It welcomes players of all ages and abilities to get involved in tennis and pickleball and is the first club in the area to offer dedicated outdoor pickleball courts.

The funding received from the Charitable Trust has been used to purchase a compost toilet from local business 'The Compost Toilet Co.' and this is now situated close to the kids tennis and pickleball courts.

The main toilets are in a clubhouse around 50 meters away. Whilst not far, this did present a potential safeguarding issue when running kids sessions.

The toilet is off grid, so does not require mains water and as it is a single person toilet, kids as young as 5 can use it without the need for supervision.

Having the new facilities close by has helped the success of the club for both senior and junior members.

Nigel Peckover from the club said:

*"The toilet has been a real game changer in allowing us to safely run kids coaching, kids Summer camps and the adults can use it too."*

*"We are an environmentally responsible club, and having a solar powered toilet that does not rely on mains water, supports our values."*

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