



## Environmental and Ethical Group Update Summer 2025

### Solar Panels

At the start of the year, our energy saving initiatives were already paying off, with steady reductions in electricity use in our clubhouse compared to 2024. In March, we were able to take things a step further thanks to grant funding from the West of England Combined Authority, which supported the installation of our new solar panels. As you can see from the graph, the difference was immediate: from April onwards, electricity consumption dropped dramatically and has stayed at much lower levels ever since.

We will continue to monitor this throughout the year - particularly as we go into the winter months when we might not see quite as much sunshine!

Jan - June 2024 vs 2025 Electricity Usage



There was a reduction of electricity usage of 68% in April, 63% in May and 54% in June, compared to last year's usage.

### Pledgeball/LTA

We are off to a great start and are currently sitting third in the league. Your help could take us to first place. Don't delay. Pledge today!

# CAN WE DO IT AGAIN? YES!

Last year our club was the winner of the September LTA Pledgeball league and we used the winnings to buy the water fountain now installed by the padel courts.

## CAN WE DO IT AGAIN? WITH YOUR HELP, YES!

Enter your details and select all the green actions you already do or pledge to start doing.

By entering, you will also be put in a draw for tickets for next year's Queen's tournament.



[Pledge here](#)

**Biodiversity Net Gain**



Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) is a government policy and planning requirement that is mandatory in England. The development of two additional tennis courts has undergone an assessment of the site's biodiversity. The Club is now awaiting a plan to enhance habitats on-site, ensuring that biodiversity overall is higher after the development (typically a minimum of 10% net gain).

## One Small Step for Nature

### Biodiversity Bank



There is evidence of welcome visitors on the bank in the form of badgers! Unfortunately, it appears they have left already, as the hole is filling up with earth. Maybe they found the floodlights a bit too bright for their evening sojourns.

### From Small Beginnings

This year has proved challenging as we attempt to develop a wildflower meadow on the biodiversity bank. Here are a few wildflowers that are thriving:

Giant Willow Herb, Water Mint, Wound Wort, and Oxeye Daisies.



**We need your ideas and support!**

The Environmental and Ethical Advisory Group would welcome **any ideas** you might have regarding improving our sustainability record and helping to make our environment a carbon free space. If you have any suggestions, please email us at:

[environmental@redlandgreen.co.uk](mailto:environmental@redlandgreen.co.uk)

We are also still looking for **new members for the Group**, so if you are keen and passionate about improving our environment and promote ethical principles, then please get in touch using the email above.

Thank you.

