

# INTRODUCING THE UK'S LARGEST RANGE OF TENNIS SURFACES

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Charles Lawrence Surfaces Ltd offers the largest range and widest variety of tennis surfaces currently available in the UK.

Most of them are our own designs, developed to withstand long-term outdoor use in weather conditions that can be expected in the British Isles. Their playing characteristics are designed to suit tennis players at every level of the game, from novices, social players and club enthusiasts to tournament professionals. The range includes porous macadam, porous polymeric, artificial grasses, clay-type surfaces, impervious acrylics and indoor carpets.

Please contact us for any further information you want or to arrange a visit to survey your site and discuss your requirements.



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## LONG TERM COMMITMENT TO QUALITY

At Charles Lawrence Surfaces Ltd we take great pride in building tennis courts to the highest professional quality standards and establishing relationships of trust with our customers. All court surfaces require expert maintenance at intervals during their life. Our aim, once we have built a court, is to remain involved over its lifetime and to provide the eventual replacement.

Our commitment to quality received formal recognition as long ago as 1995, when our company was one of the first in the sports contracting industry to obtain certification for its quality management systems under ISO 9002.

## CHOOSING YOUR TENNIS SURFACE

The sheer number of surfaces we offer can make the choice between them difficult. The aim of this section is to help you make the right choice for your own individual situation.

The objective is clear enough: to buy tennis courts that will give lasting enjoyment to everyone who plays on them, at a cost you can afford. The two aspects of playing performance and cost must both be considered.



## TRY BEFORE YOU BUY

Playing performance is hard to describe in words. Terms such as 'fast' and 'slow' mean different things to different people. We have done our best to describe the bounce, spin, foothold and cushioning characteristics of each surface with minimum use of these words.

**However there is no substitute for direct experience.**

If possible, always try out a court surface that you are considering. Ideally, try it when it's wet as well as dry.

Having installed many hundreds of courts nationwide, we can always arrange for you to play on an appropriate court not too far away.

## CONSIDER THE TOTAL COST

The total cost of a tennis court has three components. The capital outlay is important, of course, and may restrict what you can afford at the outset. But it is equally important to consider - before you buy the court - the future costs of maintaining it in good condition and of renewing the playing surface at the end of its life.

Clubs and schools should consider looking into the availability of grants or loans to help with building courts. Some of our own staff have served on tennis club committees, and we are pleased to advise you on sources of funds and how to make effective approaches to them.

Modern synthetic court surfaces are certainly 'low-maintenance' compared with grass or shale, but they all require some regular attention to maintain their playing performance. What will this cost? Can you do it yourself? Courts also require professional attention from time to time to maximise their life expectancy. This may take the form of pressure washing, moss killing, sand replacement or a new surface coating, according to type. And every type of surface has a finite life, varying to some extent with intensity of use. How long is this likely to be for you, and what will then be needed to renew the surface? The individual product pages give guidance on maintenance and renewal.