

## Thanks letter from organiser Fatemeh Beyad

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Hello tennis fans!

Thank you all so much for supporting the first Highbury Vs Hackney Charity Tennis match. It was a fantastic day and we have **so far** raised an amazing **£2,065 + gift aid of £466.25**.

<https://www.justgiving.com/HTvsHT>

The JustGiving site will be open for the next 6 months so you can still donate!  
Pictures of the day courtesy of Nigel here

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### **The Charity**

A big thank you to Mark the director of Room To Heal and Chloe, therapist at Room to Heal and Hackney Tennis Ace, for coming along. Mark's speech reinforced how fantastic a charity Room To Heal are, especially so as they work in our community.

For my part, as a slacktivist who often and increasingly shouts at the radio, the world can seem pretty awful, until you remember that people like Room to Heal exist and it's our job to support and celebrate them.

To sign up for their newsletter, please email Chloe on [chloe@room2heal.org.uk](mailto:chloe@room2heal.org.uk) and go along to their open day on 1st July.

As Mark said a monthly £10 donation (done very simply via Direct Debit through the JustGiving Website <https://www.justgiving.com/roomtoheal>) is only one cup of coffee a week - or in our language one floodlit court at Hackney or 1.25 courts at Highbury! So how about this for a deal, if you sign up, I will treat you to a free game of tennis!

### **The winners**

Community tennis! It was fantastic to bring together local tennis players. I've sent this email to all players and hope the day will be a springboard for us coming together more.

32 players, 17 from Highbury and 15 from Hackney played doubles with and against each other. Highbury's most valuable player was Raphaele and Hackney's most valuable player was Alice. In a very close contest Highbury just coming out on top (I took the total score of the middle six players from each team). Congratulations to Raphaele, Alice and Team Highbury! Team Hackney - training starts for next year now!

### **Thankyous**

**GLL** - for donating some of the courts.

**Britannia Tea** (aka my bro) for all the prizes!

A big thank you to our tennis royalty **Sally and Nigel** from the fabulous **Local Tennis Leagues** <https://www.localtennisleagues.com/>. No one is more enthusiastic or supportive of adult tennis than they are.

Sally handed out the prizes and Nigel took these wonderful photos

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Finally and of course to **Naureen**, the day would not have happened if it was not for you! Everyone please also talk to Naureen about the wonderful work she does with refugees.

I look forward to the return match at Hackney next year!

Many thanks and happy tennis

Fatemeh