



No.1 COURT

- The original No.1 Court, located adjacent to Centre Court, was opened in 1924, with a seating capacity of 2,500 and standing room for approximately 750.
- In 1993, the Club launched its Long Term Plan, which included the requirement of a brand new No.1 Court – with a capacity of 11,432, an array of new facilities, and a new location – north of Centre Court where it stands today.
- The new No.1 Court was opened by The Duke of Kent in 1997, with Tim Henman and Daniel Nestor playing the first match on the court at The Championships that year.
- The All England Club launched the Wimbledon Master Plan in 2013, setting out the vision for the future of the Club, its Grounds and facilities. A critical part of this plan called for a major renovation to No.1 Court.
- Commencing in 2016, the No.1 Court Project has been a highly complex three-year build. In addition to a new fixed and retractable roof, it has an increased capacity of 12,345; the replacement of all seats inside the stadium for improved spectator comfort; 15 refurbished hospitality suites and various back-of-house areas; a two-level Walled Garden public plaza; and a living wall either side of the Big Screen facing Aorangi Terrace.
- A central consideration of the No.1 Court redesign was to ensure that the right shape of roof opening was created to maximise the natural light levels on the court to support the growth of the grass, while also trying to give a curved feel to the stadium to reflect the historic circular design of the No.1 Court.
- 89,222 design and construction documents have been produced throughout the life of the No.1 Court Project.
- The No.1 Court roof has 11 steel trusses, each weighing 100 tonnes; two more moving trusses than Centre Court due to the larger aperture. Moving each of them onto the No.1 Court required a 600-tonne crawler crane, with 300 tonnes of counterweight.
- The retractable roof requires 164 drives and motors to move it.
- There are 200,000 bolts holding the steel structure together and a further 4,500 anchors tying the steel structure to the existing concrete structure.
- 7500m² of fabric was procured for the roof assembly, enough to cover 38 tennis courts.
- The No.1 Court Project required an average of 80,000 man hours per month to complete.
- On Sunday 19 May, the AELTC will stage *The No.1 Court Celebration in support of the Wimbledon Foundation*, a programme of tennis and music to entertain a capacity crowd and mark the first official deployment of the new roof.