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Coach
Umpire
Scorer
Club Support
Team Manager
Secretary

Tell us about your work as a volunteer

I have undertaken a variety of voluntary roles including Netball Development Officer, Umpire & Scorer. I also coach – Club and Back 2 Netball, and for the Manx Youth Games. I act as Team Manager & also help my club by washing bibs. I am the Development Group Secretary

How long have you been volunteering?

10 Years

Why did you start volunteering and why do you continue to?

Inspired by another lady who saw a vision of where netball needed to go. I knew I could help to **implement that goal**.

How has volunteering benefitted you?

I **love netball**, it's my sport and I believe **everyone can have a part** in making it successful. Not many sports can claim to be **all female** and we need to keep the focus on our sport to ensure its growth from grassroots.

Why would you recommend volunteering to someone thinking about getting involved?

It offers a **feel-good factor** and knowing that you are doing something and also helps to **sustain the sport** you love. Volunteering can take as much or as little time as you choose, so it **suits everyone**.

Tell us about your best volunteering experience....

I love volunteering at the **primary school festivals** or Manx Youth Games, as an umpire. To see the **smiling faces** of our future generation makes it all worthwhile.

How has volunteering affected your social life?

It means I have a **very busy social life** and I've met many **lifelong friends** along the way.

How has volunteering helped you in your professional career?

As I work in a school (as a SEN Education support officer) having a volunteering role and coaching qualification has shown I have **understanding of working with children**. In addition, it reflects my personality and shows I am **compassionate** and enjoy **working/teaching others**.