



## **Mentoring the next generation of hockey umpires**

**Like many amateur sports hockey is reliant on volunteers coming forward and undergoing the training needed to be an umpire. Emma Davey has become a young umpire and is now mentoring other young umpires too.**

### **How did she start?**

Emma, from Billericay in Essex, is passionate about hockey and began officiating a few years ago. She is involved in Brentwood Hockey Club in Essex and the East region hockey association.

As a young player she recognised the enormous contribution made by volunteer officials, and wondered if she too could give something back to the sport she loves in this way. She has been umpiring for two years and acting as a mentor for a year.

### **What does she do?**

Emma umpires at club, county and regional level. She also helps tutor and mentor other young umpires across the region. Although the hockey season runs from September to April a lot of the extra young umpire mentoring is done through the summer months, and hockey volunteers across the country remain extremely busy throughout this time.

### **Results**

Emma volunteering has meant that matches can be played without the loss of a game or of a player. She has also assisted with Young Umpire Days held across the region. This has provided other young officials and aspiring umpires with a similarly aged role model.

She has gained valuable experience from both umpiring and mentoring and this has helped with her continued development.

In Sport Month Brentwood Hockey Club and the regional hockey association say "Thank you Emma and all the volunteers who make sport happen in our region."

