

This may sound like an odd question, but lots of volunteers don't even realise that the work they do for their clubs or community groups counts as volunteering.

Whether you're a coach or a coach driver, a referee or a treasurer – if you help others in sport for free, or expenses only, you're a sports volunteer. It could be a formal arrangement – working for an organisation – or a more informal, as-and-when arrangement.

In fact, a lot of the people who help to organise and support these volunteers don't necessarily realise that they are volunteer coordinators!

There is support and guidance that you may not be taking advantage of. This could help you make better use of the time you and your volunteers give to sport.



This document can be provided in alternative languages, or alternative formats such as large print, Braille, tape and on disk upon request. Call the Sport England switchboard on 08458 508 508 for more details.

Further information

To find out more about Sport England and to get the latest news and information, please go to: www.sportengland.org/yorkshire

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Where else can you get help?

Do-it Volunteering Database
www.do-it.org.uk

Running Sports
www.runningandsports.org

SkillsActive
www.skillsactive.com

SportsCoach UK
www.sportcoachuk.org

Student Volunteering England
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Volunteering England
www.volunteeringengland.org.uk

Your National Governing Body (NGB)
www.sportengland.org

Go to get resources, then useful links for a list of all NGBs

Youth Sport Trust
www.youthsporttrust.org



Creating an active nation through sport

Volunteering in Sport A guide for sports volunteer coordinators and managers

Helping you to help your volunteers



Do your volunteers even realise that they are volunteers?



Volunteer roles include:

The sporty ones

- Coaches
- Referees
- Umpires
- Stewards
- Judges
- Marshals
- Timekeepers

The non-sporty ones

- Looking after finances
- Creating publicity
- Attracting sponsorship or funding
- Keeping your website up to date
- Making lunches and teas
- Organising events
- A helping hand at events

- Club Committee Members
- Chair • Secretary • Treasurer

Yorkshire and Humber volunteers give **400,000 hours** to sport each week



Volunteers are the lifeblood of many sports clubs. So what do most sports clubs and event organisers say they need most? Help from volunteers!

Often, managing your current volunteers better can make them happier and more productive.

Creating great surroundings for volunteers is all about making sure that your whole sports club is aware of and getting the most out of your volunteers.

Satisfied volunteers are more likely to spread reports of your sports group by word of mouth.

Sport England and the County Sports Partnerships are committed to increasing the quality and quantity of volunteers in sport.

This includes helping and supporting the people who coordinate or manage volunteers in a sports organisation or club.

- Do you want more volunteers?
- Are you finding it difficult to keep volunteers?
- Do you think you could you make better use of your volunteers?

Here's where you can go for help

- Your Volunteer Centre
- Your County Sports Partnership
- Your Community Sports Network



What can your local Volunteer Centre do to help your club?

- Operate as brokers – by putting potential volunteers in touch with volunteering opportunities and training
- Promote your volunteering needs to the local community through events and publicity
- Deliver good practice training
- Provide information for volunteer coordinators and volunteers
- Help you develop volunteering roles and opportunities within your sports club

While many volunteers are recruited directly by clubs, your Volunteer Centre can reach a wider range of people to volunteer in sport.

Volunteer Centre Contact Details

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What can your County Sports Partnership do to help your club?

- Help link your club to organisers of young volunteers
- Give you access to practical workshops, coach education information and volunteering training
- Give practical advice and support for Club Accreditation

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