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**Brian Grimshaw - Manchester**



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**What Role Does the Volunteer Play?**

Brian is an extremely committed volunteer delivering numerous weekly sessions in both Squash and Racketball. Brian actively promotes all of the sessions to ensure the attendance is as high as possible. He also thrives to provide an enjoyable experience, through supporting individuals with specific techniques and organising group activities, making him an extremely important part of the Manchester Squash Academy.

**How Committed is the Volunteer to Their Role?**

Brian’s pride in his work is second to none and he thoroughly enjoys giving back to his fellow Mancunians. Brian has gained huge respect and friendship from customers, students and club members. Brian’s love for sport is contagious with high attendances at all his sessions resulting in him being voted England Squash and Racketball’s 2014 Volunteer of the Year.

**How Does the Volunteer Benefit Their Community?**

Brian’s sessions attract over 60 players per week ageing from 7 to 70+! He’s able to communicate with players regardless of their age, experience or background. His dedication to his volunteering provides invaluable support to his local community. Without Brian’s volunteering it would be expected that the programmes would not be as successful as they currently are. Brian’s work with the City of Manchester Squash Club ensures players are able to grow and provides valuable opportunities for local people.

**How Does the Volunteer ‘Go the Extra Mile’?**

Brian will do whatever is asked of him to help develop the sport within Manchester. He regularly covers sessions at short notice and is rarely unavailable. Brian provides transport to away games, referees league matches and supports the Junior League enabling juniors to have access to regular competition. Brian is outspoken and approachable helping new-comers feel at ease in their new environment resulting in the retention of players.

**How can I get involved in volunteering?**

If you are interested in sport volunteering opportunities within Greater Manchester visit [www.greatersport.co.uk/vip](http://www.greatersport.co.uk/vip) to sign up to the Volunteer Inspire Programme (VIP).