

**#GMinpire  
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**Steph Mairs**

**What Role Does the Volunteer Play?**

Steph volunteers with Bredbury St. Marks Cricket Club holding a number of important roles. These include, but are not limited to, under 15 manager, fundraising officer and bar and social chairperson. Steph puts in a large amount of hours each week both on and off the field. Out of season Steph still puts in the work by attending weeks of winter nets and also taking a team to a weekend indoor tournament. Steph has played a key role in ensuring the club has one of the best junior sections within the borough.

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

Steph is a regular at the club volunteering almost every day throughout the summer. She commits herself to at least one social event each month within the cricket season. Steph has hosted numerous fundraising events including Race Nights and Beer Festivals. So far it is estimated she has raised almost £1,000. Throughout the season Steph commits 15 hours per week.

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

Steph has created a lovely atmosphere within the club resulting in it gaining a fantastic reputation and generating others from the local community to get involved within sport. Steph helps create positive links with the head coaches of the club and the local schools from the area, creating strong links in the community. Her fundraising events also create a brilliant chance for the local community to get together and socialise.

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

The amount of work that Steph does for the cricket club is staggering. Her great determination combined with her constant smile and in her bubbly infectious personality is a pleasure to witness. She has already completed all of the junior management for the 2016 season continuing her commitment of always putting not just the club, but especially the children first.

**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).