

Charlotte Jones- Midlands (Volunteer Competitions Co-Ordinator for Midland District)

Charlotte's contribution to hockey has had a significant and lasting impact across the Midland District. Through organising and developing youth festivals from Under-10 to Under-16 level, she has created opportunities for hundreds of young players to participate, compete, and develop a lifelong connection with the sport. Her coordination of district competitions supports players, coaches, clubs, officials, and volunteers, ensuring hockey remains accessible and enjoyable for the wider community. Charlotte's work strengthens connections across clubs and creates a positive environment where hockey can thrive.

Charlotte consistently demonstrates the highest standards of integrity in all aspects of her role. She is trusted to oversee competitions fairly and professionally, ensuring that all participants are treated with respect and that processes are applied consistently. When complaints, disputes, or conflicts arise, she approaches them impartially and thoughtfully, listening to all parties before reaching fair and balanced outcomes. Her commitment to transparency, fairness, and sportsmanship helps uphold the values of hockey and fosters trust throughout the district.

Inclusion is central to Charlotte's approach. Her work developing youth festivals across multiple age groups has expanded participation opportunities and enabled more young people to experience hockey in a welcoming and supportive environment. Through her management of district competitions, she works to ensure all teams and participants have equal opportunities to compete and enjoy the sport. Charlotte's commitment to fairness, accessibility, and positive experiences for everyone involved helps create an inclusive hockey community where players, volunteers, and clubs feel valued and respected. Through her tireless dedication, selfless commitment, and unwavering passion for the sport, she exemplifies the values that sit at the heart of hockey: respect, inclusion, integrity, teamwork, and community.

One of Charlotte's most significant contributions has been her organisation and development of the Midland Youth Festivals. Not only has she ensured that these festivals continue to run successfully year after year, but she has also helped grow them to provide meaningful competition opportunities across age groups from Under-10 through to Under-16 level. These festivals have become an important part of the player pathway within the district, giving young players the opportunity to develop their skills, experience competitive hockey, build friendships, and foster a lifelong love of the game.

In addition to her work with youth hockey, Charlotte coordinates all Midland competitions, overseeing the volunteers who assist in delivering both men's and women's leagues and cup competitions. This is a substantial responsibility that requires exceptional organisation, communication, and commitment. Charlotte approaches this role with professionalism and enthusiasm, ensuring competitions run smoothly and that all participants have a positive experience.

Charlotte identifies potential fixture clashes and logistical challenges well in advance, she has been able to rearrange events within appropriate timescales, avoiding unnecessary pitch costs and ensuring valuable resources are used efficiently. While these efforts often go unnoticed by participants, they are vital to the successful delivery of hockey throughout the district and reflect Charlotte's commitment to serving the wider hockey community.

Charlotte embodies the spirit of hockey because her motivation is not personal recognition or achievement, but the success and enjoyment of others.