

Christine MacDonald- Hillhead

Chris has been the secretary of West District ladies for over 30 years, she is the one constant that is the backbone of the district and has meticulous records from all years. She is also on the committee at Hillhead and has no doubt been involved in the running of the club over the years. She quietly gets on with job of keeping the district running, ensuring all clubs are communicated with and fixtures etc are all out on time. She really does deserve recognition for her lifelong commitment to hockey at club district and national level, having also been a technical official for EHF as well.

Christine MacDonald has dedicated more than 50 years of service to Hillhead Ladies Hockey Club and continues to make an outstanding contribution to hockey at every level. Her commitment goes far beyond any single role and has helped shape the club for generations of players.

Despite her many years of involvement, Christine still actively plays for the Ladies 5th XI, supporting both experienced players and those taking their first steps into adult hockey. Her presence provides encouragement, guidance and continuity, helping younger members develop both their confidence and their love of the game.

For many years, Christine has served as Club Secretary, a role that is fundamental to the successful running of the club. She coordinates fixtures for all five ladies' teams, liaises with opposition clubs and pitch providers, manages communications, and is the first point of contact for countless issues that arise throughout the season. Much of this work takes place behind the scenes and often goes unnoticed, yet without her dedication the club simply could not function as effectively as it does.

Christine also serves as the Ladies' Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer, ensuring that the club maintains the highest standards of safeguarding and welfare for all members. Having played for Hillhead since 1973, she has been a passionate advocate for creating a safe, welcoming and supportive environment where players of all ages can thrive. (Hillhead Hockey Club)

In addition to her formal responsibilities, Christine volunteers her time every week to support Hillhead Juniors, including running the tuck shop and helping create a positive experience for young players and their families. She also oversees countless administrative tasks, accreditation requirements and governance activities that keep the club operating smoothly and in line with Scottish Hockey standards.

What makes Christine truly exceptional is not simply the number of roles she undertakes, but the passion, reliability and care she brings to each one. She has devoted decades to supporting players, volunteers, parents and committee members, always putting the needs of the club and its members first. Her contribution has positively impacted hundreds of people over the years and embodies everything that hockey stands for: community, inclusion, development and lifelong participation.

Christine is the heart of Hillhead Ladies Hockey Club, and her unwavering commitment makes her a truly deserving recipient of this award. In addition to her extraordinary contribution to Hillhead Ladies Hockey Club, Christine has made a significant impact across the wider hockey community in Scotland. She is a regular TD and match official at Scottish Hockey competitions, volunteering her time to ensure events are delivered professionally, fairly and to the highest standards. Through this role she supports players, coaches, officials and clubs from across the country, helping create positive experiences for everyone involved in the game.

Christine is also an active member of the West District Ladies Hockey Committee as Honorary Secretary, contributing to the development and organisation of hockey beyond her own club. Her willingness to share her experience and expertise helps strengthen opportunities for participation and competition throughout the region.