

2025 CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS – YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The Club relies on volunteers to ensure that the Club is able to operate.

There are eight teams of helpers for different aspects of running the club, and we hope all members will be able to volunteer to help one way or another on one of the teams (or more than one, if you like!). That way, everyone does a little; nobody has to do a lot.

The teams are:

Lawns – led by David Boyd and Robin Tasker

Measure out the lawns, set out the hoop positions and drill the hoop holes at the start of the season. Move the hoop holes slightly at intervals during the season, when rabbit runs develop. Do any other maintenance work not done by the council, e.g. maintaining the stop boards at the lawn edges.

Lawn Watering – led by David Guyton

In view of the deterioration of the lawns during hot and dry spells during recent years, the club needs to be ready to undertake watering as soon as needed to prevent the lawns becoming parched. We therefore need a “pool” of volunteers “on tap” whenever the lawns need watering. Training in the use of hoses / sprinklers will be arranged.

Gardening – led by Sarah Clements

The area round the clubhouse becomes slippery and unkempt. We need a small team to clean the paved patio area at the beginning of the season and periodically to tidy up weeds and excess growth around the edges of the patio and path to the storeroom.

Equipment – led by Tom Grieveson

Prepare all the playing equipment before the season starts. Paint the hoops, centre pegs, clips and bisques. Maintain the mallets. Do equipment repairs when needed. Keep the equipment store in good order and ensure packing away the equipment in the bins correctly.

Housekeeping – led by Pat Clare.

Spring clean the clubhouse at the start of the season. After that, clean the clubhouse twice a month. A rota is set up at the start of the season, usually with 2 people on each session. With enough helpers, everyone gets to clean the club house just once in the season.

Catering – Pat Clare

Chester will continue to provide lunches for national tournaments, national inter-club competitions and for regional events when volunteers will be needed to set out food, make hot drinks, clear away afterwards and load the dishwasher.

Social events – Sally Slater

During the season, the team organises a number of social croquet events (e.g. on the first Sunday of each month). They also plan various events during the winter, which have proved an excellent way for members to keep in contact when croquet cannot be played. Additional members will be very welcome.

Communications

Jayne Taylor handles external communications and press relations. Arnie Banford handles internal club wide communications and David Guyton runs the Club website. The website is becoming increasingly important both in running the club and managing external relations (including other parts of the croquet world). We also have a social media presence which is managed by Sarah Clements .

Now all you need to do is reply to Pat Clare at **patclare1985@gmail.com** before **Friday March 28th** (remember, this is not her regular email address).

To facilitate the recording of your choices a form is attached but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Pat or myself. Many thanks for reading this and for choosing how you can help. Your response is important in ensuring we all have another busy and successful playing season in 2025

Chester Croquet Club

VOLUNTEERING 2025

Please complete this form and return to Pat Clare by Friday, 28 March 2021 and note any specific requests and holiday dates that may effect your availability

NAME:

I would like to help on the following teams please indicate which one(s) apply

LAWNS

LAWN WATERING

EQUIPMENT

GARDENING

HOUSEKEEPING

CATERING

SOCIAL

COMMUNICATIONS