



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

CHARLOTTE ROBERTS

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At The Hunslet Club, we have such a wide range of activities that young people (and sometimes adults) can partake in. In September 2017 The fabulous baton-twirling Hunslet Club Solitaires Majorettes was born! Our fantastic dedicated coach Charlotte Roberts has been with us ever since. The group's dedication and talent is so impressive and we are proud of all their achievements. They have won numerous awards across all age groups. In last year's national competition they came away with three awards, a 1st place in Seniors, a 1st place in juniors and 3rd place in the babies group. In 2021 they also completed a sponsored walk to raise money for the club.

Charlotte runs various classes for a wide range of age groups. She's committed to making the sessions so fun and full of energy, there is a class for everyone to enjoy.!

On a Tuesday evening she runs the Junior's class (Year 7-10) and shortly after is the seniors class, currently based at South Leeds Hub. On a Thursday evening at the Hunslet Parkside site is the 'Babies' (6 and under), 'Dinkies' (7-9) and 'Tinies' (10-12) classes. If you would like to join in or volunteer to help with the classes, please visit our website for more information. Everyone is welcome!



What inspired you to become a volunteer coach?

Majorettes have been a part of my life for the past 25 years & I have trained various age groups with Majorette teams that I was part of before establishing 'The Hunslet Club Solitaires'. I knew with the backing of The Hunslet Club, I could make a success leading my own team. 6 years later, (through the pandemic) we are bigger and better than ever!



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What do you like about volunteering and what does it mean to you?

To inspire children and adults to reach their full potential means the world to me. To support the children through difficult stages in their lives & always be there on a personal level for them as they grow up. To work with them, to train them and to watch them compete and win is the most amazing feeling. I have a solid relationship with all my dancers & I am always there for them no matter what. I have dancers who have been with the team since it was first established 6 years ago and to see their development in and out of majorettes is wonderful. Any dancer that comes into the team is part of our HCS family.



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What advice would you give to someone who's thinking about volunteering at the club?

Although sometimes it can be difficult as it can be very time consuming there is no better feeling than seeing the children I coach blow me away at competitions and most of all have fun!

Look out for more of our volunteers' inspirational stories in next month's volunteer spotlight. For more information about how you can get involved, visit our dedicated page hunsletclub.org.uk/volunteer-with-us