

## How Can You Help?

As a Club we rely on Volunteers to be able to continue to support our Members and the Community. In relation to the project there are three specific ways in which you can support your Child's Club.

- Coaching - Our Number 1 priority is the recruitment of new Coaches to be able to offer reliable, structured coaching to Junior Athletes, to increase session and group availability and, eventually, to be able to make inroads towards reducing our significant waiting list. No experience is necessary and the commitment to this role could be as little as an hour per week. Full training and England Athletics certification will be supported by the Club as well as mentoring from a Senior Club Coach.
- Group Admin Support - During the Clubmark process the paperwork and communication demands on our Coaches are likely to rise and Coaches will have quite a large volume of documentation to provide for the Clubmark folder. One way in which Parents could support this is volunteering to take on an administrative support role for your Child's Coach, helping with collecting and presenting the required documents, helping with registers and supporting Coaches in keeping in touch with Parents of Athletes in their Group.
- Specific Professional Skills – we are always on the lookout for Parents and Members with skills they feel could be of value to the management of the Club.

**Please get in touch if you are interested in any of these volunteer roles.**

## Contact Us

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# Stockport Harriers **CLUBMARK** PROJECT 2018



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

# Improving our Junior Structure

This Year Stockport Harriers will be working hard to re-structure and improve our Coaching Structure and Junior Athlete Pathway for the benefit of all current and future Young Athletes in our Club. In order to move forwards, ensure quality delivery for all Young Athletes who come through the Club for the purpose of their development, enjoyment and retainment in the sport, we must come together to develop and implement a proper, coherent structure, in line with good practice.

This project has two strands:

1. Completion of the Sport England Clubmark Accreditation process;
2. Development of a new, coherent Athlete Pathway, Club Structure and Coaching Pathway.

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***“Ensuring QUALITY delivery for all Young Athletes, for the purpose of their DEVELOPMENT, ENJOYMENT and RETAINMENT”***

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## What is ‘Clubmark’?

Clubmark is Sport England's cross-sport accreditation scheme for community sports Clubs, which aims to make sure Club infrastructure is safer, stronger and more successful. It can provide a framework on which we can build Club policies and procedures, higher standards of welfare, equality, coaching and management within the Club.

## What are the Benefits?

The process aids the development of clear goals and objectives, highlighting the Club's focus and ambition for the future and providing a solid foundation for growth. The analysis of the workforce ensures all training is up to date and the Club is operating at its best. Adopting more organised systems will help the Club run more efficiently. Addressing issues such as equity and child protection should increase parents' confidence when choosing a Club for their Child.

## What to Expect

Over the coming weeks and you can expect to see improvements in the way the Club communicates with you and the information that you need being more accessible. The Club will be working with Coaches to work more closely together for the benefit of our Athletes and we hope you will see the benefits of this directly.

You can also expect to see changes in procedures such as membership, signing in and out of sessions and how your Child's Coach communicates with you about training and competition, amongst many other things.

If you have any questions about any of this then please don't hesitate to contact Club Development Officer, Joe Frost, at [jfrost.stockportharriers@gmail.com](mailto:jfrost.stockportharriers@gmail.com)

