



## VOLUNTEERING FOR WISH PUTS YOU AT THE HEART OF THE CLUB

As the season draws to a close it is a timely reminder that the work at the club never stops. From the football staff, and Foundation, through to DLAG and of course WISH, it is a year-round bulk of work that brings everything together – and even if you just visit us on matchdays your visit is truly enhanced by the work that many do.

One of the founders of WISH and at the forefront of many a restoring project is Chris Hutchinson. His actual title for WISH is Head of Volunteering, a role that he takes great pride in, and as you will see from the job advertisement opposite, he is stepping away from.

The role can be quite complex at times, but this should not put anyone off from applying, as it is very fulfilling and puts you at the heart of WISH activities.

Part of the role is to make sure that all volunteers are comfortable in their assigned roles, and that if help is needed they are assisted in the most suitable way for each individual. Each year a report is drawn up that gives

some perspective of how much money is saved by volunteering as opposed to making the roles paid. On top of this, the benefits – such as presentation days to reward the fine work done – really put the volunteers' efforts in the spotlight.

Here is some of the feedback given by the volunteers when asked about their roles and how they feel about working with WISH.

**"I have been a WISH volunteer for barely one month, but yes, it is fair to say that it is so far what I had expected. A lot of genuine, nice people who deliver a fantastic service/product in their own time and for the love of it."**

**"To help and work alongside those who have the history of the club, and the wider sports community at heart is the reason why I applied to help."**

**"I have loved fronting the museum and showing off our history to supporters and neutral visitors. I do enjoy the feeling of being a part of the Club and getting to know lots of people."**

**"It's made me realise a bit of an ambition to show visitors around Plough Lane. It's also been nice to receive feedback from 'customers' and fellow volunteers alike, which also makes you want to give a little bit more when you can."**

**"A certain sense of satisfaction that I'm able to**

**help the club in a voluntary capacity and allow me to be the AFCW nerd I always dreamed of being!"**



If you feel you can help WISH with a few spare hours you may have each month then please get in touch with us. You could be our next Tour Guide or Museum Host. Or energetic enough to help during many of the Fun Days that we are associated with in the Borough. Contact us at [info@wimbledoninsportinghistory.org](mailto:info@wimbledoninsportinghistory.org) for more information.

**As mentioned, a lot of this work is done by funding, and if you feel you can contribute to our projects then please do so using the QR code here.**





# COME AND JOIN US!

## WISH VACANCY

**WiSH are looking for a Team Leader to take care of our Volunteers.**

Hopefully, by now you'll have seen the museum and many other heritage displays around the stadium, attended a stadium tour, read programme articles or seen our work in the community. WiSH is a self-financing / not for profit charity, and these achievements would not happen, without a dedicated group of WiSH Volunteers.

There is now an opportunity to become a key part of this unique Team

The Volunteering Team Leader role is key to the success of WiSH, and requires an approachable, reliable, proactive and dedicated person, with experience in the support and management of Volunteers.

Taking a minimum of 5 hours per week, responsibilities will include

- Recruiting new Volunteers.
- Supporting Volunteers and acknowledging achievements
- Ensuring Volunteers are engaged and utilised appropriately
- Nurturing and maintaining an inclusive, friendly and communicative Volunteer network
- Becoming part of the WiSH management team

For further details or to arrange an informal chat, please contact Chris Hutchinson via the following email [info@wimbledoninsportinghistory.com](mailto:info@wimbledoninsportinghistory.com)