WiSH





Following my reorganisation of how Wimbledon in Sporting History (WiSH) operates, we now operate as a network of teams. As part of this, the Restoration Team has been formed. Following many years as Head of Volunteering, I have moved roles and am now the Restorations Team Leader.



We are currently a small team of three, who carry out refurbishments, repairs, painting, maintenance and anything else that helps take care of our heritage. Our most recent project has been to set up a lockable storage space and office area, named after our prolific Volunteer, Mick Pugh.



lan Clarke can be seen pictured above. As a Civil Engineer, he brings a wealth of expertise and experience. Known, jokingly, as our 'working at heights specialist', lan says "now in my fifth decade of watching Wimbledon, it's more important (to me) than ever that we continue to maintain the real history of our great club".

Ongoing work includes maintaining the WTID gates, captains statue and the Wombles bench, amongst numerous other things. Russ Jones can be seen pictured above. He can turn his hand to many things, and as a retired Postman always delivers! Russ says Volunteering with WiSH for him is "finding a way of keeping the history of the Club relevant, while doing something different and worthwhile with friends, for the future generations of supporters".

We have also helped to move displays into the mezzanine area, with more to be added soon.

Next projects include moving catalogued heritage items into the Mick Pugh Room, (working alongside the Heritage Team).

Following the restoration of an old Plough Lane turnstile, there are two



more waiting to be done, including one from the speedway days. I can be seen pictured with them below.



Volunteering with WiSH is sometimes challenging, but always fulfilling. This is our way of 'doing our bit'. The Restoration Team is now established and reliably doing what's needed.

Chris Hutchinson

WiSH Restoration Team

Could you Volunteer with WiSH?

There are many different ways of Volunteering with WiSH. We are urgently looking for the folllowing roles to be filled:

- Volunteer Team Leader
- Events Team Leader
- Museum Hosts

If you're intereseted in any of these or other roles, please contact us via the following email: info@ wimbledoninsportinghistory.com

