

“Kindness, like a boomerang, always returns” . ~Anon

Why Volunteer?

- ✓ CHPC is a club run by volunteers – we need each other! The club needs to generate a certain amount of income to be self sustaining, and it this done by running shows, competitions and other activities through the year.
- ✓ “Tea and biscuits” – it is a great way to meet others and have the satisfaction of a good job done and happy children as a result.
- ✓ The things that are needed are usually able to be done in a specified time, so that you can plan your input as needed. There are many different ways to help, whatever your skills and time available (see below).
- ✓ Helping at any of the CHPC competitions enables the club to generate income that funds subsidised rallies and other activities – you are therefore benefitting your child even if they are not competing in that event.
- ✓ There is always something to learn in understanding how the events are organised: older members get a chance to make a significant contribution with their experience and knowledge, and younger members and their families can meet older members and find out more about the variety of opportunities the CHPC has to offer, and how to organise things before it becomes their “turn” to take up the reins of running events and



If every Pony Club family provides help at /for AT LEAST 3 COMPETITIONS/ACTIVITIES during the year (not including Camps), the workload starts to be fairly shared

Examples of things that members and parents can get involved in to make the club run with a swing: -

Treasurer	Website manager
Scoring	Tack checking
	Towing trailers
	Collecting ring stewards
	Fence judging
Setting up and/or taking down jumps, XC and SJ	
Dressage/Show Jumping judging	
Mounted score collector	
Timekeeping/starters/scorers	

Finding helpers – eg stewards, fence judges, to set up/take down etc.

Getting equipment to the right places when needed eg moving trailers of Show jumps, xc jumps, the white equipment van

Managing teams, involving booking instructors and venues, making team entries and coordinating participants for training.

Being the point of contact for rallies, taking bookings and organising instructors and venues.

Organising one of the CHPC events or activities during the year

Coordinate a phase such as run/shoot/swim (Triathlon) or dressage/show jumping etc

How can I help?

Be proactive in responding to requests for help – even if it is a “not this time”. Organisers often have to make at least 4 phone calls to find a helper, which is time consuming and disheartening. A prompt email/text response makes a big difference to organisers.

Offer horsey and non-horsey help – if you can't help this time, maybe you have a grandparent or friend who might be able to instead (or as well as you!)?

Positive ideas of how to improve activities are always welcome, especially when backed up with offers of practical ways to make those ideas happen. (eg “Saturday Fun” is a recent addition suggested and added by parents)

Events the CHPC runs through the year: -

Triathlon (March)
Combined Training (April)
Andoversford Junior ODE (May)
Pony Show at Jackbarrow (June)
Senior, Junior and Mini Camp (July/Aug)
Foxcote ODE (August)
Dengie Dressage (Winter and March)
Pony Show at the Cheltenham RDA (Winter)
Horse and Pony Care (Spring)
Social get together (Winter)