



## Reward and Recognition

### More Information

#### What is it?

We are developing a programme to reward volunteers for the invaluable time that they give to MEV and event organisers. In the coming months you will be asked to record the number of hours you spend helping out at events and other opportunities. Once you have reached certain milestones you will be rewarded accordingly.

#### Why do it?

We strongly believe that an important part of volunteering is in receiving recognition for the time and effort that you, as a volunteer, provide. Although we do ask that event organisers reward volunteers in the form of certificates, thank you letters and occasionally merchandise we believe that further rewards from MEV are a necessity to show all volunteers that they are truly valued by us and organisers.

#### How will it work?

Each time you attend an event or other opportunity we will ask you to record the exact number of hours that you give. Each time we send out the newsletter we will also send you a form to fill in stating the times you have worked, which will be included with the next newsletter (you will also be able to do this online). Hours worked will need to be signed and verified by the event organiser. After you have volunteered a number of hours you will be rewarded, the hours that we are currently using as milestones are listed below (although these are likely to change in the future):

- 50 hours of volunteering - Bronze Reward
- 100 hours of volunteering - Silver Reward
- 200 hours of volunteering - Gold Reward
- 300 hours of volunteering - Platinum Reward
- 500 hours of volunteering - "Special Achievement Reward"

Please note that in the name of equality and to give all volunteers something to work towards, we will start recording time for events that happen from

**1 October 2006 onwards.**

### Event Attendance

During recent months we have noticed that there has been an increased number of incidences of volunteers who show interest in an event but do not turn up. Although we are aware that in the majority of cases this is due to unexpected commitments we do still ask that where possible, you contact someone at the office or the event organiser to let someone know. As our events are often very popular and have limited spaces we do ask that you only put your name forward if you are certain you are able to attend, otherwise it means that someone else will miss out on the opportunity and also means the volunteers that do attend will have to do more work and have less breaks.

If you are interested in any of the opportunities in this newsletter and would like to find out more, please return the register of interest or e-mail [info@mev.org.uk](mailto:info@mev.org.uk)

#### DID YOU KNOW?

At [www.mev.org.uk](http://www.mev.org.uk) you can register for the service and for events, chat to each other in the forums, upload your event photos, download documents, check out the latest news, search for jobs/advice and provide feedback.

## PARTIALLY SIGHTED QUAD NATIONS TOURNAMENT

**Tuesday 19 December to Friday 22 December 2006 at the Velodrome at SportCity**

The highly successful Quad Nations football competition will be returning to Manchester, The Football Association will be staging the event involving; Russia, Spain, Republic of Ireland and the hosts England.

The tournament will be held at the Velodrome at SportCity commencing on Tuesday 19 December through to Friday 22 December 2006.

Once again volunteers will be crucial to the success of the event and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) is seeking to recruit people for a variety of different positions including:

Drivers  
Stewards  
Team Coordinators  
Scorers / Match day supervisors

**Applicants wishing to apply for these roles must be:**

Committed and dedicated to the success of the event

Aged 18 or over for all positions except drivers

If you are applying for a driver's role you must be over 25, possess a current clean driving licence and have at least 3 years driving experience. You must also have sound knowledge of road routes around Manchester (including Airport, City Centre, & Old Trafford areas)

Prepared to work long hours (shifts will usually be 8 hours) and you must be available for work during the period 18 December to 22 December

You will receive a hot meal, lunch or evening meal (dependent upon shifts), out of pocket expenses and an FA Polo shirt for each two days you work (up to a maximum of 2 shirts).

**If you are interested in volunteering for this event please complete and return the register of interest form or register on-line and an application form will be sent to you. The deadline date for applications is Friday 20th October 2006**



## Clayton Vale Halloween Howler

**Tuesday 31st October 2006 7-9 pm**

Groundwork require volunteers for the annual event on Clayton Vale, the Halloween Howler.

We need volunteers to carry out duties such as:-

Stewarding the route, helping out at the food counter, helping out manning the games organised by the Friends of Clayton Vale, helping out clearing away all the props, helping out guiding people to correct route (please state which role you would prefer).

It would be great if you could come in fancy dress to add to the atmosphere.

This event is a walk in the dark onto Clayton Vale, therefore volunteers need to bring torches.

The Friends of Clayton Vale provide food and refreshments on the night and a flat rate of £5 will be paid for expenses. The event runs from 7-9pm approximately therefore we would need volunteers from 5.30 to 9.30pm.



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO** see a particular item or section in the newsletter or on the website?

Log on to [WWW.MEV.ORG.UK](http://WWW.MEV.ORG.UK) and let us know what you would like featured.

## **The British Red Cross Sponsored Walk** **Sunday 22nd October 2006 at Rivington Pike near Bolton**

The British Red Cross helps people in crisis, whoever and wherever they are. We are part of a global voluntary network, responding to conflicts, natural disasters and individual emergencies.

Our organisation can only do its work because of the generosity of ordinary people who donate their money and, more importantly, their time.

We are looking for participants to join us for a sponsored walk at Rivington Pike near Bolton on Sunday 22nd October 2006. It will cost £5 for adults and £2 for children and if you can raise money through sponsorship that's great.

The money you raise will help us to provide services for people in the North West including emergency response, medical loan, skin camouflage, tracing and messaging and refugee services.

Your contribution to The British Red Cross needn't end there because if you enjoy the day, and we're sure you will, we'd love you to organise your own walks and events on our behalf. Of course, if you just want to come along for a walk that's great too.

So come and join us in October and bring all the family. It's only four and half miles and a great view from the tower!

Participants that raise over £50 will receive a British Red Cross T-shirt.

**If you are interested in volunteering please complete and return your register of interest form or register on-line, stating which opportunity you would like to take part in.**



## **Cancer Research UK** **All Walk Together** **Heaton Park, Manchester** **Saturday 28th October 2006**



All Walk Together is a family event which aims to raise vital funds for research into breast cancer.

Only four miles from Manchester city centre, Heaton Park is one of Manchester's principal parks. Heaton Park provides beautiful views and scenery for our All Walk Together event. With a choice on the day of either a 5km route or a 10km route, this walk should cater for those who are looking for a more serene pace as well as those looking for a challenging, yet rewarding, walk.

We need volunteers to assist with marshalling the course from 10.30am to 1.30pm. All volunteer travel expenses will be covered, a lunch voucher and a Cancer Research UK t-shirt will be provided.

**If you are interested in volunteering for this event please register your interest in the usual way.**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**With MEV, volunteering is about personal choice and you can get involved with events which interest you most. You can also take part in a range of training opportunities with local colleges, leading to further qualifications and, if needed, help with finding a job!**

## Ugly Bug Ball

**7<sup>th</sup> October 4.45 – 8.45 at Chorlton Water Park**

The Mersey Valley Countryside Warden Service has linked up with Barlow Moor Community Association to bring a lantern parade to Mersey Bank estate for the second year running. During September artists have been busy working with local schools, and youth and community groups to create spectacular lanterns based on a theme of 'ugly bug ball'. On Saturday October the 7<sup>th</sup> the groups will parade in four different processions to Chorlton Water Park where there will be music and dance to entertain the participants. Last years parade was attended by over three hundred people and created a positive atmosphere amongst the local community. This year we expect around five hundred people to attend.

We are looking for 18 volunteers to help this event run smoothly. Volunteers will assist young people to light their lanterns; walk with the parades to help staff keep the participants safe; and be on hand with a fire extinguisher in the unlikely event that one of the paper lanterns ignites.

**Times:** 4.45 – 8.45

**Location:** Parking at Chorlton Water Park, Maitland Avenue. Volunteers will then need to walk to start venues which are no more than ten minutes walk away.

**Expenses:** Will be paid up to £5

## The Scarman Trust - Directory of Groups

Manchester Event Volunteers are working in conjunction with The Scarman Trust Manchester to provide an online directory listing the details of a diverse range of community and voluntary groups throughout Manchester.

The directory enables groups and organisations the opportunity to post their contact details, promote themselves to a wider audience and network/share good practice with similar organisations.

It is FREE to get your group's details listed on the directory. Please support the Scarman Trust in their goal of creating a comprehensive database of organisations.

There is an online registration form at: [www.thescarmantrustmanchester.org](http://www.thescarmantrustmanchester.org) (click on directory), or alternatively contact the Scarman team on 0161 839 2613, e-mail: [support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org](mailto:support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org). Alternatively, if you know of any other group who could benefit from this, please forward the e-mail to them.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Sometimes event organisers are massively oversubscribed for events, but we ask them to send you a letter if you are NOT required. We believe this is a matter of courtesy and to ensure that you know your interest in that particular event is appreciated. If you do not receive confirmation or letters which informs you that your services are not required, please let us know as we can improve this procedure.



## Dashehra/Diwali Mela, Manchester Sunday 8 October 2006 3 pm to 9 pm Platt Fields Park

Indian Association Manchester, with support from Manchester City Council is organising a 'Dashehra/Diwali Mela' at Platt Fields Park, Manchester on Sunday 8 October 2006, time 3 pm to 9 pm. Dashehra and Diwali (Festival of Lights) are both important Festivals of India. The plan is to have an 30' high effigy of the demon king Ravan (who was killed by Lord Ram - signifying victory of good over evil) which will be set to light after sunset followed by a brilliant fire works display by a pyrotechnics company (we are likely to use 'Walk the Plank' company). There will also be a cultural programme, street entertainers and a lantern procession in which members of the community will participate. There will also be food and non food stalls as well as a fun fair.

It will be an inclusive event. We are expecting upto 5,000 men, women and children of different racial backgrounds to participate either actively or as part of the audience.

Dashehra/Diwali Mela event which will be held for the first time in Manchester.

We need volunteers to help artists and visitors to participate in the lantern procession.

**Expenses will be paid up to £5**

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