

A lot has been spoken about the Legacy of the 2012 Olympics, so how does this affect our club? To answer that I would like to look at the games in general.

Who were the stars of the games? You might answer any of the following Phellps, Hoy, Bolt, Farah. Ennis or my favourite performance, Michael Rudisha. But to allow all these to perform you first need Officials, all were volunteers. Every one of them would have started in a club environment making a vital contribution to their club and sport.

Consideration should also be given to the Games Makers, (our very own David Hart being one), again all volunteers. They came from all walks of life and contributed greatly to the overall success. Their efforts have been rightly praised by the media, organisers and athletes alike.

When any medallist was interviewed they first gave thanks to their coach, then 'the countless people behind the scenes'. Many of these 'people' would be volunteers. Indeed when you come back to club level the coaches and all others that started them out on the road to glory would indeed be volunteers.

In short the real stars of the games were the Volunteers.

Without volunteers club sport in this country would not exist, and we could not have revelled in the glory of Team GB. If you have ever volunteered you should rightly be proud to be part of this fantastic body.

So, to go back to the original question of how does the Legacy affect our club? At the moment we are very close to Junior capacity without more volunteers coming forward we will struggle to cope with the anticipated surge of interest. In the last week alone we have had seven new enquiries. To ensure we fulfil the Legacy we need more volunteers in all areas of the club. This will help the next generation of athletes achieve their own potential

We do engage our membership reasonably well with regards to volunteering. In the last year around 60% of our members/parents have fulfilled the assistance duties. To them we are extremely grateful and offer our thanks.

It is difficult to engage all, if you have not yet been asked please don't wait, but come forward and let us know you want to help. If you have helped but want to do more, again please come forward.

The Legacy of the 2012 games will be stronger clubs, both athletes and volunteers. Together we can all make a huge difference to the future success of our club and national teams and bring more golden moments.

If you would like more information please drop an email to [enquire@falkirkvics.com](mailto:enquire@falkirkvics.com), or chat with myself at training.

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