On winning Tricia said:

“It has been my honour and privilege to work with the committee, I am truly proud of everything we have achieved. It has only been the last couple of years when I have been able to enjoy the actual day of the Community Challenge event and stop and watch local people and especially families and children enjoying what amazing thing we provide – The Denton Community Challenge Sporting Event.”

Tricia has been volunteering in her community since 2007.

“The feeling on the day of the Denton Challenge when the sun shines and you see the children and families having a good time – you cannot buy that feeling. You just know, you have done your best.”

If you’re thinking about volunteering, Tricia’s advice is:

“Do it! It is the best feeling in the world. It can be really hard work, and very time consuming and the lead up to the actual event is very intensive, but once it is all over, you miss it so much. I look forward to September now, when we start planning the event for the following year as from July to September there is something missing in my life.”
Elizabeth Hodgson
Nominated by Elizabeth Brindley
Henfield Tennis Club Open Day,
27 June 2015

“Volunteering gives me a measure of
fulfilment and a purpose to life.”

Nominated by Elizabeth Brindley for her
hard work preparing the club for its event,
Liz worked tirelessly in the run up.

“To get the club looking its best Liz spent hours weeding by hand, and planning and planting to
enhance the overall look of the grounds around the new pavilion.”

“She is the catering guru for all the clubs social events and ensures all supplies for
refreshments are readily available. In between events she arranges tennis for the Monday and
Thursday groups and still finds time to volunteer for at least two other village groups.”

Liz started volunteering because she enjoys helping others and being a useful part of the
community. Not only does she volunteer at the tennis club but Liz also works as a community
companion at the local hospice, she is a keen baker, catering for the hospice and she was part
of a team that redesigned the garden at the village day care centre.

Liz is looking forward to the next Community Games event.

Helen Chantler
Nominated by Lauren Edwards-Fowle
Summer Street Sports 2015, 23 August 2015

“I wanted to nominate Helen, as she is an incredibly
enthusiastic, willing and supportive volunteer. She
contributes so much of her time to help out at all
sorts of events for local organisations and charities,
and I was most grateful when she offered to help
volunteer at Summer Street Sports.
“Of all the volunteers we had Helen worked very hard indeed and even sat outdoors for the duration of the day despite terrible weather, helping to keep score of matches and update the results sheet.

Always friendly, smiley and helpful despite working a long 10 hour day, we could not have asked for a harder working or more willing volunteer.”

Community Games could not run without the help of so many dedicated volunteers. These are just some of the faces behind these events, who make Community Games happen each year.

Community Games brings together local communities to celebrate sport, physical activity, and cultural activities at a sporting event.

Active Sussex manage the programme and can offer Community Games organisers a grant of up to £200 to help with running costs of an event.

If you’re thinking of organising a sporting event this year and would like some help, get in touch with Gina Rogers grogers@activesussex.org.