**2011 Queens Award for Outstanding Volunteering programme**

TURNFORD NC gained the Queens Award for their Outstanding Volunteering Programme in 2011.

This prestigious award is the highest accolade available to a voluntary group and is equivalent in status to an MBE for an individual.

It was the clubs proudest moment and the culmination of many years hard work.

When Carole Titmuss, head coach was asked how the clubs volunteering ethos came about, she is clear that for the club to be successful as a growing club, they had to involve more volunteers. A volunteering pathway was created.

The U14s start helping out with the youngest age groups (years 2/3/4) at training sessions.

The U15s help the next youngest age groups, and start training them by mentoring them to be umpires and coaches

The U16s run the clubs own junior league.

Adult members and parents of the juniors help with everything from first aid at training sessions to developing the clubs website. Carole implemented the volunteering programme which now involves more than 50 volunteers. All volunteers are supported by Carole and other club members

Turnford have 32 national titles (1st, 2nd or 3rd) of which 12 squads were crowned National Club Champions over the years. Many of their members have, and are currently representing England.