

Case Study

Name of Club	Newcastle Staffs Volleyball Club
Volley 123 Level Achieved	Volley 2
Website Address	www.nsvc.co.uk
Describe your club	<p>Newcastle (Staffs) VC was formed in 1980 following the emergence of Volleyball in Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent through the mid to late 1970s. Over the years the club has won 20 National Titles and featured in 43 finals, missing out on the Men's Senior Cup in the finals of 1997 and 2002 and finishing second in the top flight in 1995, 1996 and 1999. We are one of a handful of English Clubs to have won titles at different age groups for girls and boys, and are proud that our appearance in the ISF World Schools Championships in 1984 (4th place) remains England's best ever, and that we played in the inaugural match of the CEV's Euro Volley Cup (European Cup for Clubs) in 2010, winning two of our 6 matches.</p> <p>The club runs sessions every day of the week plus matches on both days of the weekend, and are proud to offer a strong range of opportunities for our c.100 core members as well as provide volleyball coaching to the wider community of schools across North Staffordshire.</p>
Why did you apply for Volley 123?	Clubmark was a new concept when we were first accredited in 2005 – we have always counted ourselves as a high quality club and wanted the badge to prove it
How did you organise completing your application?	Club led approach entirely, with the committee supporting Will Roberts for Volley 1 and Volley 2. Anthony Viggars will be leading the Volley 3 process in the same way.
What was most difficult about working towards Volley 123?	Nothing internally, it was a case of collating existing certification and documents, and encouraging club members to attend CPD workshops. At one point when completing Volley 2 our USB stick went into complete meltdown at the point of submission and only 50% of the data could be retrieved – this was a painful lesson in backing up and wasted a lot of volunteer time re-writing the work.
What have been the positives for your club of achieving Volley 123 and Clubmark?	Status within the volleyball community and recognition online by the likes of the SSPs, CSP etc. It will have contributed to our being nominated as a Club England club, and to getting a Community Volleyball Coach in our area I would think.



<p>Your top tip for clubs currently working towards Volley 123</p>	<p>Understand why you are going through the process and take the positives out of the work – i.e. clarity on the direction the club wants to go in, clarity on the range of commitment levels that different volunteers have and can offer, sharing the workload to a common objective is a satisfying and positive process. Try to work with club members who are also part of a cricket, rugby or football club etc as they may have gone through the process already and have skills related to being part of these clubs... and a different perspective which is really useful to have!</p>
<p>What are your plans for the future?</p>	<p>We are always ambitious and aim for the top, raising the bar of how English Volleyball Clubs perceive themselves, whilst trying to promote sustainability. One step at a time we will get there</p>
<p>Any other comments about Volley 123</p>	<p>Volley123 is a great way to measure where you are at that point in time, but do not limit your ambitions to the criteria of Volley123!</p>

