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### **“it was just a great experience”**

Now retired, she is involved with a number of local community volunteering projects, seeing her role as volunteer as a means to be occupied.

**Pre-Games expectations** were expressed as “the excitement ... being out there, meeting all these different people, not knowing, you know, who you’re going to meet, what questions you’re going to be asked ... just there to be, in the middle of it ... something I can leave to my family, like ‘I’ve done this’” but with a quiet confidence that she was ready to meet the challenge of the role and looking forward to having new company to assist.

**Games time experiences** surprised her with the enthusiasm of the HCVs, the role and the city: “Absolutely amazing, absolutely amazing, it’s been buzzing, is all I can say, just buzzing, the excitement, It has been marvellous”. Although “standing around can be very tiring” she found the excitement of the city infectious “everybody is happy, they all looking forwards to whatever [is happening], I think it’s just seeing the amount of people ... it’s brought a huge boost”.

Her **highlights** included:

“the atmosphere, and the team working ... everybody just got together and just worked together and has been a huge success as far as I’m concerned”

#### **Post-Games reflections**

The HCV role: for her the chance to meet with others was a real benefit “it doesn’t matter whether you don’t know the other volunteer but they are here in friendship, chat, you know, that’s fine everybody is in happy mood, quite enjoying, you know, the excitement of it”. And for her “the organisation has been amazing”.

Myself: “I think I feel that I’ve been part of something that, you know I’ll probably never see again, I’m quite proud to be part of it, so, I feel a bit different, I think , again, just it was good to be able to prove you know the city, and maybe I know a wee bit more that what I did”.

