

Thurrock Council volunteer role description

Thurrock Parkrun volunteers (various roles)

Supported by	Public Health programme lead
Role summary	Volunteers are needed to assist with Thurrock Parkrun events – these are 5km runs that are free for participants to enter. Various roles are available. The volunteer manager can discuss with you which role would best suit you after you apply. For more information, go to www.parkrun.org.uk/thurrock
Location	Pyramid Centre, Heath Road, Chadwell St Mary, RM16 4XH
How to apply	Complete the application form at www.thurrock.gov.uk/volunteering

Tasks and responsibilities

There are a number of roles available, each with slightly different tasks. More information about these roles will be given to applicants by the volunteer manager. Roles include:

- **Event director** – the events committee chair person who has authority to make decisions when not possible to go to committee
- **Run director** – helps with event safety, makes pre-run announcements, starts the run and oversees proceedings during the run and at the finish
- **Timekeeper** – records the finish time for every runner as they cross the line
- **Numbers** – gives each runner a barcode and token given in their finishing position order
- **Barcode operator** – scans each athlete's barcode and finish position barcode
- **Marshal** – Directs, warns, cheers and looks-out for runners
- **Tail runner/walker** – helps make sure no runners are left out on the course, and informs everyone when the last runner has passed
- **Reporter** – runs reports and writes (or organise writing of) stories for event news pages
- **Photographer** – takes pictures at events
- **Results processor** – compiles results and submits for processing

Skills and experience

All abilities welcome. Some roles will require some experience, such as use of IT and good communication skills. Timekeepers should be able to perform their role under pressure.

Time commitment

Runs take place every Saturday morning, subject to weather conditions. Volunteer time to be agreed with the volunteer manager.

Support you will get

We will:

- reimburse expenses, as agreed
- provide any training relevant to the role

This role does not require a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.