



## Thank You EnV Volunteers – Celebrating an Incredible Year!

As we close out 2025, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of our **EnV City Host Volunteers**.

- 13 years on from Coventry Ambassadors welcoming the world as part of London2012.
- 4 years on from City Hosts sharing their passion for Coventry as UK City of Culture 2021.
- 3 years on from the Commonwealth Games Collective for Coventry's Host City during Birmingham2022.

### This year has been nothing short of amazing:

- 75 events supported across Coventry & Warwickshire.
- 242 volunteering shifts completed.
- 4352 hours of your time dedicated to making an impact.
- 1824 volunteers deployed to bring these events to life.

EnV City Hosts have kept the volunteer legacy alive in Coventry and continue to make a truly positive difference in our community – **THANK YOU!**

From commemorating **Holocaust Memorial Day** to cheering at the **Coventry Half Marathon**, supporting **Heritage Open Days**, and spreading joy at the **Festival of Christmas** and our **City Centre Greeters** welcoming and guiding visitors your efforts have touched every corner of our city.

Special recognition goes to those who helped make the **Godiva Festival** a success, with **214 volunteers contributing 982 hours** over one incredible weekend together.

The volunteers commitment and energy inspire us all. They are the heartbeat of our community, and we couldn't do this without them.

Here's to an even brighter 2026 – together, we'll continue to make Coventry a place of pride, compassion, and celebration. **Thank you to the volunteers for everything they do!**

**2025** may be coming to a close but EnV volunteers keep going. Read on for a summary of September, October, November and December events. 

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## Welcome Walk

Thank you to our Welcome Walk Leads and EnV City Hosts volunteers who attended our Welcome Walk on the 21st August.

Another Welcome Walk on one of our newer routes. Thank you to all who joined at the Transport Museum for an hour's walk to see and hear about some lesser-known sites - Astrid (EnV City Host & Welcome Walk Lead)



## Abba - Stars of the West End - Coventry Rugby Club

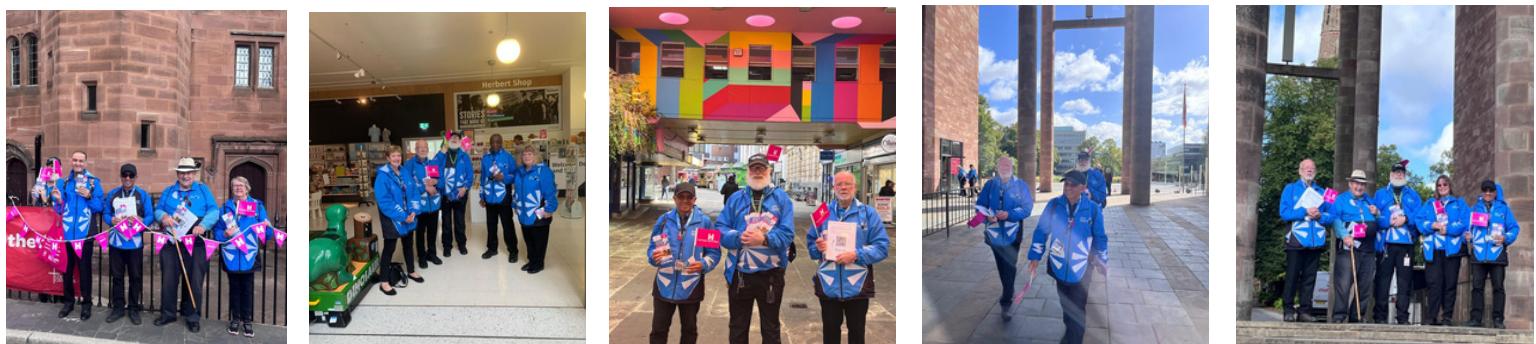
Our friends at the Coventry Rugby Club had asked for a small number of EnV City Host to support at ABBA (Stars of the West End) night to meet guests at the car park and provide meeting, greeting and wayfinding.

It was a brilliant evening and the volunteers loved working with Coventry Rugby Club to provide their EnV City Host welcome to all visitors.



## Heritage Open Days EnV City Host Greeters

Our EnV City Hosts supported the council promoting Heritage Open Days 2025 celebrating how people and ideas had moved around and come together throughout history. Volunteers took up the role of greeting and wayfinding visitors around the city along with the exciting opportunity to directly support and experience a range of live street performances and activities -



## Coventry & Warwickshire Champions

EnV City Hosts have supported at The Bridge House Theatre in Warwick in September and the CBS Arena in November. The volunteers were deployed to welcome all visitors to the breakfast meeting taking place.

The volunteers provided meeting, greeting and wayfinding with big smiles.



EnV are proud members of the CW Champions network.  
Find out more at [www.coventry-warwickshire.co.uk](http://www.coventry-warwickshire.co.uk)



## Starley Sportive

The Starley Sportive is a cycling event that raises funds for local charities while recognising the contributions of Coventry based inventors John Kemp Starley and James Starley to the cycling industry.

A favourite event for many EnV City Hosts each year. The pre- event meeting a few days before outlined our roles. Morning teams were to support registration and marshaling as the cyclists left. The afternoon teams would be welcoming returning riders and encouraging use of the facilities



## Physical Activity Strategy Survey "Let's Talk Movement"

EnV and the City Host Volunteers were working with Coventry City Council to understand what helps – and what holds people back – when it comes to being active.

EnV Volunteers started a conversation about movement in Coventry. The volunteers engaged with the public over a 4 week period speaking with individuals about their movement in Coventry.



## Firework Display - Coventry Rugby Club

Our friends at the Coventry Rugby Club had asked for a small number of EnV City Host to support at their firework display to meet guests at the car park and provide meeting, greeting and wayfinding.

It was a sparkling evening and the volunteers loved working with Coventry Rugby Club to provide their City Host welcome to all fireworks display visitors.



## Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade 2025

40 EnV City Hosts once again supported the Remembrance Ceremony, working alongside the City Council to ensure this ran smoothly.

The volunteers lined the route and supported at the bollards where Hosts did a fabulous job. Other Hosts gave out flags and orders of service, lined the Cenotaph and helped ensure people with access needs had a seat.



## Bob Dylan - CBS Arena

The EnV City Host teams supported the CBS Arena and demonstrated their adaptability and versatility during the Bob Dylan Concert.

The team engaged with the spectators while providing excellence welcoming and guiding to all visitors attending



## Coventry Blitz 85th Anniversary Events

On the 14th November EnV City Host Volunteers provided their excellence support wayfinding/greeting and hosting at the Civil Service and Vigil at the Coventry Cathedral and this was done in the difficult weather conditions everyone was facing on the evening.

The weather did not stop the volunteers from engaging with the civic guests and service attendees and providing a good service throughout.

On the 15th & 16th November EnV City Host Volunteers also supported The Big Blitz Build and de-construction in Broadgate where the build was taking place, interacting with members of the public and being on hand to support where needed.



## Festival of Christmas 2025

Coventry City Council hosted the second Festival of Christmas in the City Centre. EnV City Hosts were involved in a magical evening providing lots of different illuminated events and performances around the City Centre, it was a great celebration to start the festive season.

The volunteers were on hand to meet and greet, handing out leaflets and wayfinding the public to the different illuminated events and performances that were taking place that evening.



## Ed Sheeran

EnV City Host Volunteers supported the Coventry Building Society Arena by providing their excellence support wayfinding/greeting the public at the Ed Sheeran Concert on the 05th December and this was done in the difficult/wet/windy weather conditions everyone was facing on the evening.

The weather did not stop the EnV City Hosts from engaging with the public, directing to the correct gates and answering general questions and all this was done with big smiles - **Volunteers provided a great service throughout.**



## Christmas Music by Candlelight 2025

In the stillness of a church, where candles glow... comes the luminous sound of a choir in quiet harmony.

The EnV City Host volunteers attended this event helping with meeting and greeting along with wayfinding and being on hand to answer questions.



## Barrs Hill School Pop Up Shop 2025

The EnV City Host volunteers attended the Barr's Hill School Pop Up Shop to help students select a gift for their family members and write a Christmas card.

The gifts donated were given by a few organisations that wanted to help with this amazing event taking place.



## Welcome Talk Coffee Mornings Roundup

Thanks to National Lottery funding we have been able to continue our monthly coffee mornings throughout 2025. As the year comes to an end, we are delighted that we will be able to continue into 2026. Thank you, National Lottery!

Meeting in a relaxed and informal environment, the purpose is for volunteers to come together to increase community cohesion and engagement. Tea, coffee and biscuits help set the atmosphere! Recently we have been able to hold meetings in St Mary's Guildhall. It feels an honour to be able to meet in such an historic building. Our activities are varied and have included quizzes, short talks and walks. The Welcome Walk Task Group have developed new themed walks that form part of the meeting. One was about the Walk of Fame, another was Hallowe'en, particularly scarey [but fun] as some of it featured the Guildhall! In September we held our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning with lots of cakes and chatter.

Why do we meet? While we are on an active volunteering shift, we are concentrating on carrying out our roles as best we can. Conversations are short, and usually role specific. The opportunity to meet, chat and get to know each other better was welcome. At every meeting over a hot drink and biscuits we can strengthen our sense of shared belonging.

We have definitely benefitted as a group from our Welcome Talks. Should any community groups wish to find out more, we would welcome meeting and collaborating with them.

Thank you to Toria for much of the organisation these last months and the Welcome Talk Champions for guiding us. **Astrid Clarke EnV volunteer**

### EnV Macmillan Coffee Morning 2025

EnV City Host Volunteers all came together for refreshments and cakes. A nice, relaxed environment with a few quizzes and table top games to raise money for Macmillan.

We raised an AMAZING £226.91!



### Coffee morning (Halloween edition)

EnV City Host Volunteers all came together for refreshments and biscuits. A nice, relaxed environment with a welcome talk about Halloween and ghosts.

A massive thank you to Marie, Astrid and Chris for putting together the ghost stories and the walk, it was very spooktacular !



### EnV/Historic Coventry Trust Welcome Talk/Walk

As part of our National Lottery Funding (Community Volunteer - Welcome Talk & Walk) we joined with Historic Coventry Trust for a Talk/Walk at Anglican Chapel/Cemetery.

**If your Community/Volunteer group would like to know more about joining EnV for our Welcome Talks & Walks please email [info@env.uk.com](mailto:info@env.uk.com)**

