## Letter to the Editor – Boy's Brigade depends on volunteers

We have received the following letter in advance of Volunteers' Week:

Dear Sir,

As we mark Volunteers' Week (1-7 June), there is no better time for our unsung Scottish heroes to be recognised for their efforts.

Organisations, like The Boys' Brigade, rely heavily on the donation of time, skills and creativity, our volunteers give. They are crucial in our success in reaching out and making a difference to the lives of children and young people across Scotland.

These volunteers come from all walks of life and not one of them seeks reward; instead they go about their good work quietly, continuously performing an invaluable service for the benefit of future generations.

As part of our award programmes our members also volunteer across the country, particularly when working for their Queen's Badge or Duke of Edinburgh Awards. This week we are celebrating around 600 young men gaining the Queen's Badge this session having put in an amazing 40,000 hours of volunteering.

Currently The Boys' Brigade in Scotland has 4,500 volunteers who help care for 20,000 young people across Scotland. We would like to say a big thank you to all our volunteers who have supported us and enabled the organisation to grow over the past year, and there's always room for more. I would urge anyone who would like to get involved to contact their local BB Company as a moment of their time can make an incredible difference.

Yours sincerely

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