



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Sir Stuart Etherington,
Chief Executive,
National Council for Voluntary Organisations.

Please convey my warm thanks to all those associated with the National Council for Voluntary Organisations for their loyal greetings, sent on the occasion of your Volunteers' Week.

I was interested to read that one in five people in the United Kingdom volunteer on a regular basis, and that nearly 12 million volunteer each month through a group or club.

In this, your Centenary year, it is important to recognise the positive impact volunteers make to their communities, both in this country and across the wider Commonwealth.

As your Patron, I much appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing as you did and, in return, send my good wishes to you all for a most successful week and memorable One Hundredth Anniversary.

ELIZABETH R.

1st to 7th June, 2019.