



THE footballers in the match in memory of Lewtas.

# Friends all heart

A FRIENDLY football match raised £2,085 for a charity close to the players' hearts.

Lee Jeffery, from Failsworth, co-organised a match between Home Guard FC seniors and veterans, as well as a fun day in memory of his uncle, Dave Lewtas.

Dave — a keen footballer — died of coronary heart disease last August.

The "youngsters" won the game 5-2 cheered on by around 100 friends and families.

And there was a special cheer from Manchester City's mascot Moonchester and Oldham Athletic's Chaddy the Owl.

During the fun day at the Lancaster Club afterwards, the players also held a charity auction, which included a signed Manchester City football, which sold for more than £100.

There were also many prizes from local businesses including wine, perfume and gift days.

All proceeds will be donated to the British Heart Foundation's Mending Broken Hearts Appeal.

"It's touching to see how these players have turned the loss of their loved one into hope for other heart patients," said BHF fundraising and volunteer manager Shirley McNally.

"Heart disease can affect anyone, young, old, male or female — it doesn't discriminate.

"We all know someone who has been affected by heart disease, and we appreciate the support these volunteers have put into raising funds so that we can continue our life-saving research."



FAMILY members of Dave Lewtas, (from left) Robert Lewtas, Tracy Smith, organiser Lee Jeffery, Christina Jeffery (stewardess), Alex Jeffery (5), Shirley McNally (BHF fundraising manager) Lia Jeffery (8) Thomas Jeffery (steward) and Pat Lewtas

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