

# fundraising for charity

# ALL FOR CHARITY

Clubs around the country donate millions of pound each year to charities – some to local causes, others to national organisations, and many to a mixture of both. Failsworth Home Guard in Manchester and Acomb Working Men’s Club in York, are just two clubs who are making it count

### FAILSWORTH FOOTBALL FUNDRAISERS

Manchester club Failsworth Home Guard raised £2,085 for The British Heart Foundation (BHF) when they held a charity football match in memory of former Home Guard FC player Dave Lewtas who died of coronary heart disease last year.

The Dave Lewtas Memorial Trophy saw the Home Guard Senior team take on the Home Guard Veterans raising funds in support of BHF’s Mending Broken Hearts Appeal. The Seniors walked away with the trophy after their 5-2 victory.

The five hour event, organised by Home Guard FC goalkeeper Lee Jeffery and former player Scott Jeffreys, also featured a raffle, kids balloons, face painting, live music and a penalty shootout.

“My uncle Dave was a football fanatic and after he died of heart disease, we decided to play for a trophy in his name,” said Lee. “Dave’s wife, Pat Lewtas, asked that we donate the money to the British Heart Foundation in his memory. We’re looking forward to putting on a similar event next year. We want to turn this into an annual fundraiser for the British Heart Foundation.”

In addition to the sums raised, the Guinness Partnership will also be donating funds to the charity as a result of the activity.

“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 & 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.”

• Interested in holding a fundraising event for the BHF? Call Shirley McNally, BHF Fundraising & Volunteer Manager on 0161 288 7355.

How do you fundraise? Share your stories with Club Mirror and you could be featured on these pages. Contact [info@clubmirror](mailto:info@clubmirror) with your news.



(L to r): Robert Lewtas (Dave Lewtas' Son); Tracy Smith; Lee Jeffery (Organiser - played on senior team); Christina Jeffery; Alex and Lia Jeffery (holding the cheque); Shirley McNally (BHF); Thomas Jeffery (played on veterans team); Pat Lewtas (Dave Lewtas' wife)





**IT'S A DOG'S LIFE AT ACOMB WMC**

Acomb WMC, York, recently welcomed Sam Bradley from Guide Dogs for the Blind to collect a cheque for £416 which the club had raised from number cards.

Sam was accompanied by puppy Scarlett, named after the granddaughter of Judi Shaw, a club member who has raised £5,000 for the charity.

Judi has now set herself a target of £40,000 to name eight puppies and has already got £400 already towards her goal.

- For more information on Guide Dogs for the Blind, call 0118 983 5555.



Back row (l to r): Carol Lane from Acomb WMC, Sam Bradley (Guide Dogs for the Blind) Bill Shaw (Judi's husband). Front row (l to r): Jeni Widows (trainer) with puppy Scarlett, Judi Shaw with her granddaughter and guide dog Opel.



Dave Lewtas Memorial Trophy  
Charity Football Match & Fun Day  
Proceeds donated to the

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Please come down and show your support. Ask at the Home Guard regarding donations and to get involved in fundraising activities.

- Face Painting
- Kids Characters
- Guess The Score
- Deal Or No Deal
- Penalty Shootout Comp
- Raffle, Games, Prizes & More

www.justgiving.com/homeguard

**Sunday 19th May**  
Lancaster Club (Broadway)  
Kick Off 10.30am  
Trophy presentation, food, games, raffle & more @ the Home Guard afterwards

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