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This page was held from print until the morning of the 18th April 2018 – because all of us here at **#AmazingAccrington** knew we would have something great to shout about!

After a night of no sleep, with the Stanley songs still playing in his head, publisher Murray Dawson, Managing Director of Scott Dawson Advertising and Clayton lad at heart, is on top of the world.

“This page was reserved to bang the drum for the whole town. Last night Accrington Stanley Football Club gained promotion to League One for the first time in history and that needed to be in here! Everything we are doing in this magazine is to shout from the rooftops about **#AmazingAccrington**.”

Murray Dawson was on the board for Accrington Stanley in 2012 and was one of the driving forces after persuading Andy to go on the front of the shirt with his PlasticBoxShop brand and to rename the stadium the ‘Wham Stadium’.

“We have a fabulous, incredible town and it’s getting better. We lost a whole generation of football fans to neighbouring towns, until 1968 when the club reformed, but the new generation is now being reclaimed! Andy Holt picked up the mantle and hats off to him, we couldn’t have asked for more. He has passion, drive, enthusiasm and commercialism, its exactly what Stanley needs. With a brilliant manager, Coleman, and a fabulous team with players such as Billy Kee, the sky is the limit. The whole stand was jumping last night, I can’t explain how proud I am to be an Accrington lad!”

The #AmazingAccrington initiative seeks to bring the community together, to instil civic pride - giving the youth of today a reason to stay in the district tomorrow.

In this summer edition of **#AmazingAccrington** read about all the great things happening in the area - 1200 school children walking around in their free Stanley shirts, Accrington and Rossendale College celebrating after a recent Ofsted inspection, **#AmazingAccrington Live!** – a free family-friendly music festival and all the businesses that are thriving in the area.

There are 85,000 residents in Accrington and Districts, #AmazingAccrington wants to engage and support all of them.

Murray added: “Part of our initiative here is to shout out to local businesses in the area, they have a responsibility to give back to the community. Take Stanley for example, there are more sponsors than ever before, we are also very close to having a new sponsor for the cricket club! Now is the time to engage with the community, for business purposes and for civic pride. You can read more about joining our business leader’s meetings in the magazine.”

The magazine has something for everyone, from exclusive interviews and historical articles, to a family short-break giveaway!

We want this to be a magazine from the community, for the community. Please send us your stories, your pictures and any editorial ideas to editor@amazingaccrington.co.uk

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Above: Pure joy as Accrington Stanley celebrate their win

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ACCRINGTON

Viaduct

from St. Mary Magdalen's Church of England Primary School, Devonshire Street

Picture courtesy of Mike Dickinson



WHY IT PAYS TO WRITE A WILL...

If you have assets including savings and property, the chances are that you have some idea of who you would like them to go to after your death – and that someone is not usually the taxman.



If you want to make sure the wealth that you have worked so hard for during your working life goes where you want to in the event of your death, estate planning is key. But where do you start, and how do you make sure your loved ones get the most out of your estate? Rachel Bateson, a Private Client solicitor at Farleys in Accrington answers some of your frequently asked questions.



What is estate planning and why is it important?

Put simply, estate planning is the process of maximising your assets while minimising your liabilities with a view to ensuring that the maximum benefit possible passes in accordance with your wishes in the event of your death. Without it, dealing with your affairs may be unduly stressful, costly and time consuming for those who are left behind. If you die without a properly drawn Will, the question of who inherits from your estate may be unclear or worse not in accordance with your wishes and inheritance tax may also reduce your financial legacy.

Estate planning is the process of making sure that your family and loved ones are provided for adequately. A well-structured Will can ensure that assets are kept within the family and are passed on down the generations. It can also involve identifying and taking steps to reduce the potential inheritance tax liabilities of your estate and the creation of Lasting Powers of Attorney to ensure that your affairs are managed appropriately should you lose the mental capacity to deal with matters for yourself in the future.

Why make a Will?

If you do not have a properly drawn Will, the intestacy rules will govern who benefits from your estate whether this is in accordance with your wishes or not. For example there is no such thing as a common law husband or wife, so if you are living with your partner but not married or in a civil partnership, they may not inherit anything if you die without leaving a valid Will.

What do I need to know about inheritance tax?

Inheritance tax is charged at 40% on estates above the available threshold at the date of death. This threshold is currently £325,000 but the Government have recently introduced an additional allowance known as the Residence Nil Rate Band which will increase this tax threshold in qualifying cases. The rules relating to the Residence Nil Rate Band can be complicated and not everyone will qualify. It is therefore essential that professional advice is sought in order to ensure that all available allowances are utilised for the benefit of your estate in the event of your death. Any inheritance tax which is payable is usually paid out of the estate reducing the amount which is available for the beneficiaries of the estate. Certain exemptions are available for example in terms of bequests to a surviving spouse or civil partner or to a registered charity and special reliefs may be available in respect of agricultural or business property. A properly drawn Will should be constructed to make sure that any available exemptions or reliefs are maximised with a view to preserving as much of the estate as possible.



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Why might a trust help?

A trust allows you to set aside assets either during lifetime or on your death for family or friends which is overseen by Trustees appointed by you. There are several different types of trusts, depending on your aim: they can be used to protect assets while you are still alive or after your death or to make sure that the maximum financial benefit possible will be passed on to your loved ones.



If you need advice on writing a Will or to speak to a solicitor who specialises in Wills, Trusts & Probate please call Farleys on 01254 367 854 or visit: www.farleys.com

#AMAZING ACCRINGTON LAD...

...to pop sensation with band, New Hope Club. Reece Bibby tells us about his childhood, his career and gives advice for those just starting out.



We managed to catch up with Reece in-between his return from the US and his journey back to London, meeting at Haworth Art Gallery, Gallery Cafe. At just 19 years old, Reece is living a busy life and has been thrust into the fast lane of the music industry. From playing in local Accrington pubs to international concerts, Reece was a pleasure to talk to, it's clear he is proud of where he comes from and passionate about making music.

Reece grew up in Accrington, attending Peel Park primary school and Hollins High School.

"It's brilliant to meet here in Haworth Art Gallery, I went to high school at Hollins just up the road and would always walk through here after school on my way home with friends, I didn't realise there was a restaurant in here!"

Reece caught the media's attention on X-Factor in 2014 when he was part of boy band, Stereo Kicks. They finished 5th and split in 2015, but his music career started years before this, in his family home.

"I am very lucky to have such supportive parents. My dad was a drummer in a band when he was at school so I inherited his drum kit. I think I was two years old when I first started playing the drums. My house was full of music growing up. When I think about all the bands that have influenced my music taste now they're the ones that filled our house, Guns and Roses, Beatles, Nirvana, all the greats."

"I try to come back to Accrington as much as I can in-between travelling and now being based in London. It's where everything started for me and if it wasn't for the local bars and pubs I definitely wouldn't be where I am today. Finding myself as a musician and building confidence all started at a young age. I would go to all the open mic nights I could find, play summer fetes. I don't think there is

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Above and Right:
New Hope Club - Reece Bibby, Blake Richardson and George Smith.

Right: Reece reading previous #Amazing Accrington magazines.

Reece at the Haworth Art Gallery.

a pub in or around Accrington I haven't played, Black Dog, Griffins Head, Victoria, Whittaker's Arms, the list goes on."

"I think one of my most memorable times was playing a local pub and there was just one elderly lady watching, at the time I didn't realise it but when I spoke to my dad after he pointed out how every single gig is a confidence building opportunity and a way to find yourself as a musician even more. I am so grateful to the local community for all the opportunities I was given in the early days."

At just 11 years old Reece joined Elite School of Music in Darwen.

"I was quite a shy child, in fact I'm still a bit shy now! Joining the Elite School of Music was so helpful, it brought me out of my shell and I met so many people. I'm really proud to say I am an ambassador for the school too. My advice to anyone starting out is to grab as many opportunities as possible. We used to do an annual show that was perfect for confidence. I am still in touch with lots of the people too."

It wasn't just music Reece tried his hand at. Ossy Civic Theatre saw Reece take to the stage as Aladdin.

"It's laughable, I probably look the least like Aladdin that any one could! It was great fun though."

Reece was approached by scouts for X-Factor, but by this point he had already played in many venues, learnt how to play guitar and found his confidence on the stage, as well as online.

"I have to say, as much as the professional classes helped I also need to give credit to YouTube. It was the best teacher for me, I learnt to play guitar from YouTube tutorials and I guess this was the inspiration for my own channel!"

Recording his playing, singing and thoughts on music, Reece would post to YouTube and share this on Twitter. He quickly built up a following of fans!

"It's quite embarrassing looking back now at my style. I am sporting the Justin Bieber style haircut and the moody attitude but really it was just a way to get my music out there. It was an outlet too - school can be stressful, I knew it was important to do well and so I worked hard but then my relax time was this...putting myself out there. I would recommend watching tutorials and self-teaching to anyone wanting to learn an instrument."

It was through this online presence that New Hope Club were formed. All three members of the band were introduced as fellow 'YouTube up and coming acts.'

"We became friends before we became a band, I think that's the key to how well we are doing now. We all have so much in common, we started out doing local gigs, posted our music online and we all share the same motivation. We just want to play music!"

New Hope Club is made up of Reece Bibby, Blake Richardson and George Smith who all share the same motivation - to make fun music! Their first song was a cover of 'Wake Up' by the popular band The Vamps. The Vamps then signed New Hope Club to their label, Steady Records, and the band have taken off with a huge following of fans.

"There is only so far a band can go if they are in it for the money, all of us genuinely want to do it for the love of music and playing."

"We are not like a lot of bands. We have never been told what to sing, what to wear, who we will be. I am very thankful to be going in our own direction and producing the music we want to. We have done some covers and also have original songs too. All of them have been group decisions and a joy to work on."

Reece couldn't express just how thankful he is for the supportive fans. With Reece personally having over 243K followers on Twitter, the band are going from strength to strength.



"It's amazing, we have such a loyal following! All the fans are wonderful, they are supportive and really interactive with us too. We try to respond as much as we can, and it's quite overwhelming at times. I'm just a 19 year old boy and I am incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to do something I love on a daily basis."

"It is hard, it's super busy and I'm learning about the industry every day, like right now I'm quite jet-lagged from the flight back from America, but instead of going straight to London I wanted to come back to Accrington for a couple of days. To see my family - my mum, my dad and my little sister. Of course, also to speak to #AmazingAccrington too!"

We wanted to know if Reece's sister was his biggest fan, this caused a lot of laughs!

"She doesn't get why people are interested, she liked the music but to her I am just her annoying older brother! It's great to come home back to the reality of being a big brother and a son. My sister's friends sometimes want a selfie with me when I am around, she just thinks it's silly which I love!"
Reece struggled to think of any negatives to his new-found fame and the busy music industry, but he does feel envious of those in the crowd sometimes.

"One thing I have thought about is how I haven't had the chance to go to many gigs myself. I absolutely love the atmosphere during a concert but at the prime age for going I was busy playing for other people. I really like bands from the North-West, like Oasis and the Courteeners. I am a fan of indie music I have to say!"

New Hope Club were nominees at the 2017 Teen Choice awards for 'Next Big Thing' and the recent 2018 film 'Early Man' also features two of their tracks.

To follow their journey and keep an eye out for upcoming tour dates follow New Hope Club on social media or visit their website: www.virginrecords.com/new-hope-club

Selected Dates

- They are playing the **O2 Arena** in London on **28th April 2018**.
- New Hope Club are playing the **O2 Shepherd's Bush Empire** on **1st and 2nd June 2018**.
- They will be supporting **The Vamps** on their **Night and day Tour**.

WHAT'S ON ..THIS SUMMER!

The Ballroom @ Accrington Town Hall Tickets/Info call 01254 380293 www.accringtontownhall.co.uk

21st April - Peter Pan (Childrens Film Club) 7th July - Maleficent (Childrens Film Club)
12th May - Broadway@The Ballroom 1st Sept - #AmazingAccrington Chocolate Festival
3rd June - Fairy Tale Ball

Oswaldtwistle Mills Tickets/Info call 01254 871025 www.o-mills.co.uk

Meal & Live Entertainment Packages:

24th April - NEW Bingo Bonanza
25th April - NEW Soul & Motown
2nd May - Martin Gregory-Lambert
22nd May - Swinging 60s
23rd May - Mamma Mia
12th June - Martin Gregory-Lambert

School Holidays Kids Craft Events

Dates to be confirmed

Meal & Live Entertainment Packages:

22nd June - NEW Music to Watch Girls Go By
4th July - Magic of the Musicals
12th July - Martin Gregory-Lambert
17th July - Country & Western
15th August - Swinging 60s

Family Fun Day

August 27th - St. Paul's Scouts, Oswaldtwistle



Haworth Art Gallery Tickets/Info call 01254 233782 www.hyndburnbc.gov.uk/haworthaccrington

Haworth Art Gallery

31st March to 20th May - R.A.F. Centenary Exhibition
26th May to 15th July - Accrington Camera Club Exhibition
21st July to 16th September - Amazing Accrington#2
Exhibition - The Show Goes On - Artworks of Accrington
by Haworth Artist Network

FREE Childrens Workshops - 1.30pm to 3.30pm - no need to book, just drop-in

29th April - Bunting
13th May - Craft Fair - Dinosaur Day!
27th May - Animal Masks
10th June - Picnic Plates
8th July - Fishing Mobile
22nd July - Pencil Holders

Bell Corridor Exhibitions:

25th April to 27th June - Carol Pugh
27th June to 29th August - Adam Whewell
29th August to 31st October - Susan Fielding

5th August - Summer Baskets
19th August - Bird Collage
2nd September - Art Fair for Rossendale Hospice
- Beautiful Butterflies
16th September - Pirate Day!
30th September - Fish Collage



Accrington Town Centre

Heritage Open Days 6th Sept - 9th Sept and 13th Sept - 16th Sept

Each September thousands of volunteers across the country invite you to experience local history, architecture and culture. All for free. For the first time in the history of Heritage Open Days, the festival will take place across two weekends in September - the 6-9th and the 13-16th. This year, Accrington is getting involved - celebrating the extraordinary women who built our heritage.

Look out for information detailing our activities over the two weekends, which will include vintage photography, vintage markets, led heritage trails, and family activities.

Oswaldtwistle Carnival

Oswaldtwistle Carnival 24th June

Procession starts at 12noon from Thwaites Road, Oswaldtwistle, goes down Union Road and then ends at Whiteash and Foxhill Playing Fields where the fun continues until 6pm. There will be live music throughout the afternoon, fairground rides, tasty food and lots of community stalls. Accrington Pipe Band will once again lead the procession.



The Arden Inn Tickets/Info call 07518 563663 www.ardeninn.co.uk

Halfway to Christmas Party 21st July

In aid of the James Bulger Memorial Trust, entertainment starts 4pm with 80s Band Radioactive and then top Indie rock band Recycled Teenagers at 9.30 pm.

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#AmazingAccrington

Family fun, local talent and exciting headline acts at Accrington's first Music Festival!

- LIVE!



- Saturday 5th May 2018.
- 10am-4pm then onto local pubs for more live entertainment.

Accrington Town Centre will come alive as local talent take to the stage to showcase their singing and musical skills, with special guests Tabitha Jade, Ella Shaw and Christian Burrows. The day will be compered by hosts from local radio station, 2BR.

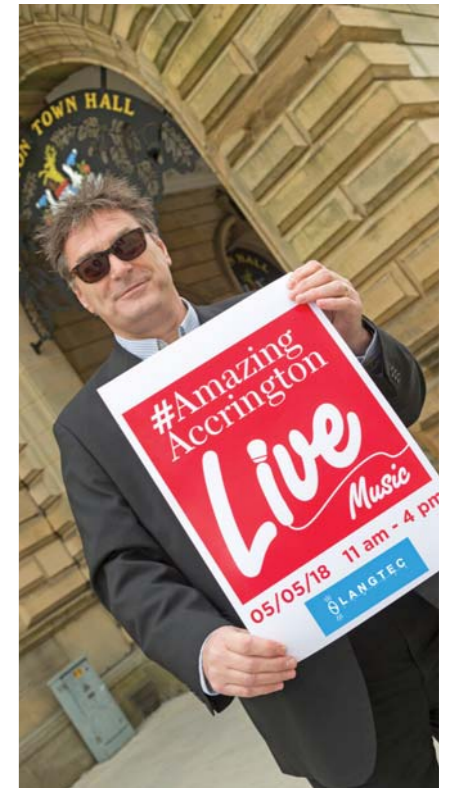
Hyndburn Borough Council, in partnership with organisers, Scott Dawson Advertising – as well as Gold Sponsors, Langtec plus Accrington and Rossendale College - have decided that 2018 is the year to introduce a brand-new event to Accrington: a music festival, #AmazingAccrington - Live!

Local singers/musicians and bands are invited to submit a video to win a spot on the stage plus a £200 prize, deadline of 27th April 2018. Reece Bibby, #AmazingAccrington cover star, is the guest judge. As a local lad and a renowned musician, he will use his expertise to pick the two winning acts.

Murray Dawson, Managing Director of organisers Scott Dawson Advertising, said: "As part of our #AmazingAccrington initiative, we are looking to run this event on the bank holiday weekend to increase footfall and get the tills ringing for shopkeepers in the town plus promote the existing bars and clubs by underpinning the live music they are running in their establishments to ensure new customers come to town for the day and evening."

The event is family-friendly and will be kick-started at 11:00am by children's entertainers Mr Tickles and Mr Red, especially for the toddlers and young children, before moving on to the shortlisted acts and the special guest performances.

People wishing to find out more can visit: www.amazingaccrington.co.uk



Above: Langtec's Managing Director, Andrew Turner and Charlotte Scheffmann, Accrington and Rossendale College's Assistant Principal, outside the Town Hall.

Left: Ella Shaw will be performing at #AmazingAccrington – Live! Children's entertainer Mr Tickles will be kick starting the day to the family-friendly festival.

Star act, X-Factor's Christian Burrows, is coming to Accrington on the 5th May.

Special guest Tabitha Jade.

Far Right: Andrew Turner, Managing Director of proud local sponsors Langtec is ready to rock.

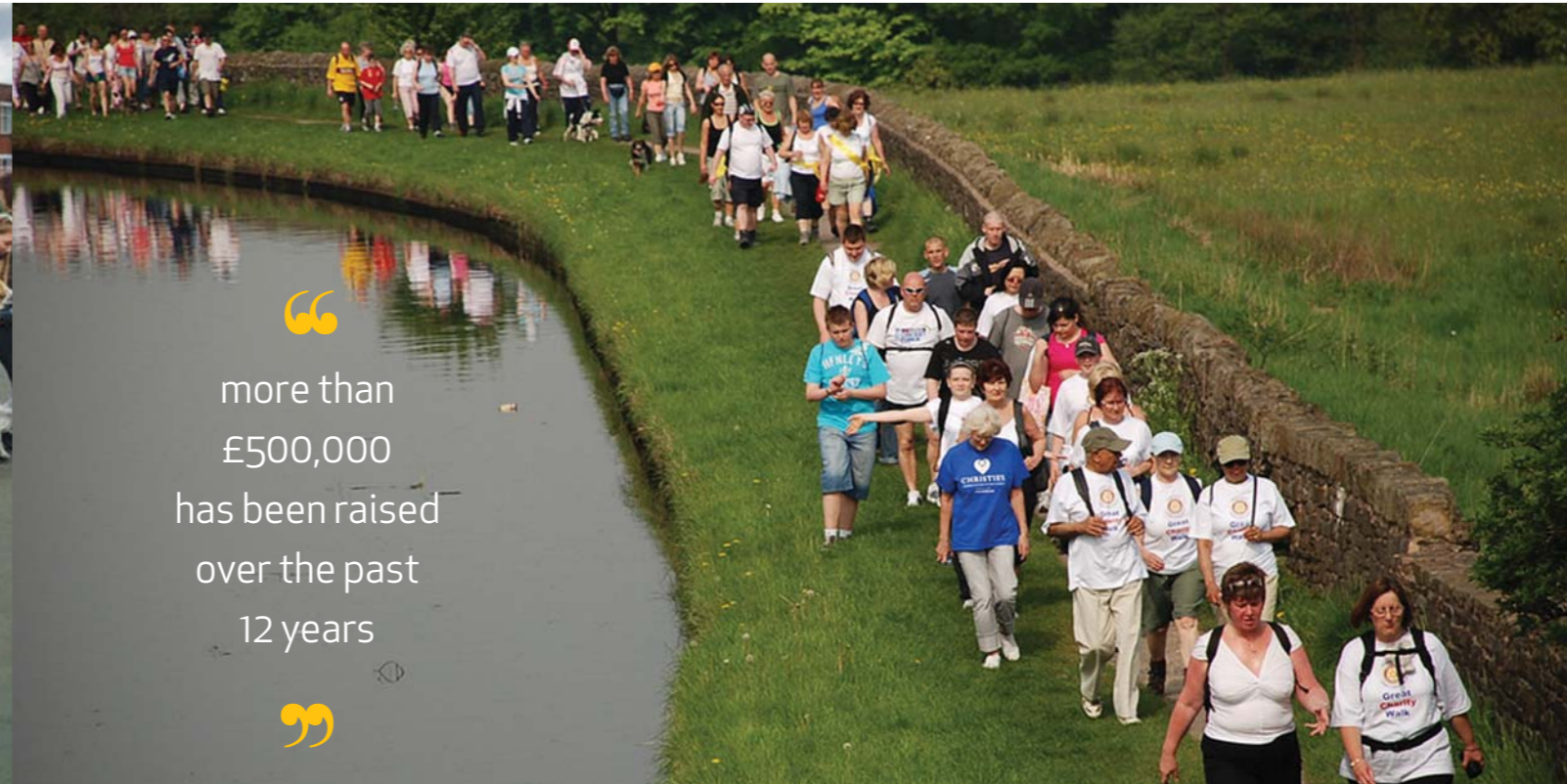
Right: Nick Handley, Farhan Mahmood, Daniel Palmer, Matthew Mayo and Sam Grime all studying on the second year of the FDA Music Production course.



ROTARY ANNUAL

'Walk 4 Your Charity'

On Sunday 13th May 2018, Church and Oswaldtwistle Rotary will be hosting their 13th annual 'Walk 4 Your Charity' sponsored walk.



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Becoming something of a local institution, with many walkers returning year after year, more than £500,000 has been raised over the past 12 years - £50,000 of which was raised in the first three years alone. This year the Church and Oswaldtwistle Rotary are hoping that the event will be bigger than ever with a record amount being donated to charities and good causes.

Fundraising

The walkers pay a small registration fee, collect as many sponsors as they can and all of the money raised goes to their chosen recipient. Some people choose to donate to a large charity such as North West Air Ambulance, East Lancashire Hospice or Rosemere Cancer Trust, whilst some choose to donate to smaller, local charities.

Many participants also raise funds for their sports club, football club, or any cause that is close to their heart, some of which may not have charitable status.

One of the regular sign ups is from a group of cheerleaders, who raise money to help pay for travel to competitions both at home and abroad.

Participants

This year one of the groups of walkers will be led by Ella Brierley, a local teenager who is raising funds to pay for her place on an expedition organised by the Girl Guides. The Guides will be joining aid workers in

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Above: Rawden Kerr with a group of young walkers.

Nepal and aim to educate the local population about menstruation; helping them overcome ancient superstitions regarding the subject - some of which make life extremely difficult and unpleasant for Nepalese girls in rural areas.

The Walk

The walk is sponsored by Howard Rigg Properties and takes place mainly along the canal towpath. Walkers can choose to walk either 5k or 10k. Lots of people come as families and bring their dogs along too. This year we have been invited by East Lancashire Chamber of Commerce to start and finish the walk at the car park of their offices on Petre Road in Clayton-Le-Moors. The companies who have their offices around the area of Red Rose Court have very kindly agreed to allow participants to use their car parks on the day.

Cath Heap, Walk 4 Your Charity Organiser, said:

“We are delighted by the community spirit of all these businesses, who have been so willing to help us.

“The barbecue will be fired up at the start of the walk for people to buy bacon butties from to help sustain them on their journey. We also have tea, coffee, cakes and other refreshments on offer. A number of places en route also offer refreshments and toilet facilities. Then when they return the barbecue gets going again so that the burgers are ready to greet the hungry crowds.

“We will have a goal post set up, supplied by Accrington Stanley Football Club, where budding footballers can try their luck at getting one in the back of the net!”

St John's Ambulance will be on hand to deal with any unexpected medical problems, as they have been every year, and stewards are positioned along the route to ensure the safety of all the walkers.

Anyone interested in joining the walk this year can find details and register on the rotary website www.rotarywalk.org.uk or for anyone without internet access call Stuart on 01254 433501.

WALK 4 YOUR CHARITY RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR CAUSE

SUNDAY 13TH MAY. 9.30AM. 5 OR 10KM
at Red Rose Court, Petre Road,
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The Annual #AmazingAccrington

FOOD FESTIVAL

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• Event organisers



- Taking place on Saturday 2nd June 2018: 10am – 4pm
- World War II re-enactment
- More entertainment than ever before



Roberto Carassale, Managing Director at Quality Solicitors Acklam Bond, said: "We are thrilled to be sponsors of this event. It was an opportunity we couldn't turn down after seeing the success of previous years. Acklam Bond like getting involved with the community, being an Accrington based company, and we look forward to making connections through the Accrington Food Festival."

As well as sponsoring the event, **Accrington and Rossendale College** will be bringing some entertainment with them on the day in the form of their college Army Cadets and a giant inflatable climbing wall.

Keen to reproduce the same success as previous years and hoping to top last year's visitor total of 14,000 people, organisers **Scott Dawson Advertising** will be pulling out all the stops to ensure a delightful day is had by all – including the in-house production of a super-sized paella dish!



TAKING place on Saturday 2nd June 2018, Accrington Food and Drink Festival is already set to be the biggest one yet, with more sponsors, more stalls and more entertainment than ever before.

This year's event has three gold sponsors – Duckworths Estate Agents, Accrington and Rossendale College and Quality Solicitors Acklam Bond. All based in Accrington, the sponsors are three of the most important ingredients to make the Food Festival a recipe for roaring success.

Jonathan Parkinson, Managing Director of Duckworths Estate Agents, said: "We have been supported by the local community now for over 140 years. We wanted to sponsor the Food Festival because we know how important sponsorship is to enable the success of such events. We want to give something back to the #AmazingAccrington community who are always giving to us."

Charlotte Scheffmann, Assistant Principal at Accrington and Rossendale College, said: "It is so important to the college for us to be involved with events that are held within the local community which is why we decided to sponsor the Food Festival again this year. Accrington and Rossendale College are advocates for Accrington and we are embracing everything the town has to offer. Being involved in the Food Festival is bound to create some community connection and we are proud to be a part of it."



Above: Accrington Food Festival 2018 sponsor launch. (L-R) Rebecca Robinson of Quality Solicitors Acklam Bond, Chris Dobson of Accrington and Rossendale College, leader of Hyndburn Council Miles Parkinson, Assistant Principal of Accrington and Rossendale College Charlotte Scheffmann and Suzanne Slater of Duckworths Estate Agents.

Opposite Page Left to Right: Over 14,000 people attended Accrington Food Festival last year.

Popular World War II re-enactment will take place once again.

Celebrity chef, Richard Fox, takes to the main stage.

Children decorated edible NORI bricks for the Market Hall's cake.

All the fun of the festival.

Celebrity chef and Food Festival favourite, **Richard Fox**, will be returning to Accrington for his fourth year to do some cooking demonstrations and to also take the role of compère. Children will also be able to benefit from numerous activities being run by the students of **Accrington and Rossendale College**. There will be a few surprises on the day!

A highlight of the last three years' events for many people has been the wonderful wartime re-enactments. **20 American and 10 German re-enactors** are set to return for 2018 to give a live World War II re-enactment to commemorate D-Day.

Scott Dawson Advertising are organising the event in partnership with **Hyndburn Borough Council**. Councillor Clare Cleary, Cabinet Member for Accrington Town Centre, said: "The sheer volume of people who

attend the Food Festival annually makes it the best attended event in Accrington and is testament to the demand for this event. It's always a pleasure to work alongside **Scott Dawson Advertising** who always go above and beyond and put their hearts and souls in to events like this. It really focuses on everything Accrington is about: families, community and fun."

Accrington Food Festival takes place in Accrington town centre from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 2nd June 2018. Find full details, including a downloadable brochure with the festival itinerary, at www.accringtonfoodfestival.co.uk

To keep up to date with news about the 2018 festival, visit the event website www.accringtonfoodfestival.co.uk. You can also 'like' the festival Facebook page at www.facebook.com/accringtonfood or follow the event on Twitter at twitter.com/AccringtonFood

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UK PLAYGROUNDS

PURPOSE BUILT for disabled children

Hyndburn Green Spaces Forum has helped several Hyndburn communities raise funds for badly needed children's playgrounds since it formed in 2005 but never one quite like this one, which will be the first of its kind in #AmazingAccrington.



So what makes this one so special?

Well this is a playground for disabled children who are unable to use the fantastic playgrounds scattered around the borough that most parents take for granted.

In 2015, the Hyndburn Parents and Carers Forum approached Hyndburn Borough Council and requested a meeting with the Parks Team to discuss the problems their families had with the current play provision. A review by HBC of its current play facilities then followed and the Hyndburn "Play Plan 2016-2020" was produced.

The Parks Team also enlisted the assistance of Hyndburn Green Spaces Forum (HGFSF), Inclusive Play, Jupiter Play and Hyndburn Leisure Trust and consultation began on the type of play equipment and ancillary facilities that were required.

Cath Holmes, Secretary with HGFSF remembers Shirley Parkinson, HBC Parks Department Liaison Officer, initially bringing the proposal to HGFSF. "I've never seen Shirley so passionate and enthusiastic about a project. That rubbed off with Forum Members, many of whom have children or grandchildren themselves, so straight away there was an understanding, a common theme. The Forum gave it their full backing and is as determined as the Hyndburn Parents and Carers Group to make it a reality."

Shirley went away to research what equipment was available and found a company - Jupiter Play and Inclusive Play - to help design what is a very special Special Educational Needs and Disability

(SEND) playground specifically designed to meet the needs of disabled children, whilst allowing their more able bodied sibling to play with them.

Shirley told us: "As a mum myself I was often close to tears when talking to some of the Hyndburn Parents and Carers and learning of the problems they were experiencing in a trip to the park/playground. I have worked for over 10 years with Hyndburn Green Spaces Forum securing funding for worthy community projects but for this project we desperately need the public's help."

Who can't play? Why can't they play?

Play is an important part of any child's childhood, so when HGFSF learned there was currently a group of young people that were denied the opportunity to go to their local park and have fun with their family and friends, they just had to get involved.

Sarah Lewis - Parent Carer and Chair of Hyndburn Parent and Carers Forum, told us: "The park will allow our son to play safely, independently and most importantly we would be able to have fun as a family which we can't currently do in mainstream parks. He has no sense of danger, low muscle tone and other medical problems that restrict his play and he continually gets frustrated because he can't use the majority of the play equipment. I have to follow him around everywhere to make sure he doesn't hurt himself. Having a safe environment where he can use all the equipment would be amazing, not only for Oliver but for all families with children with a disability in Lancashire and the North West.

We've been working so hard with fundraising and raising awareness. We've done numerous fundraising events in the last 12 months and want to make sure everyone has heard about what we are trying to achieve."

The special schools across Lancashire told the project that although they have the means to take the children out on school trips, it's almost impossible to find the facilities that could cater for the different range of disabilities so the opportunities are very limited. This playground would go some way to help provide the necessary facilities.

HGFSF are endeavouring to raise the necessary funds to turn this dream into a reality and this is where it really needs help - even a small amount puts us one step nearer - as does talking about the project, gaining support and momentum.

The Council's Head of Parks for the Borough, Craig Haraben, told us: "The Council has worked with the Hyndburn Green Spaces Forum for over 10 years securing funding for community projects. This project is particularly worthy, however due to the scale of funding required to provide this facility the forum needs some additional support from the public. The Hyndburn Parents & Carers Group have explained why this play area is so important to them and the difference this kind of play area would make to the children."

Borough MP, Graham Jones - "This particular project would be one of the first for the UK and as parents of disabled children tell me, a great asset for the local sub region. The levels of safety required for children with such challenges is quite different and a normal playground just presents a huge risk to worried parents, so much



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Left: An artists impression of the playground.

Above: Disabled children enjoying themselves.

so they often are reluctant to take disabled children there. This playground is much needed."

And Lord Blunkett, former politician having represented the Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough areas, himself disabled from birth, has also lent his support to the playground.

The organisations involved in this project delivery are: Hyndburn Green Spaces Forum, Hyndburn Parents and Carers Forum and Hyndburn Leisure Trust.

If you would like to get involved please contact Hyndburn Borough Council on 01254 388111 or email enquiries@hyndburnbc.gov.uk who will ensure a message is passed on to the Project Co-ordinator / Parks Dept.

You can also contact HPCF Chair, Sarah Lewis on 07940 190642, Sarah@play4uz2.co.uk or message on [Facebook.com/Play4uz2](https://www.facebook.com/Play4uz2)

For more information visit http://www.hyndburngreenspaces.co.uk/projects/Play4Uz2_2016

BELTHORN VILLAGE

home to the first community owned pub in Lancashire

Belthorn is a small rural village situated at the south eastern boundary of St Oswalds Ward in the District of Hyndburn.



The boundary itself splits the village almost in half with, as a rule of thumb, the properties on the left hand side of Belthorn Road (heading south) falling within Hyndburn and those to the right hand side predominantly falling under the East Rural Ward of Blackburn with Darwen. There are approximately 220 houses which make up Belthorn, ranging from traditional stone weavers cottages to modern detached bungalows and houses.

The village itself is one of the highest villages in Lancashire and rises to over 1000 feet above sea level at the south eastern aspect which provides for stunning views over the West Pennine Moors to the Ribble Estuary and Fylde Coast to the west, and Pendle Hill to the east.

The demographics of the village over recent decades has changed from the original coal mining and hand weaving community of the 19th century to a significant commuter population due to its relatively close proximity to the M65 motorway, the Haslingden Grane Road / Haslingden by-pass and M66 motorway leading towards Bury, Manchester and Leeds.

The mining and weaving industry has long since left the village but there remains Syke Mill at the foot of the village which is now the home of UK Insulations Limited, one of Europe's largest suppliers of electrical insulation materials and flexible films and Sleeve It Limited, a manufacturer of a diverse range of insulation materials, protective sleeving, and identification products.

The village has its own primary school, Belthorn Academy Primary School which was one of the first primary schools in Lancashire to elect to become an academy, on merit, due to its reputation. The school attracts pupils from far and wide including Oswaldtwistle,

Guide, Lower Darwen, Darwen, Blackburn and Haslingden and has grown significantly in recent years due to its reputation as being a good school with excellent reviews. It has recently received the Gold Standard Behaviour Quality Mark in relation to the conduct of the pupils. It has also recently opened up a private pre-school for three year olds called Little Bells.

The village also boasts three public houses / restaurants; the Dog Inn, situated in the centre of the village, and The Pack and The Grey Mare, both of which are located on Elton Road, Belthorn (which forms the thoroughfare between Blackburn and Haslingden and becomes the Grane Road).

The Dog Inn has had a turbulent recent history and closed on 9th November 2014, it being formerly an Enterprise Inn owned public house and restaurant. In February 2015 the pub was put up for auction. To avoid the pub becoming ear-marked for the development of housing, an Asset of Community Value was obtained to prevent any such development whilst a few villagers set up a steering committee to see if there was sufficient interest within the village to purchase the pub. The property was subsequently sold to Ribble Valley Luxury Homes Limited in March 2015 but an agreement was reached in principle with the new owners for the village community to acquire the pub. A limited company was established with a view to raising £180,000 to purchase the pub and by September 2015 the Dog Inn became the first community owned pub in Lancashire - The Dog Inn Community Freehouse.

The Dog Inn was officially re-opened on 11th December 2015 following a complete refurbishment of the bar done predominantly by the efforts of villagers and volunteers.

The Dog Inn has subsequently converted the upstairs area into a community room, has totally refurbished the restaurant and kitchen and there are plans to use the land at the rear of the Inn for community use. It is anticipated the restaurant will be opening in May / June 2018. The Dog Inn has received awards for its achievements through the efforts of the community of Belthorn.

The Pack, on Elton Road, has also recently undergone a significant refurbishment. The Pack is an award winning Italian Restaurant & Bar. It is a family run business which prides itself on the quality of its food. Their philosophy, simply put, is they love food; not just for what it is, but for what it brings with it: pleasant surroundings, great company and interesting conversation. The Pack often features in the English Italian Awards.

The Grey Mare is the most recent establishment to undergo a significant refurbishment. It is one of the highest pubs in England - situated on the moors of Lancashire. They pride themselves on serving exceptional food, predominantly traditional and British pub favourites, accompanied with a good selection of the North West's finest real ale within a welcoming atmosphere.

Belthorn also prides itself on having several dedicated community groups including its own village committee which arranges numerous events throughout the year ranging from a traditional May Day procession, summer fayres, a firework display and Christmas events for both young and old.

For those of you interested in history, the Belthorn History Society meets regularly in the Dog Inn to discuss local history, arrange outings and exchange information on the history of Belthorn and its surrounding areas.



There are also numerous walks around Belthorn which take in the countryside, spectacular views and its local history.

Belthorn is a welcoming and friendly village which boasts some of the best views in Lancashire and makes the most of its exposed and rural location.

If you have not been there it certainly is worth a visit.



Above: (Left to Right):

- Welcome to Belthorn Village.
- The Dog Inn.
- Belthorn schoolchildren in the wildflower fields.
- The Pack Italian Restaurant serving fine food.
- Belthorn Academy Primary School.

For further information please see the following links below:

- www.belthornacademy.co.uk
- www.thedoginnatbelthorn.net
- www.thegreymare.co.uk
- www.thepackbelthorn.co.uk
- www.blackburn.gov.uk/Lists/DownloadableDocuments/belthorn.pdf
- www.ukinsulations.co.uk
- www.sleeveit.co.uk
- www.thedoginnatbelthorn.net/belthorn-village-committee
- www.thedoginnatbelthorn.net/events/history-society



ELMFIELD HALL

a new life for a historic building and a community project seeking volunteers

“ We are really excited about this year's Elmfield Hall Summer Fair ”

Main: Elmfield Hall and grounds.

Inset: The Elmfield Hall Summer Fair attracts over 1,500 people. (Image courtesy of Gary Britland)

Children's ride at the Elmfield Hall Summer Fair. (Image courtesy of Gary Britland)

A modern training room available for hire.

A beautiful space for social gatherings or an afternoon tea.



At 165 years old, Elmfield Hall is being given a new purpose. Located in Church, less than a mile away from Accrington Town Centre, the magnificent building has been home to many residents over the years.

Originally the home of the Gatty family who came to Lancashire to work within the dyeing and printing industry, specifically in the manufacture of Turkey Red dye, Elmfield Hall has been at the centre of the community for generations. During the First World War the house was used as a military hospital and in 1920 Elmfield Hall and its beautiful grounds were donated by the Gatty family to the Church Urban District Council. The conditions of this gift from The Gatty family were that Elmfield Hall had to serve the community and be a centre for learning.

More recently Elmfield Hall is acting as a base for Community Solutions North West (CSNW). CSNW specialise in supporting the community through engaging with people who may need help, both practically and emotionally.

Three years ago Hyndburn Borough Council transferred the building to CSNW with a view to bring it back from a dilapidated state, to a building which can be used and loved by the community. The renovations are underway and every aspect is being done with a view to keep the history of the building whilst being a valuable facility.

Deborah Clark, Managing Director of Community Solutions North West, showed us around the building and explained how every newly renovated area serves a unique purpose. It was clear to see the space is very much in use, with areas for ongoing research, group meetings and art activities.

“We have lots of different areas and all of it is in keeping with the Gatty family's wishes for a place to serve the community. We have tried to keep the history alive, for example there is a memorial to those who served in World War I and we frequently have relatives of those on the memorial visiting us. We have kept as many original features as possible, such as the magnificent original staircase to preserve it.

“The Gatty Family were passionate about people's education so we have created a training room to facilitate learning activities; we also offer the rooms for hire for organisations or conferences, including a separate break-out room where people can have refreshments.”

The facilities at Elmfield Hall are excellent and offer a beautiful space for social gatherings or a quiet afternoon tea.

“The café here serves lots and lots of cake, plus speciality coffees! When it was being renovated the purpose of the café was to give people a great experience. We have people visiting us to meet up with friends over a panini and coffee, community groups

meet up for a chat and we have people enjoying afternoon tea as a special treat. It's wonderful to see the space being used in such a positive way, bringing people together to socialise.

“We also host groups such as Art Group on a Friday who have been researching the history of the Gatty Family and the printing heritage; they have produced some wonderful creations.”

Community Solutions North West aim to improve the day-to-day lives of local residents through practical and emotional support. “We have a counselling room and lots of functional spaces that are put to great use. We also have workshops for people to attend. A recent one was to teach people mindfulness, which is all about living in the present. Our focus is to assist those that are going through a life change; this could be anything from a health diagnosis to redundancy, retirement or suffering from a loss.

“Here at Elmfield Hall we give help to those who are isolated or vulnerable, this could be due to being housebound for a physical reason or a confidence reason. We have a mini bus that was donated by Hope Church in Oswaldtwistle which we use to go collect people and bring them to us.”

All the profits from Elmfield Hall go into social isolation projects, everything from latte purchases, room hire or hire of the whole hall. It really is a building for the community with all monies raised going straight back to those who need it.

Not only do Elmfield Hall host multiple events on a weekly basis, they have a hugely successful Summer Fair. Last year saw over 1,500 local people join in the fun and it's predicted this year will be even bigger.

With rides, stalls and music the Elmfield Hall Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 15th September and all are welcome to attend.

“We are really excited about this year's Summer Fair; it's always a huge hit! As with anything like this it's largely run by volunteers, we are always on the lookout for more. We need volunteers to help with the event but also for the day-to-day running of Elmfield Hall. It's a great opportunity for people to give back to the community, and also to get some experience. Heritage team, café, catering, supporting vulnerable people, there is something for everyone to get involved in and that what makes this place so great. It's rewarding work and giving back to the community.”

For more information about Community Solutions North West and FREE training for everyone visit: www.csnw.co.uk



FREDERICK STEINER

the Turkey Red legacy lives on in Accrington

by Alan Pickup



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By 1840,
Frederick Steiner
was one of the richest
men in the country
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The Black Horse Pub on Abbey Street, Accrington, was the chosen spot for a very important committee meeting in 1878. This was where Accrington Football Club was formed, 140 years ago! Accrington FC, or Th'Owd Reds as they were fondly known, were to become founding members of the Football League and it was during this meeting that the iconic team colours were chosen.

Rather than choosing a standard red, the committee decided on a bright scarlet colour for the shirts and black for the shorts. It is easy to speculate that this colour was Turkey Red as this dye was a major industry in Accrington at this time, being manufactured at Church Bank Works by F. Steiner and Company.

Originating in the Eastern Mediterranean in the 18th Century, named after the country not the bird, Turkey Red dye is made using the root of the Rubia plant. Traditionally the dyeing process was notoriously difficult including ingredients such as sheep dung and olive oil! It was definitely not suitable for production on an industrial scale at this stage.

The manufacture of Turkey Red was brought to Accrington by Frederick Steiner, born in Alsace, south-eastern France. Frederick learnt the art of dyeing and calico printing from his father and came to England in search of a new life in 1817, after the family business was ruined in the Napoleonic Wars.

The family were based in Accrington and Frederick worked for Hargreaves and Dugdale at Broad Oak Works as Head Chemist, before beginning a partnership with James Haworth and Joseph Barnes. The firm worked on improvements in dyeing techniques, including a dung substitute! Whilst there Steiner used his scientific knowledge to work on developing a cheap and efficient method of producing Turkey Red dye.

In 1836 Steiner decided to pursue an independent career as a dyer. Taking over the old Peel works at Church Bank in 1841 he went on to purchase Hyndburn House from the Peel family (now the site of Hyndburn Park School) and it became their much loved Accrington family home.

By the 1850's Steiner had expanded into printing and took on a partner, John Green, to form F.Steiner & Company. He also entered a partnership with Frederick Gatty, also from Alsace, where he too had been working on improvements to the Turkey Red process. Gatty established FA Gatty & Co at Hagg Works on Hyndburn Road. He appears in the 1861 census as living in Elmfield Hall. After Frederick Steiner died in 1869, Gatty then continued to run both businesses.

A Royal Connection

By 1840, Frederick Steiner was one of the richest men in the country which brought them into contact with the very heights of society. His two daughters Eliza Emma and Victoria Caroline (Lina) mixed in royal circles. Lina married Francois Count de Jancourt in 1864 to become Countess de Jancourt. Emma married another Frenchman James Hartmann. Both couples appear in the 1871 census as being residents at Hyndburn House.

Emma, who was widowed in 1887, was reputedly a close friend of the Prince of Wales, and when he became King after Queen Victoria's death in 1901 he enabled her to occupy the White Lodge at Richmond Park.

Acknowledgements

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- 1909 Old Ordnance Survey Map of Oswaldtwistle and Church – article by Alan Duckworth



F. Steiner & Company was successful into the 20th century and lasted until the 1950's when it went into liquidation. The Church Bank site was redeveloped and is occupied today by Express Gifts and Emerson & Renwick.

Opposite: Frederick's memory preserved in the Steiner street name.

Accrington Stanley Crest.

Above: The names live on

- Hartmann Street.
- Emma Street.
- Countess Street.
- Lina Street.

Broad Oak Printworks early 1800's - painting by William Linton.

The names of Frederick Steiner's family and partners live on in the street names of Accrington – Frederick Street, Steiner Street, Emma Street, Lina Street, Countess Street, Hartmann Street and others and, of course, the legacy lives on through the #AmazingAccrington Stanley shirts, who have their roots further connected to the businesses in the local town, stretching back over 100 years.

Lyndsey Sims, the new CEO of

HYNDBURN LEISURE

brings her experience to Hyndburn

With 13 years of experience in leadership roles, Lyndsey Sims has settled into her Town Hall office, overlooking Accrington Town Centre.



Lyndsey has an impressive CV and a wealth of hobbies; including hiking, cooking and dancing. Describing herself as a 'small-town girl' she is happy to be back in Lancashire, after growing up in South Ribble, and being surrounded by the countryside.

"Working in Tameside was brilliant and so much was achieved in my time there. In seven years the Trust's turnover increased from £6 million to £10.2 million with developments such as 24/7 gym, family adventure centres and a wide and varied programme of active lifestyle opportunities. I'm really looking forward to bringing this experience to Hyndburn. Me and my husband both love the area, and with an energetic dog to walk and a need to be outdoors we were so excited when the job opportunity came up for Hyndburn Leisure. The opportunity actually arose whilst in a meeting in my previous role. A colleague received an email on her mobile detailing the new CEO role for Hyndburn Leisure, they said 'anyone interested?' and my hand shot up followed by a me, me, me! It's a real pleasure to be able to work for a borough I am passionate about on a personal and professional level."

Lyndsey started her new role in January 2018 and immediately was involved in phase four of renovations to the Town Hall, which is undergoing a major refurbishment to create a luxury, exclusive wedding venue. February has seen two very successful open events where the feedback has been exceptional. For Lyndsey this was the ideal first project to be involved in.

"The Ballroom is a beautiful venue and with the renovations to the rest of the building it will become a real destination point. As a professional dancer I particularly enjoy The Ballroom, I love the amount of history it holds and the thought of how many people have danced there since its birth in 1958. A lot of people came to the open events not knowing what to expect and were shocked at the grandeur of the inside. I'm very pleased to say lots of weddings were booked there and then too, which is such a positive for the community."



About to undergo the final phase of a £1.5million investment, The Ballroom at Accrington Town Hall is a charitable organisation – meaning that all monies raised from events goes right back into the community. It really is an investment for the future of Hyndburn.

Lyndsey is also leading exciting plans to refurbish the gyms at Hyndburn Leisure Centre & Mercer Hall Leisure Centre - these will be completed by the end of 2018. Eager to make sure every penny is spent on delivering what the community needs, Lyndsey is ensuring she keeps as close to the existing community as possible.

"It is really important to understand what our customers want and equally what non-customers want from the refurbishment. The aim is always to promote active lifestyles throughout the community, therefore it's paramount that we meet expectations. We have already received feedback from over 130 members of the public and are working with a range of industry experts and our employees to ensure that we supply the best value, high-quality service possible for the local community."

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Opposite:
Lyndsey Sims, CEO of
Hyndburn Council.

Above: The Ballroom,
exclusive wedding venue
within Accrington Town Hall



2BR...



The thing about us that makes us unique is that we plan to stay localised

2BR launched in the year 2000 and now employs 22 members of staff. They are the local commercial radio station for Accrington and surrounding areas

A keen #AmazingAccrington member, 2BR boasts 160,000 listeners – a number they rarely need to quote as, when they walk in to businesses in East Lancashire, people instantly know who they are.

2BR are supporters of #AmazingAccrington because of their belief in it forming closer relationships between key businesses in the town, but also between the private and public sectors. They understand how valuable it is to make these relationships work, even more so how valuable it is for them to manage those relationships and deliver.

Simon Brierley, Managing Director of 2BR, said:

"#AmazingAccrington creates a sense of community pride. Accrington is amazing; it has wonderful people, businesses and stories. Northern towns seem to have a habit of talking themselves down; we should be looking for success stories and shouting about them. Just through the course of three or four meetings with #AmazingAccrington, I have better relationships with Managing Directors and business owners in the borough."

2BR's belief in the town is illustrated through their ambition to remain completely localised.

"Our strategy is that, by continuing to provide good quality local news as well as music and entertainment, we will gain market share as other radio stations de-localise. With deregulation of the industry around the corner, I believe many of our competitors will remove local content. 2BR is committed to staying local 24/7 and serving our community. If we become a bland 'jukebox' without any local content, we become the same as everybody else."

This radio station don't want to be the same as everybody else, but understand the importance of evolving and changing similarly to other radio stations around the county. Knowing that 95% of new cars come with Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB), in June 2016 2BR made the conscious effort to move to DAB to secure their position in broadcast.



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Whilst this may have made the radio outreach 'bigger' – allowing them to cover all of Lancashire including Lancaster and Blackpool – they don't claim to be the local radio station for these other areas.

"We're only local to Burnley, Hyndburn, Pendle, Blackburn and Darwen. Our focus is on super serving this part of the m65 corridor really."

2BR are proud to share that they feel they have a responsibility to engage with local schools, colleges and apprenticeship providers and have recently taken on their own apprentice.

"What ambition do we instil in the next generation of Accrington? If all they hear is people complaining about Accrington, where's their inspiration? They'll want to leave to work or study in London and such...when there's high quality employment and education right on their doorstep. We recently staged our Local Hero awards and our apprentice Brian pretty much made the whole thing happen. We gave him trust and autonomy and he never ceases to amaze us with what he can achieve."

2BR really fly the flag for #Amazing Accrington – a local business supporting the local community hoping for local people to do well.

"One of the key pillars of #Amazing Accrington is inspiring the next generation of business leaders – to encourage them to work that little bit harder. People don't believe there are good jobs in Accrington. Unless you do something to try and let them know then they will believe the negative stuff perpetuated by people around them. It's time to show people the good stuff that happens around here and #Amazing Accrington does that in abundance."

To find out how your business can benefit from a radio or digital campaign with 2BR, email sales@2br.co.uk and quote this article for an exclusive #Amazing Accrington discount.

Left: Simon Brierley, 2BR Managing Director.

Top: Tatum & Mike from "Tatum & Mike In The Morning."

Opposite: Simon showing off the 2BR dog.



#AmazingAccrington is calling all

BUSINESS LEADERS

The #AmazingAccrington business leaders group is all about promoting confidence in business. Through enthusiasm, support and celebrating achievements, aspirations can be raised for the future generations of the borough.



“ Pulling like-minded businesses together...to create a sense of civic pride ”

2018 has seen huge support for the #AmazingAccrington business leaders group. In January **more than fifty local business leaders** met at Accrington Stanley Football Club to make a difference for the next generation.

The most recent meeting saw three guest speakers address the group with a presentation.

Andy Holt spoke of his own journey, his business What More UK and Accrington Stanley Football Club, answering audience questions and reconfirming his motivation to better the borough.

“Eighteen months ago, everyone was suspicious, no one trusted me, and no one wanted to change. Whilst a football club is a business, it is a very different sort of business. I am very glad I did it, what we are doing is building a great community club at a pace on and off the pitch, it’s just like #AmazingAccrington – somebody needs to do something.”

Recognising the enthusiasm and determination of Scott Dawson Advertising Managing Director, Murray Dawson, founder of the

#AmazingAccrington initiative, Andy continued, “he has pulled like-minded businesses together, and the effort he has put in to create a sense of civic pride, reversing the trend of decline is just magnificent.”

Chris Maguire, editor of Business Cloud magazine, followed with a very entertaining address supported by audience participation. He demonstrated his point that the only people who can change perceptions about somewhere are the people in the place. He gave the opinion that #AmazingAccrington is “the sum of great things – Accrington has some great things going for it and if it is to drive forward to the next level it needs champions, the people here today, who can focus on what’s amazing about the town.”

Clare Cleary, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration at Hyndburn Borough Council, was the final speaker. She confirmed: “this is a fantastic event, a good sounding board for ideas and a forum to discuss how the business leaders can help Accrington flourish.”

Clare spoke about The Huncoat Housing Zone, the Frontier Park Employment Zone and the need for the town centre to diversify and be different so as to stimulate the town centre economy.

Commenting on the atmosphere during the meeting, Clare went on to say: “It’s inspiring to see such a great turnout. The room has a wonderful, positive feeling- it’s exciting to see business leaders who want to engage with their local authority. Being a strong partnership is what leads to promoting all the great things in the borough. Engagement like this will make a real difference for the next generation in our local community. I’m grateful to every one of the many business leaders that gave their time today; they truly care about Hyndburn and its people.”

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Opposite: Chris Maguire of Business Cloud being presented with an Accrington Nori brick by Andy Holt, owner of Accrington Stanley Football Club.

Above: Charlotte Scheffmann, Assistant Principal of Accrington and Rossendale College, Henri Murison of Northern Powerhouse Partnership and Murray Dawson of Scott Dawson Advertising pictured during the Winter 2017 #Amazing Accrington business leaders meeting. Henri gave a presentation detailing the benefits The Northern Powerhouse can offer the region and the M65 extension.

Councillor Clare Cleary, Hyndburn Borough Council. Joe McIntyre, Deputy Chief Executive at Hyndburn Borough Council, and Lyndsey Sims, CEO of Hyndburn Leisure Trust at the #Amazing Accrington event.

With council collaboration and key business involvement the view is to boost the local economy by working in partnership with as many of the 1700 registered businesses in Hyndburn as possible.

A member’s #AmazingAccrington club subscription was launched in April and the next quarterly meetings will be in June and September 2018.

For more information please register interest online to be invited to come along to the next meeting.

To watch the video or to find out more about joining #AmazingAccrington visit www.amazingaccrington.co.uk



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adjective, informal.

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Should there be a

POLITICAL INITIATIVE

to promote manufacturing?



Ken has a unique insight in to the world of manufacturing, having worked in varying roles at one of Lancashire's largest manufacturing companies, The Cardboard Box Company, for over 30 years.

Accrington-based The Cardboard Box Company offer specialist corrugated packaging solutions for a wide range of applications, with over 30,000 different bespoke designs on their systems.

We met with Ken in the boardroom of the company's headquarters to talk to him about why he thinks the manufacturing trade is so important to the local economy, what we can do to encourage the youth of today to choose a manufacturing career and how he thinks there should be a political initiative to promote it.

"Despite having the fourth largest industrial aerospace in the world, there's no political initiative to promote manufacturing in Lancashire. 25% of GDP* in Lancashire is based around manufacturing, compared to 6% in London and 11% nationally,"

Ken began. "I know that there's this initiative with the Northern Powerhouse but, to me, manufacturing has got to be a main focus of what the Northern Powerhouse is about."

The UK government is investing in a Northern Powerhouse – backing business growth across the North and supporting the local economy by investing in skills, innovation, transport and culture.

"If we don't have manufacturing – all sides of manufacturing – we are not going to have financial services around here are we. Manufacturers create the wealth really, don't they? Other businesses feed off it: you cannot feed off something that doesn't exist."

When asked whether he thinks manufacturing should be explored as more of an option for a career upon leaving college, Ken said:

"Yes, absolutely. The thing to do nowadays is to head straight to university when leaving college, regardless of where you want to go or what you want to do, this is where you're pushed.

An interview with Ken Shackleton

Managing Director of The Cardboard Box Company

When I went to university I was told 'you're in the top 5% of the UK's education system; the UK is dependent on you; you're here to lead the country; you're in a privileged position' and now the belief is that everybody should have a degree. It's a socially generous and wonderful idea for everyone to be able to gain one, but where is the practicality and structure?"

Keen to illustrate the importance of making labour work and manufacturing careers a viable option to college leavers, he explained to us that students in Switzerland are visiting these companies during school hours, learning about what they do – resulting in 70% of the youth going directly into industry after leaving college.

"If you go to university, you go because you're following a particular career path, but the majority go in to industry. Here in the UK they aren't directed in to this other area and they should be."

Directing the focus solely on Lancashire he commented:

"My worry with this Northern Powerhouse is that it's aspiring to be a mini London and we just can't be. It's difficult not to love London: the capital, home to the monarch and the government. How much money does the Royal Family bring to the UK? We just cannot aspire to do what they have done. We have to focus on what we are good at, don't we? We're good at manufacturing, just like some other areas of the country are good at farming."

The Cardboard Box Company are members of the Blackburn with Darwen Hive Manufacturing Excellence Group, which involves companies networking and collectively meeting two or three times per year to discuss current and relevant issues within the industry.

"They help you come up with solutions and positive feedback. People are willing to share their experiences and the results of what they've achieved. I think it's a fantastic thing. Generally the host company will talk about the issues they've had: personnel, supply, electricity, infrastructure... anything. Other companies will chirp up and say they have had the same problems then share how they solved it. The initiative is one that should be mirrored with the Northern Powerhouse really. All working together, singing the same song and shouting from the same platform."



*GDP: Gross Domestic Product - a monetary measure of the market value of all final goods and services produced in a period of time



Feeling a sense of pride as Ken talks about this networking and connectivity, we are in full agreement. This is exactly what the #AmazingAccrington Magazine is about.

We asked him:

How important is manufacturing to our borough?

"When I talk to people, I often ask them – do you realise that Lancashire was in the heart of the industrial revolution?"

"The focus in my head is about manufacturing – job creation, representing and developing manufacturing; making us better at it within the borough.

Why shouldn't we have worldwide recognition for it? We used to have it.

Why shouldn't Lancashire have worldwide recognition for what we are amazing at?

Why shouldn't #AmazingAccrington boast about its talents?

The town has a lot to offer and we should focus on that; focus on what we're good at."

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Opposite:
Ken Shackleton, Managing Director of The Cardboard Box Company.

Left: Design and print at The Cardboard Box Company's headquarters.

Above: The complete service.



HML RECYCLING

is urging councils and businesses to step up!

"I've grown up watching my dad deal with waste no one else wanted to. He worked for a local scrap metal merchant from a young age and when contaminated metal or things that needed breaking down were brought to the business my dad would buy them, take them home and clean them up – ready to sell back to his boss! As we lived on Hyndburn Road he jokingly called our garage Hyndburn Metals, this was way before Hyndburn even existed as a borough!"

The name stuck, despite a move to Ranger Street in 1965, Hyndburn Metals Ltd was a successful business serving the community and has evolved into HML Recycling.

"As a young guy in my early 20's it was just me and my father working at the business, I was a labourer, doing pretty much the same things as our employees do now. In 1992 my dad decided to take early retirement, leaving me to take over. The first thing I did was buy new premises and new machinery, straight away I knew I wanted to expand."

"Since I took over the business in 1992 we have definitely evolved. I have put more emphasis on customer service and also focused on corporate and manufacturer businesses. It is still a family run company, we have the capacity now to deal with the higher demand. I changed the name to HML Recycling, and we have 500+ skips across East Lancashire plus five vehicles all collecting scrap metal."

By 2004 Stuart was able to purchase the business directly from his father.

"I am very proud to say that every single business we have been into, we have been able to offer solutions which reduce cost of their waste removal."

"People want a more professional solution with better audit trails, the general public are more environmentally aware than they used to be. Although our service is focused around metal we also offer advice about all aspects of waste management."

"Not only does it save businesses money, it gives people the reassurance of full audit trails and responsible disposal. Businesses have a responsibility to properly dispose of their waste, and that's what our free consultancy service is about."

In January 2018 HML Recycling took on a new venture, mattress recycling.

12 million mattresses in the UK are produced in one year, 14% are currently recycled, the rest are going into landfill. To produce a new mattress isn't an easy task.

"Mattresses have lots of components that all need to be manufactured. Cotton has to be harvested, the metal has to be mined, the plastic produced. Most of this ends up in UK landfill, which obviously can't continue."

"Despite it being labour intensive and large premises needed, if the will is there, all aspects of a mattress can be broken down, harvested and recycled. This is what we have decided to do here at HML Recycling."



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Above:
Stuart Rogan, Managing Director of HML Recycling, stands in front of a number of the mattresses the company will recycle.

Stuart with the custom-made machine, allowing HML to be the only UK company with the ability to recycle wet and dry mattresses.

Left:
Baled aluminium lithographic printing waste. HML sort the material and bale it on-site.

Copper granules that have been produced from discarded wiring.

HML Recycling expansion site.

One of the HML Recycling vehicles.

Mattresses are produced and discarded at an alarming rate. Some chain hotels replace theirs every 6 months, whilst many university dorm-room mattresses are completely replaced every 12 months – all for brand new ones.

HML aim to be the first UK company with the ability to recycle 1,000 mattresses per day.

Currently HML are recycling 2,000 mattresses per week.

"It all depends on the will of local councils, they have the choice to send mattresses to landfill or to be recycled and it's obvious what they should be doing. The fact that 82% are going to landfill tells me that councils are not doing enough."

"We are constructing an expansion just next door to our current premises so that we can recycle more. We currently have 24,000 ft² and are adding 16,000 ft² to this. Turnover has increased by 33% from last year and we are expanding rapidly. The aim is always to increase efficiency and have the ability to take on more customers."

Growing up on Hyndburn Road in Accrington, Stuart Rogan, Managing Director of HML Recycling, has taken the family business from strength to strength and is undergoing further expansion. **Stuart told #AmazingAccrington about his journey to success, their new ventures and his plans for the future.**



HML Recycling are investing £2.5 million in expanding.

"We have invested in constructing new premises, more members of staff and also in new machinery. Our new equipment means that we are the only company in the UK that can handle wet and dry mattresses. Our new built-to-order machine was worth the half a million cost, as it means we can accept all mattresses. Other companies reject mattresses that have been left outside and become damp, with the UK weather it's easy to imagine just how many this happens to!"

"Our target is to have a £10 million turnover, I am very pleased to say due to the dedication and hard work of our team we are half way to target!"

Stuart is a father of three and his dedication to recycling has also been passed on through the family.

"My children are all aware of the importance of recycling, it's what we do as a family and I am always telling them how important it is to give back to the community. This is why I have also sponsored the main stand at Accrington Stanley Football Club. Despite being a less than mediocre football player, I do have an interest in sporting activities. I met my wife, Lisa, at Hyndburn Leisure Centre, she was a Gymnastics teacher, and it's also where I gained my black belt in Judo, which I now teach! It's important to show community spirit and I am a big advocate for civic pride. Accrington really is amazing and we need to be shouting about all the great businesses it has to offer."

Stuart and his family enjoy sporting activities, underwater photography and scuba diving as hobbies, they are all passionate about the environment and recycling is a large part of this preservation.

"My children all learnt to swim at Hyndburn Leisure Centre and my eldest went on to win 10 golds and 2 silver medals at the Lancashire County Swimming Championships, the community has given us so much. I am now the treasurer of The Lancashire Swimming and Water Polo Association, it's a great honour. I am always looking to be involved in community sports and activities."

"I'm very lucky that my children share in our values. My eldest daughter is spending the summer helping build eco bungalows and they all understand the importance of giving back to the community."

"Businesses have a responsibility to their communities"

"Andy Holt, his vision and plan for Accrington Stanley are admirable, he is dedicated to providing a brilliant resource for the community. It's up to local businesses to get behind the club and support this. Accrington Stanley FC is important to us as a family too, David Baron who played and managed ASFC is my father-in-law! Equally I am also appealing to local businesses to think about what they do with their waste streams and how this impacts the local community surrounding them. They need to really think, is the waste being handled professionally, efficiently and with a full audit trail?"

For more information on HML Recycling, what they do or to contact them with an enquiry, visit www.hmlrecycling.co.uk



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OFSTED REPORT

...they say we are good!



Accrington and Rossendale College are delighted by their recent Ofsted inspection which gave the college a 'good' rating for overall effectiveness.

The report states that:

- **Learners and apprentices develop the knowledge and skills they need for further study or work**
- **The quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good**
- **Learners and apprentices have a positive attitude to learning**

"The Ofsted 'good' rating reflects the huge efforts by all staff and to address issues identified at the previous Ofsted inspection," said Lynda Mason, Principal of Accrington and Rossendale College, "and best of all is that Ofsted recognise that the college is showing continued progress and an upward trend in all areas."

Ofsted acknowledged this with the report stating: "senior leaders and managers have been unremitting in their actions to improve the quality of learners' experiences."

Ofsted also acknowledged that "senior leaders and managers have forged very good links with employers, community groups and voluntary organisations, which are used effectively to align the college's curriculum to local and regional skill needs."

Wendy Higgin, Vice Principal Curriculum & Quality at Accrington and Rossendale College, said: "Accrington and Rossendale College has a special place in the local community with more than 6000 students and 400 staff. We are a vocational college dedicated to helping local people find good jobs with career prospects and it is great that Ofsted have recognised that we do this very well indeed. The report is absolutely correct when stating that senior leaders and governors have an ambitious vision for the college and that the positive relationships between senior leaders, staff and learners make a good contribution to learner progress."

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The college has a special place in the local community
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Above: Lynda Mason, Principal of Accrington and Rossendale College and Wendy Higgin, Vice Principal, celebrate success of Ofsted inspection with jubilant students.

Accrington and Rossendale College offers apprentice starts in most subjects throughout the year and welcomes visits from potential students who can experience the campus environment and meet the enthusiastic tutors in their interest of study.

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Scientists say:

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Dr. Trudi Deakin is a dietitian and expert in nutrition and health. Alongside her team of research scientists at X-PERT, Trudi is saying 'ta-ra' to tradition and telling the world that they now have the answer to the nations' inability to shed the pounds, despite their best efforts.

"We are dispelling the current myth that the only way to lose weight is to count calories and cut fat," says Dr. Trudi Deakin. "We don't follow other health guidelines from 40 years ago, so why are we not focusing on current information when it comes to food? The public have been misinformed about what to do to be healthy, we are a registered charity and focussed on helping people sustain a healthy weight."

X-PERT Weight have developed a programme to help people lose weight, but more importantly KEEP it off! This is delivered through small group meetings, once a week for 12-weeks and has been highly successful. X-PERT have evidence to prove individualised nutrition is the best way to lose weight.

"One-size does not fit all, that's why we get to know everyone on an individual basis and help them find what works for them! 'Diets' do not work long term, our aim is to teach people how to manage their own weight – no counting calories and no points-based reward systems, as these do not work long-term."

Weight-loss group meets at Accrington and Rossendale College

The group weight-loss sessions are currently running at Accrington and Rossendale College, a safe, relaxed and friendly environment which offers support and friendship, along-side the weight-loss sessions. These are delivered by a highly-trained individual in nutrition and health.

X-PERT Weight is a game changer!

Lisa Graham, an initially cynical participant of the X-PERT Weight programme, has had her mind and body completely converted. After completing the 12-week programme in she is amazed at how well it has worked and can't wait to share her success.

"In week 1 they explain why diets don't work - and I was hooked! Why has no-one given me this information before? I recommend everyone to try this course – it's a revelation"

Lisa has been a serial dieter in the past. Along with most of the UK population, she has never seen lasting results and her weight has fluctuated.

"I have tried Slimming World and Weight Watchers and they just don't work – now I know why."

Armed with knowledge she's gained from the programme, Lisa told us how she can confidently make healthy choices for her body and how it's having a lasting effect on her weight and overall health.

"X-PERT Weight tells you how to lose weight by NOT calorie counting and still eating tasty foods. Once I understood that carbohydrates and processed foods cause my body to store fat I cut them out - and once I did that I have found that I don't miss them at all and am enjoying a more varied, healthy diet. I have finished the programme, lost a stone in weight – and I'm still going"

Scientists say everything you have ever been told about the right way to lose weight is wrong!

The new weight-loss programme has now come to Accrington, with Accrington and Rossendale College hosting the sessions.



X-PERT Weight fits around my family and I feel a million times better
Daniel Saxton, 34, from Bury, has successfully completed the X-PERT Programme using the app and Resource folder.

"I am still getting used to my new body, people are always commenting how healthy I look and asking how I did it. They just assume I've cut out fat and restricted calories but actually following X-PERT I haven't deprived myself at all. This morning for example I had an omelette with cheese, bacon and a coffee with cream! Unbelievable I know, but X-PERT has given me that understanding so I know what I can eat and when. I have lost over two stone and I have a little more to go – but this isn't a quick fix, it's a lifestyle change."

"It's not just helped me, it's been positive for our family. With three small children I want to be able to keep up, plus be healthy and set a good example for them. It fits around my family and I feel a million times better."

The X-PERT Weight programme does not just focus on food, it delivers information on managing sleep, stress and overall health such as the bacteria in the gut and when are the best times to eat!

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“ We have developed a programme to help people lose weight ”

Opposite: Dr. Trudi Deakin, founder of X-PERT Weight, registered charity.
X-PERT group learning session.
Dr. Trudi Deakin presenting X-PERT Weight to professionals at Accrington and Rossendale College in the Coppice Theatre.
Above: Daniel Saxton, enjoying time with his family. Elizabeth Dornan, attending the X-PERT Weight group programme at Accrington and Rossendale College
X-PERT Weight resource folder inside pages.

X-PERT, in partnership with NHS England, have educated over 250,000 people in the last 10 years on managing their diabetes through diet. They are using this knowledge to educate people and combat the obesity crisis, one individual at a time!

For individuals who can't attend the group sessions, the app and Resource folder are available to purchase via the website www.xperthealth.org.uk/weight

Accrington and Rossendale College offer a variety of spaces for hire, with state of the art facilities. From auditorium space, to rooms for small group meetings and onsite catering options, all events are catered for.

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1200 Hyndburn school children made history at the Wham stadium



On Thursday 8th February 2018, 1200 Year three primary school children from across Hyndburn left the Wham Stadium with smiles on their faces, brand new football shirts under their arms and a goodie bag of gifts after a very exciting morning.

The local community and businesses all came together in spectacular style to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the reformed Accrington Stanley Football Club. The day was a brilliant display of civic pride and the power of community.

The presence of the Accrington Town Crier, Rawden Kerr, reminded everyone of the long history behind Accrington Stanley and their roots as one of the founding members of the Football League.

Andy Holt, Chairman of Accrington Stanley said: "I want to create a connection with our professional League Two football team. Our roots go right back to 1888 when Accrington were one of the founder members of the Football League. The reformed club was founded in 1968. It is very fitting to mark the 50th anniversary by giving a shirt to every year three primary school pupil in the Hyndburn area. I will be repeating this every year for the next five years in the hope it brings us closer to the community. I want it to inspire youths to take pride in their home town club by feeling part of the borough and supporting their local team."

Every school also got the opportunity to have a group picture with two of the players, Sean McConville and Billy Kee – a copy of which was given to schools as a keepsake from their exciting day (and one to boastfully share when Accrington Stanley hopefully go up a league!)

The event was organised by Scott Dawson Advertising on the back of the #AmazingAccrington initiative.

For more information about Accrington Stanley visit www.accringtonstanley.co.uk



Opposite: Children were given the opportunity to have a picture taken with Billy Kee.

Above: The Accrington Town Crier, Rawden Kerr, brought community spirit to the event and a sense of excitement.

Right: Free tickets and giveaways for each child.

Below: 1200 children and their teachers were transported to the Wham Stadium, directly from their schools to take part in the enormous celebration.



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“ Our roots go right back to 1888 when Accrington were one of the founder members of the Football League. ”



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<p>Peel</p>  <p>Cllr Joyce Plummer</p>	<p>Rishton</p>  <p>Cllr Ken Moss</p>	<p>Springhill</p>  <p>Cllr Diane Fielding</p>	<p>Overton</p>  <p>Cllr Jenny Molineux</p>
	<p>Huncoat</p>  <p>Dave Parkins</p>		<p>Clayton-le-Moors</p>  <p>Cllr Timothy O'Kane</p>

Over £2m obtained from funders for parks and open spaces

Invested in iconic public building across the borough

Replacing recycling containers with wheeled bins

£3m secured from heritage lottery funding for Accrington town centre