



BEST COMMUNITY PUB OPERATOR
FINALISTS 2024



Our Pubs

Pictures of selected sites

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BLIND TIGER INNS

Our estate



The Argyll & Sutherland

The Argyll & Sutherland is a family friendly, premium local located in Eastham, The Wirral.



The Aigburth Arms

The Aigburth Arms is a family friendly, popular community pub located in South Liverpool.



The Broadfield Arms

Located in Leyland, Lancashire; The Broadfield Arms is a family-friendly pub at the heart of its community.



The Chestergate

Next to Mersey Way Shopping Centre, The Chestergate is the perfect place to go and unwind after a busy day shopping.



The Cross Keys

Located in the heart of Barnoldswick, The Cross Keys is a family-friendly community pub.



The Crown and Cushion

The Crown and Cushion is a traditional pub situated in the middle of the town centre of Chesterfield.



The Grapes

Famously known for its Beatles connection, The Grapes is the located in the heart of Liverpool on Mathew Street.



The Halfway House

A true community pub, located in the heart of Runcorn, The Halfway House is family-friendly, welcoming and a great laugh.



The Hawk

Located in the heart of Wigan, The Hawk is perfect for families, couples and individuals who all enjoy a good laugh.

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The Park View

The Park View is a family-friendly, community pub located directly opposite Turf Moor in Burnley.



The Queens Arms

The Queens is a community pub within minutes' walk from Aintree Racecourse, home of the Grand National.



The Rising Sun

Located in Hazel Grove, Stockport; The Rising Sun is a family-friendly community pub.



The Rose and Crown

Located in the heart of Chorley, The Rose and Crown is a contemporary, cosy pub and home to the wonderful Rose Garden.



The Station Hotel

Directly opposite Altrincham Train Station, The Station Hotel is a traditional pub on an ever-growing high street.



The Station Preston

Located opposite Preston Train Station, The Station is a contemporary and popular pub perfect for commuters and shoppers.



The Talbot

The Talbot is a family-friendly, community pub located in the heart of Euxton, Lancashire.



The Towneley Arms

The Towneley Arms is a premium local located on Berry Lane in the heart of Longridge.



The Trafford

The Trafford is a Manchester United fans pub located a stones throw from Old Trafford stadium.

Our estate



The White Horse

Located in Irlam, Manchester; The White Horse is a family-friendly pub at the heart of its community.



The Wishing Well

The Wishing Well is a modern and spacious community pub situated in Lostock Hall, south of Preston City Centre.

Our 20 strong estate is a unique blend of city centre and community pubs, each boasting a distinctive personality, rich history, and unique trading style. We offer fantastic entertainment, live sports, and fundraising events, along with a diverse selection of lagers, cask ales, wines, and spirits. Our commitment lies in providing excellent products and upholding community values within secure, comfortable, and enjoyable environments.



Restoration - Breathing new life into our communities



The Argyll & Sutherland

We expanded our presence beyond Liverpool with the opening of The Argyll & Sutherland in Eastham. This marks the first Blind Tiger pub "over the water." The establishment has undergone a substantial transformation, receiving significant investment to enhance both its interior and exterior. The renovations include new signage, modernised beer garden with artificial grass, and a revamped interior featuring booth seating, wall art, and a contemporary bar. The pub offers diverse activities such as quizzes, bingo, live music, and fundraisers for community-selected charities. Additionally, it serves as a meeting space for local organisations and groups, emphasising the formation of teams for pool, darts, and other sports. The expansion has created 12 new jobs, making The Argyll & Sutherland a vibrant addition to the Blind Tiger Inns portfolio.

"This pub has so much potential and has been long overdue a transformation such as this to make sure it thrives for the long term. The community have been absolutely astounded at what we have done, and they all love their new-look local. We're really excited to see what's to come for this pub!" **Chris Tulloch,** Managing Director *Blind Tiger Inns*

"The pub looks sensational, and our opening week has been incredible! The Eastham community have been so supportive and welcoming, and we really have put this pub back on the map. We've had everyone in from families, sport fans, children, dogs and all age ranges and it's lovely to see all these people enjoying the pub together. I can't wait to see what the next few months bring; it's going to be a belter." **Andy Kelly,** Operator of the pub

Gestures of unity to bring people together



The Trafford

Blind Tiger Inns celebrated the opening of its 20th pub, 'The Trafford,' an iconic Manchester United supporter's pub located near Old Trafford stadium. After a brief closure, the pub reopened its doors to fans on September 16th, coinciding with the Brighton game. Future plans include a vibrant graffiti-covered beer garden, transforming it into a fan zone, and a refurbishment next year to enhance the interior with a cool and contemporary design while maintaining a strong Manchester United theme.



A new mural honouring the late Sir Bobby Charlton has been unveiled on The Trafford pub, located near Manchester United's Old Trafford. Commissioned after his passing on October 21st, the mural pays tribute to the football legend who made 758 appearances for Manchester United and won the 1966 World Cup with England. Graffiti artist Jano, known for his work across Blind Tiger Inns, created the mural, complementing previous artwork in the beer garden. Completed on November 14th, a day after Sir Bobby's funeral, the mural has garnered praise from local news outlets and Manchester United, receiving widespread recognition on social media.

Gestures of unity to bring people together

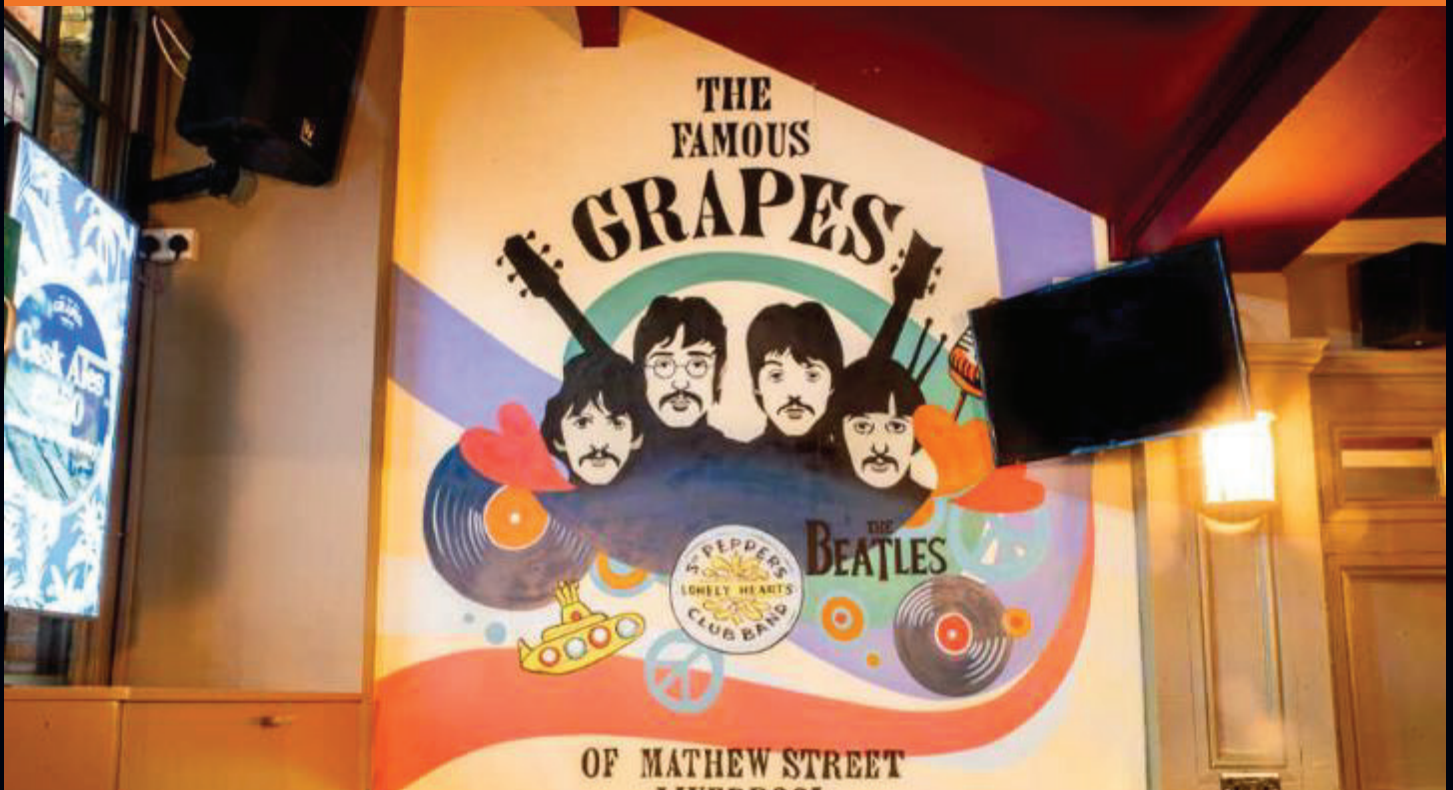


The Catterall Arms

In response to the controversial boxing result in the Taylor vs. Catterall fight, the Rose and Crown in Chorley decided to rename itself 'The Catterall Arms' for the entire month of March. The initiative aims to honour local boxer Jack Catterall, who faced disappointment in the match. The decision to change the pub's name reflects the community's strong support for Catterall and their desire to express pride in his efforts, despite not winning the championship belts.

"We were all watching intently in the pub on Saturday night and to everyone here, we all believed Jack was the clear winner and we are absolutely gutted for him. While renaming the pub won't come close to making up for what he has lost, we hope it puts a smile on his face and shows him how we are all so proud of him in his hometown!" **David Benton, Manager of The Rose and Crown**

Understanding our heritage



The Grapes

Known as one of the most famous pubs in Liverpool, the Grapes is widely renowned for its Beatles connection and being the place for live music on Mathew Street. This is a legacy we want to not only preserve, but continue to build on. The entertainment schedule is impressive to say the least, with something on every night of the week to bring people together in this iconic venue.

Karaoke lovers flock here of an evening and those who prefer live music come on a weekend when resident and local acts rock the place. The pub also has its very own vinyl jukebox (Sgt. Pepper's Lonely-Hearts Club Band) that holds seventy 7" records that customers can choose from. The jukebox money is all donated to the British Heart Foundation.



Making statements with graffiti and murals



A photograph of a woman with blonde hair, seen in profile, pouring beer from a green Heineken tap into a glass. The background is a blurred bar setting with other patrons and warm lighting.

Our training and people management

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External training and qualifications



We have put **22 people** through the NCPLH course this year, and they are now Personal Licence holders. As part of our defibrillator roll out, **31 of our team members, across six pubs, are now qualified in the safe use of these.**

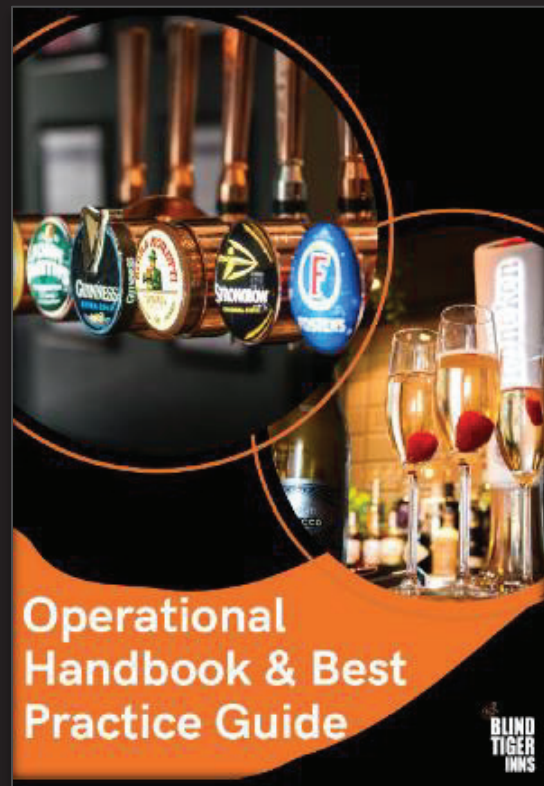
This was undertaken in partnership with the British Heart Foundation, to whom we have donated **100% of juke box income** from The Grapes, Liverpool this year.

Moving into 2024, off the back of requests from our team, we are investing tens of thousands of pounds in developing new training in association with 500 solutions, an industry-specific training company based in the North West.

In Q4 of 2021 we launched our Blind Tiger Inns Operations Manual (right).

This manual, aimed mainly at pub managers, is useful for all team members and gives guidance on all areas of the business. It was written in-house, with the sole **emphasis of education and encouraging personal development.**

The manual, which is updated quarterly, was extremely well received, and is now almost **20% larger** than version one.



Building our supportive internal culture



Since introducing our training days in 2021, we have now had 5 such events, with representation at these from every single pub manager.

We have covered all kinds of topics and had speakers and workshops from the following:

- Heineken
- CPL Training
- Diageo
- D'Vino Wines
- Regal Gaming



There is also a real focus on internal planning and feeding back as part of the events, allowing **everybody within the business to be involved** in the all important 'what happens next'.

Our 2023 training day



"I was quite nervous about the raft building as I wasn't sure what to expect, but it was fantastic! Completely out of my comfort zone but I had a great time and couldn't stop laughing the whole day." **Tony Thomas, manager of the Park View**

"It was a great day and night and so nice to catch up with all the other managers. It feels like one big family when we all get together and I can't wait to see what's planned for next year!" **Mandy Schon, manager at the Halfway House**

We hosted an unconventional yet memorable team-building day for our pub managers. Starting at Farington Lodge, the managers discussed achievements and future goals with Managing Director Chris Tulloch.

The day continued at the Anderton Centre, where teams engaged in an orienteering challenge to gather materials for raft building, testing communication and negotiation skills.

After constructing the rafts, teams competed on the reservoir. The day concluded with a visit to Rivington Brew Co for locally brewed beer and burgers, followed by a western-themed party featuring a rodeo bull, smart darts, country entertainment, pizzas, and lively celebrations.

Rewarding and incentivising



Blind Tiger Inns has enhanced its bonus scheme for general managers, introducing a chance for them to win a trip to New York City.

The monthly bonus scheme, not tied to turnover, **allows all managers to earn £18,000 (£1,500 per month)** by achieving various targets such as stock control, machine income, entertainment planning, and overall profit. Reaching the maximum bonus for three months in a year guarantees a spot on the New York City trip, following last year's successful giveaway of a Las Vegas trip to a manager. The company aims to include as many managers as possible in this exciting incentive programme.

"When we introduced the scheme, the decision was two-fold. One, reward our managers with bonuses. But two, we wanted to really develop managers who are on a turnover or percentage-based model to become business people.

No longer would chasing turnover be the only goal. It's been a fantastic scheme, however we always like to develop ourselves and our people and adding the Las Vegas and New York incentives has created a real buzz in the team!" Managing Director Chris Tulloch

"I've worked with great companies before, however Blind Tiger are always incentivising and helping us drive ourselves. It's certainly all about the carrot, not the stick, and really feels like we are all part of the same team with the same goals. I can't wait to visit Las Vegas, and it's made me super keen to keep driving my business and get a seat on the plane to New York next year!" Winner, Sarah Smith from the Station Hotel in Preston

Nurturing talent



We actively invest in people's careers, no matter where they are in their journey with us. Working in our pubs isn't just a job, which is often how people look at bar jobs – we see it much more beyond that and invest in our people for a longer-term future.

Above: Julie Smith from The Chestergate pub in Stockport. We received an email telling us that she had gone above and beyond in terms of customer service. We asked our area manager to feed this back to Julie by showing her the email on her next visits, and also taking her a bouquet of flowers. We are now also putting Julie through the NCPLH (National Certificate Of Personal Licence Holder) so that she would be able to run her own pub in the future, should she wish.



Left: Chris Ramsden worked as a labourer on our pubs and also our mobile bar business, Blind Tiger Brew Co. On the events with the mobile bar Chris showed incredible enthusiasm and potential. He asked us about being able to work on the mobile bars and we trained him up to do this. Over a year or so, he continued to show that he was a real natural with customer service.

When we took on our latest pub in Old Trafford, we needed a manager only for the days the pub was open (approx. 30 match days per year), which is not the usual recruitment challenge we face.

We put Chris through his personal licence holder course, and he is now the Manager of the pub. This is a huge achievement from being a labourer two years ago, to being the Manager of a pub that can regularly take over £40,000 in one trading session.

What our people say...



"Before working for Blind Tiger Inns, we had never run a pub before, but knew the area well and what we wanted to do to make it a fantastic community pub. Chris and the whole team have constantly supported all our ideas and are always at the other end of the phone to help us if we need it!" **Gemma & Mandy, Managers of The Halfway House**

"I started as a glass collector with this company and I am now running my own, successful community pub. I have been supported every step of the way and given so much training to get me to the level I am today. I even started a family and have two children all while having my own business – it really is an amazing feeling to work with such a supportive company!" **Hannah, Manager of The Broadfield Arms**



"I've worked in the hospitality industry for over 20 years, including working with some of our larger competitors, and I can honestly say – I have never worked somewhere that cares about their people more. I visit the pubs far more frequently than I was ever able to in my previous roles, and our Marketing team also visit monthly, which is something that I have never witnessed elsewhere. This is what sets us apart from the rest, being so close to the pubs, their teams and their communities. It enables us to do our jobs better because we aren't sat in an office somewhere completely detached from the day-to-day operations; but instead, we are on the ground with our people, supporting them as much as we can." **Nick Buckle, Operations Manager**



Our Communities

Details of any CSR initiatives
including community partnerships

[Supporting Document](#)



**BLIND
TIGER
INNS**

Keeping the hearts of the community going



In the past few years, we've installed defibrillators across the Blind Tiger Inns estate, with The Grapes on Mathew Street notably **saving 8 lives in the last 2 years!** This remarkable impact has earned recognition from the British Heart Foundation, local press, and authorities. Situated on bustling Mathew Street in Liverpool, The Grapes' defibrillator, registered on 'The Circuit,' has played a crucial role in responding to emergencies, demonstrating its vital contribution to the community's wellbeing.

The Chestergate (above) recently unveiled their defibrillator after **raising £2,000 from their patrons.**



"I can't believe how many times our defibrillator has saved someone's life, it really is one of the best decisions we made to install one. You wouldn't believe how few there are in the City Centre, and with millions of people travelling to Liverpool every month, we need far more than there is! Every time the defibrillator is used, we must buy new pads and re-register it on the Circuit as 'Emergency Ready' so that the emergency services know it is ready for use if needed. Hopefully it won't need to be used again soon, but it is always ready to go if it does." **Karen Strickland, Manager of The Grapes**

Going the extra mile with site-wide fundraising challenges



"Well done to Claire and the team at The Hawk for organising and great to see the community come together. Their challenge is open to all so pop on down and help clock up the miles like councillor Helen O'Neill and I have done". **Councillor David Hurst, Worsley Mesnes Labour Councillors**

"The idea to cycle the length of the country and back to raise money for charity is brilliant. There are a lot of people who would love to raise money for a good cause but don't think they can on their own, so this is a great way to bring the community together and all do our little bit for the challenge. I just love to help people, and I feel really proud that we have all got involved in this!"

Crinden Halsall, participant in the cycling challenge and Hawk regular

Caring about real lives in our communities



In July, The Hawk at Wigan donated all their pool money proceeds to local charity 'Directions for Men' who provide groups for men to come and talk about whatever it is that is affecting their mental health.

The reason the Hawk chose this charity was due to local lad, McKenzie Robertshaw tragically taking his own life at a young age. McKenzie's dad, Darren Robertshaw, is a regular at the pub and McKenzie's girlfriend, Masie, is a team member there too, so the charity is very close to the heart of many involved at the pub.

"McKenzie's story is heartbreaking and something that shocked us all. We really wanted to do something to help, which is why we decided to donate our pool money to such an important cause. Suicide is the biggest killer of men under 40, and as a pub manager, I encounter men that are often struggling with their mental health. I always try to encourage them to talk and tell them about 'Directions for Men' which do amazing things for our community." **Claire Bolton, Manager of the Hawk**

Directions For Men



Foodbank donations



"The work our pubs and their communities do all year round to support others is incredible, but at Christmas it really goes up to the next level. It's a pleasure to visit the pubs and see all the hard work turn into literal mountains of donations. The current climate does of course make it tougher for some people to donate, but equally more and more people need the support, so hopefully this year we get the usual bumper collections." **Managing Director of Blind Tiger Inns, Chris Tulloch**

Finding worthy local causes



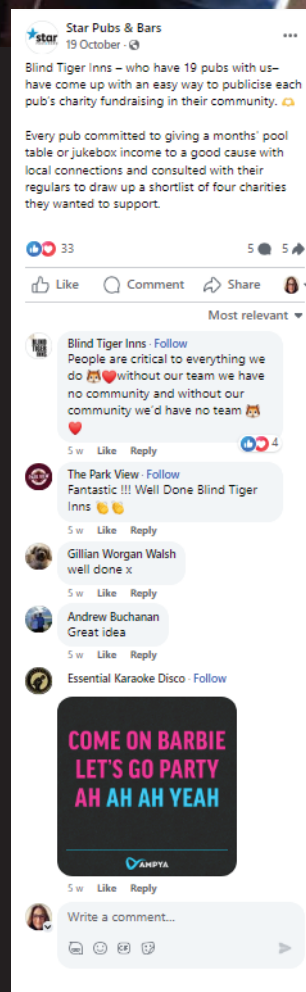
Each July, Blind Tiger Inns donate all their pool table income for the month to local charities nominated by the customers. In the run up to July, the pubs asked their communities to nominate 4 charities with local connections to whom their pool table income could be donated, eventually choosing one based on the most votes on their social media polls.

The charities were extremely grateful with the amounts donated, commenting that it would significantly help all those using the charities. The Aigburth Arms donated a fantastic amount which bought much-needed portable goal posts for Hillside Neighbourhood Centre, while the Broadfield donated to The Base which feeds 200 people every day for free. Other charities included cancer units, local hospices, children centres and homeless shelters.

“Each month we run a different offer or promotion; however, we decided that July we would switch this up and try raise money for some amazing local charities. Involving the customers to choose where the money was to be donated really made sure that people got behind the initiative.

In the odd site across the estate that doesn't have a pool table, the monies from the juke boxes were donated to the charities.”

Amy Cutler, Marketing Manager, Blind Tiger Inns



Finding worthy local causes



Blind Tiger Inns

30 October · 🌐

We saw the sleeping bag appeal from [Chorley Help the Homeless](#) and dropped off 10 brand new sleeping bags this morning 🧡📦

The work that all the team do here is incredible 🧡 it won't be long until we set up our annual foodbank at [The Talbot](#) to collect much needed goods for this wonderful place 🧡

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10 comments

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Blind Tiger Inns

20 October · 🌐

Always at the heart of the community 🧡

Star Pubs & Bars

19 October · 🌐

Blind Tiger Inns – who have 19 pubs with us– have come up with an easy way to publicise each pub's charity fundraising in their community. 📦

Every pub committed to giving a months' pool table or jukebox income to a good cause with local connections and consulted with their regulars to draw up a shortlist of four charities they wanted to support.

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The Talbot

21 November at 12:29 · 🌐

📦 TALBOT FOODBANK 📦

WE'RE BACK for our fourth year running! 🧡📦

We will be collecting items for [Chorley Help the Homeless](#) who do an amazing job at supporting the homeless and anyone struggling in these difficult times! 🧡

Any non-perishable items are gratefully received, but if you'd like a few ideas - here's a shopping list of items they need...

Tinned fruit, vegetables, potatoes
Tinned rice pudding
Breakfast cereal
UHT milk
Sugar
Smash or similar dried potatoes
Tinned spaghetti, baked beans
Tinned meat (curry, corned beef, ham)
Biscuits
Tea & Coffee
Jars of pasta and curry sauces
Tinned soups

We can also collect cold weather items for them which are much needed in winter! Hats, gloves, thermals - anything like that. 🧡

Our opening times for drop offs at the pub are below 📦

- ✓ Friday 24th - 3pm - 6pm
- ✓ Saturday 25th - 10am - 2pm
- ✓ Sunday 26th - 10am - 2pm

Thank You in advance to our wonderful community 🧡

You, Nick Buckle, Mark McDonnell and 15 others

21 shares

10k ALTRINCHAM

FREE DRINK FOR PARTICIPANTS

Finding worthy local causes



Aigburth Arms

A great example of the pool money donations is from The Aigburth Arms, which donated its proceeds to Hillside Neighbourhood Centre (HIYA), a community centre in Liverpool that helps individuals and families within the local area.

HIYA is completely funded by donations and everything they can do is through the help of the community.

The centre is run by Berna, who is the mother of Ashley, Assistant Manager at the Aigburth, and when they needed some goalposts for the outdoor football activities, it felt like the perfect place to donate the proceeds.



"The money we raised bought two pro-sized football nets that they desperately needed for all the outdoor activities. Everyone was so pleased with them and they have been used daily since they bought them!" **Louise Delaney, Manager of the Aigburth Arms**

Community partnerships



Euxton Villa FC

We have strengthened our longstanding sponsorship of Euxton Villa FC by donating a 56-seater stand for spectators. The investment, totalling over £20,000 over 2 years, aims to support Euxton Villa in meeting the requirements of playing in the North West Counties Football League after their promotion in May 2022. The stand, delivered in March, not only accommodates the increased number of spectators but also aligns seamlessly with Euxton Villa's black and orange signature colours, reflecting Blind Tiger Inns' commitment to the club.



"We can't thank Blind Tiger Inns enough for their investment – it really means so much to everyone at the club. The stand looks amazing and everyone loves it as it has the best view of all the action! Without investors like Blind Tiger Inns, so much of what we achieve as a football club wouldn't be possible, so thank you!" **Club President, Mark McDonnell**

Pride in our communities



A vibrant pink and yellow poster for a karaoke night. At the top, three microphones with rainbow-colored grilles are shown. Below them, the text "THE CROWN & CUSHION PRESENTS" is in a yellow box. The main title "LOUD & PROUD" is in large, bold, pink letters. Below that, "KARAOKE NIGHT" is in yellow letters. A yellow box on the right says "WITH DRAG QUEEN CHANEL". At the bottom, a yellow banner reads "EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 7PM". A circular logo in the top right corner says "THE CROWN & CUSHION PRESENTS".

A photograph of a smiling woman with dark hair, wearing a dark jacket with a green lanyard, in a pub setting. In the foreground, a large glass of beer is being poured. The background shows shelves with various bottles and warm lighting.

Marketing & promotional material

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Christmas initiatives



Christmas initiatives range from Christmas markets, releasing singles, breakfast with Santa, our own Christmas truck, collecting thousands of gifts for underprivileged children, and much more.



Christmas initiatives



The Halfway House Runcorn
20 November at 18:59

Christmas, it's the most wonderful time of the year 🎄
...And what a BANGER of a December we've got lined up for you 🎉🎊🎅

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR
CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN HALFY STYLE

On the first week of Christmas, The Halfy gave to me...

Friday 1st Joe Wall From 9pm
Saturday 2nd DJ Briggo From 8pm

On the second week of Christmas, The Halfy gave to me...

Tuesday 5th Quiz Night 9pm Wednesday 6th Bingo 9pm
Friday 8th Christmas Jumper Day With FREE Jukebox All Day
Saturday 9th DJ Briggo From 8pm

On the third week of Christmas, The Halfy gave to me...

Tuesday 12th Quiz Night 9pm Wednesday 13th Bingo 9pm
Friday 15th Pink Pumps From 9pm
Saturday 16th Kid's Christmas Party 1-3pm
DJ Briggo From 8pm

On the fourth week of Christmas, The Halfy gave to me...

Tuesday 19th Quiz Night From 9pm
Wednesday 20th Christmas Bingo From 9pm
Friday 22nd Dave Oz From 9pm
Sunday 24th Christmas Karaoke From 7pm

On the fifth week of Christmas, The Halfy gave to me...

Tuesday 26th LIVE Amazon Prime Sport
Boxing Day and FREE Jukebox ALL DAY
Friday 29th The Mersey Flows From 9pm
Sunday 31st New Year's Eve Party! with DJ Briggo

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THE BROADY'S KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY
SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2-4PM

FREE ENTRY

Breakfast with SANTA
Saturday 16th December 10am - 12pm
Tickets £7

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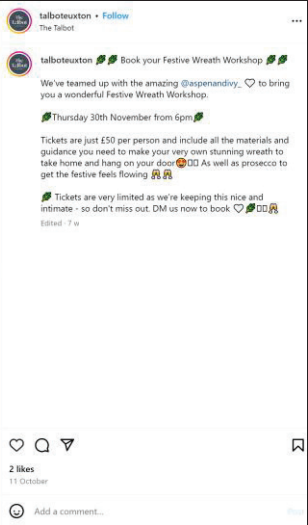
Don't miss a moment of the action 🎉
We'll be showing ALL the Premier League football on Amazon Prime throughout December 🎅

WE'RE SHOWING ALL OF THE PREMIER LEAGUE ACTION ON
THROUGHOUT DECEMBER
5TH, 6TH, 7TH & 26TH, 27TH, 28TH

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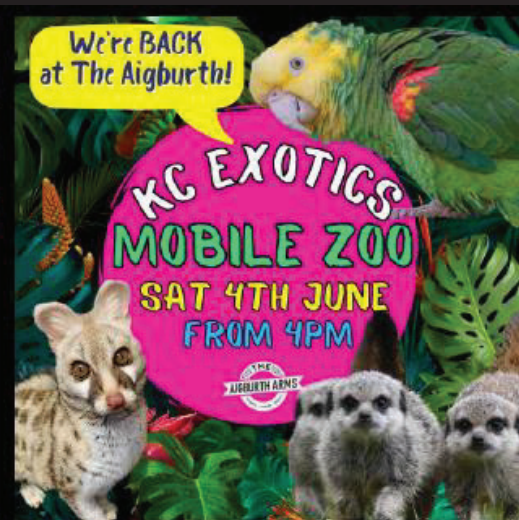
Christmas initiatives



Marketing and promotional activities



Kids and family days



Events to bring the community together



Photos from Rising Sun's post
in Martin Upcals



Charity events



**HELP US TO SEND 100 SICK CHILDREN TO LAPLAND
AND MAKE THEIR DREAMS COME TRUE THIS CHRISTMAS**

PARADE

in the North Pole

JOIN US FOR OUR FUNDRAISING WEEKEND

**CHRISTMAS MARKETS
LIVE MUSIC
RAFFLES & PRIZES
FOOD & DRINK**

**FRIDAY 24TH ~
SUNDAY 26TH
NOVEMBER**

RAISING MONEY FOR
When you wish upon a Star
Registered Charity No. 1000963
Dream making for sick children

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**CHARITY PARTNERSHIP
BARCLAYS**

THE RISING SUN
DRINKS • SPORTS • MUSIC

**LEYLAND'S SANTA
PUB CRAWL**

**JOIN US ON A FESTIVE FANCY
DRESS CHARITY PUB CRAWL!**

message us for more info on
joining our team.

**SAT 9TH
NOV**

**£5 ENTRY
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The BROADFIELD Arms

**Family
FUN**

**in the
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CHARITY FUN DAY

raising funds for our community defibrillator
at The Park View

Charity events



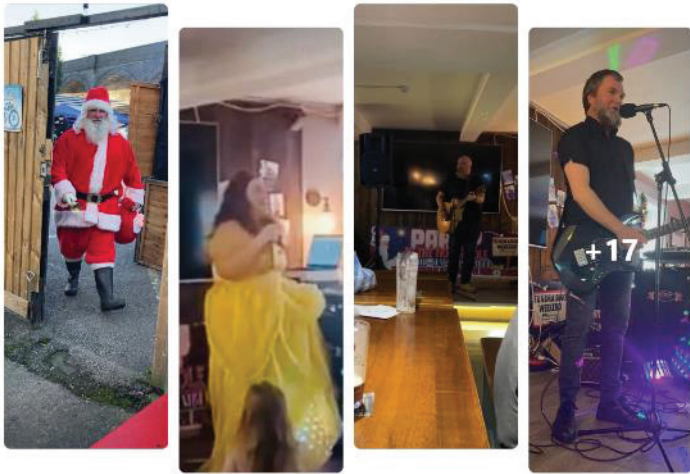
Rising Sun
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🎉 The party in the North Pole 🎉
What a success! We raised an incredible amount of money this weekend for When You Wish Upon A Star North West and also supported Roughleys and Makants greyhound rescue.

🌲 We couldn't have done it without your support. Our customers! Thank you for making our pub feel magical this weekend. 🌲

🎵 The performers that travelled to us to and gave up your time to play for our customers in aid of the charity ❤️ SAM JONES Jules Musgrove Hannah Louise Smith Lucinda J. Grundy and our evening acts Billy Porter and Paul Stone you were amazing as always 🎵

❄️ If you didn't brave the cold like our amazing market holders this weekend then take a look..... Craftyfox Artisan Crafts I Love To Crochet by BarbFlossypops Candy Company Candy Heaven Boxyboo ManchesterRocco's Neapolitan Mobile Pizza Bear in Beads Bosson Winston Earle Newton Fowler The Wiggly Piglet Co Baked by LeahJanine Campbell The bbq man Coffee to the Core BookieMoo MAISY Horror Charms Dawns sweets, Teacake uk. ❄️



📢 Boost this post to reach up to 1994 more people if you spend £42.

Boost post

👍 You, Alison Sutton, Chris Tulloch and 34 others

10 comments 9 shares



The Hawk
1 d · 🌐

And we've reached the finished line, with a last push from criden who has just done the last 84 kms. Thankyou to each and everyone of you who have took part in this mammoth task!
We are still taking donations for the next few weeks!
#community #wiganandleighospice #BeWellStayWell #charityfundraiser



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Chorley Help the Homeless
20 h · 🌐

The Talbot's Food Bank Drop-Off point at the weekend raised an incredible collection of food for our food bank! Thank you so much to everyone at The Talbot Euxton, and everybody who kindly donated food items at the drop-off point. 🍌



👍 You, Chris Tulloch, Alice Myerscough and 45 others

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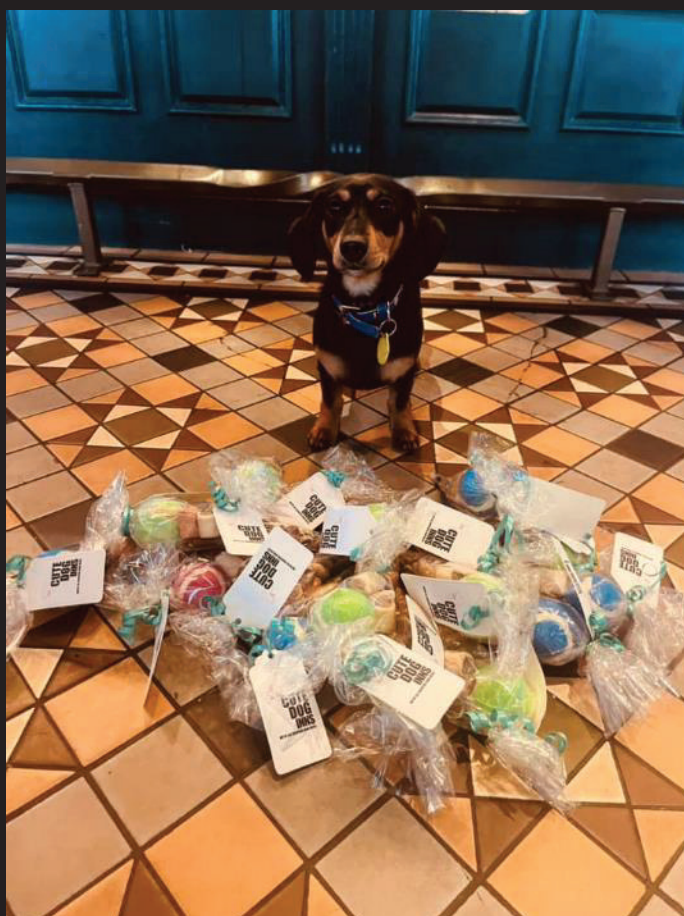
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Sports team sponsorship



International Dog Day



For International Dog Day, we sourced Blind Tiger-branded treat cones, each containing edible biscuits, and tennis balls from a small family-run business. We bought over 500, so each pub had ample supply to give out to our furry friends!



Not only our words...

Customer and community testimonials

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What our customers and wider communities say



"Thank you so much to all the team and customers at the Rising Sun for their 'Party in The North Pole' fundraising event. This year we are sending 100 children to Lapland for Christmas, and the Rising Sun contribution has helped make this a reality!"

Megan Finch, When You Wish Upon A Star

"Coming to The Chestergate to sing and dance is what got me out of bed every day after my husband died." – **Molly, customer**

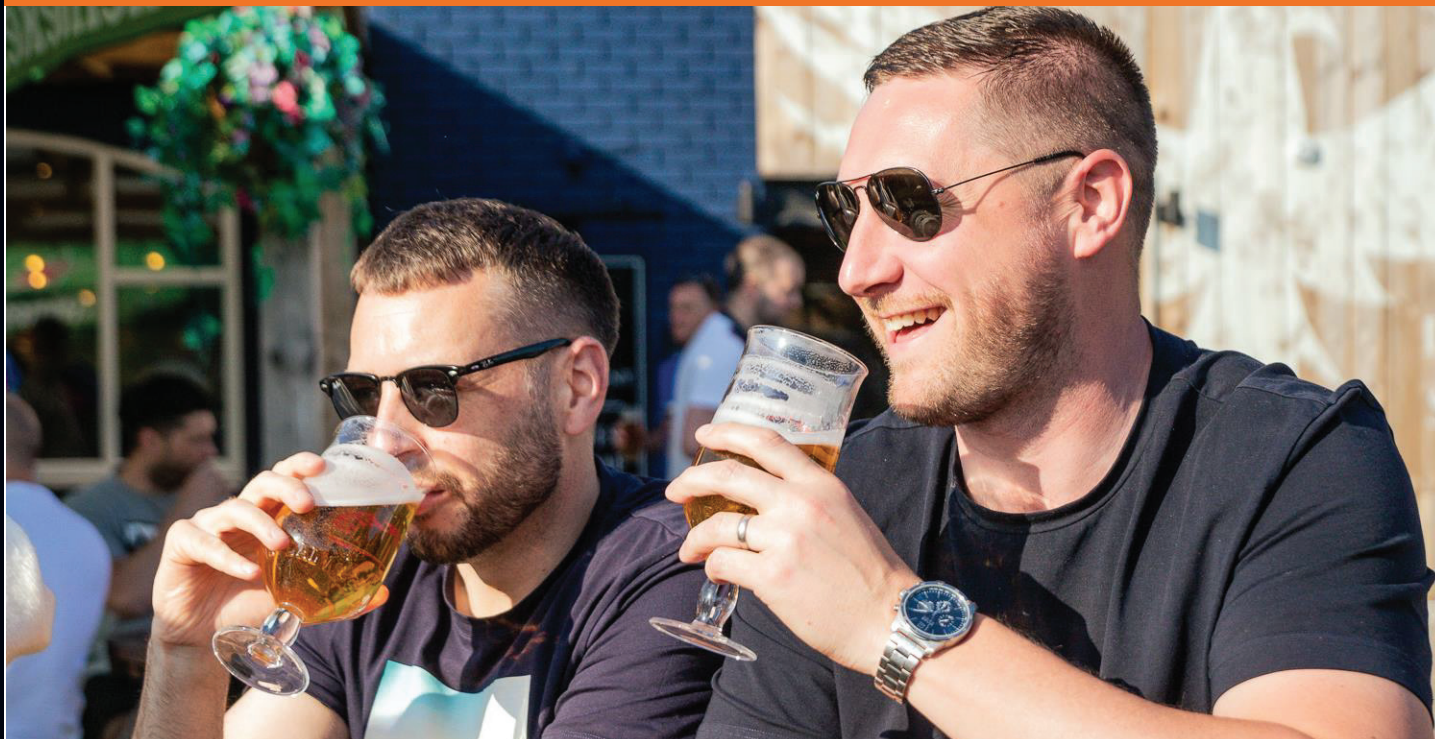
"The donation received from The Talbot has made a huge difference to the stock levels in our foodbank. This means we will be able to continue to help the people we support with food parcels over the coming winter months."

Julie Jones, Volunteer at Chorley Help the Homeless

"The idea to cycle the length of the country and back to raise money for charity is brilliant. There are a lot of people who would love to raise money for a good cause but don't think they can on their own, so this is a great way to bring the community together and all do our little bit for the challenge. I just love to help people, and I feel really proud that we have all got involved in this!"

Crinden Halsall, participant in the cycling challenge and Hawk regular

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"What a great party for the kids, well organised and very welcoming." **Customer comment**

"Huge thanks to Mike and all the team at the Park View for always fundraising for us on their charity days – we really appreciate everything you do for us!"

NICU Burnley General Hospital

"I just wanted to say a HUGE HUGE thank you for all the amazing work you are doing to support our charity – we couldn't be more grateful!"

British Heart Foundation

"Getting to play at Wembley in the BT Sport Pub Cup Final was a dream for us and we couldn't have done it without the support of the managers and all the customers at The Wishing Well! The pub supports us every year with our kit with a sizeable investment, and if it wasn't for that, we wouldn't be able to have a fresh kit and other things every year."

Lostock Hall FC

"We're grateful for all the fundraising efforts from the Queens throughout the month of October and early November leading up to Remembrance Day, which of course is a special day for us."

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Wigan pub encourages locals to cycle for charity

Wigan pub is calling on locals to cycle more than 1,200 miles to raise money for Wigan and Leigh Hospice.

By Sophie Lyon

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While it is a huge challenge, it isn't quite as daunting as it might sound, because charity organisers at The Hawk in Hawkley Hall want participants to share the journey.

And it's on static bikes too, so there's not need to worry about bad weather and steep hills either!

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Pub regulars and members of the community have been taking turns to cycle part of the month-long challenge: a 1,206-mile journey which is the distance from Land's End to John O'Groats and back, on static bikes at The Hawk Pub, Hawkley Hall, raising funds for Wigan and Leigh Hospice. Pub manager Claire Bolton, centre, is pictured with Dave Parry, left, and Derek McCabe, right



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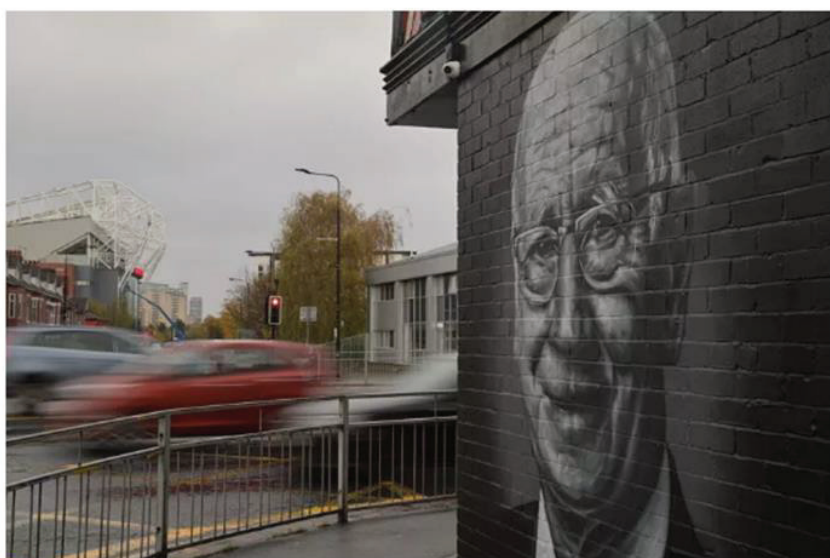
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His funeral was held on Monday

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A new mural depicting Sir Bobby Charlton has appeared near Old Trafford

A new mural depicting the late Sir Bobby Charlton has been painted on The [Trafford](#) pub near to the home of [Manchester United](#).

Sir Bobby passed away at the age of 86 on October 21. His funeral, attended by 1,000 people including legends of the game, was held at Manchester Cathedral on Monday (November 13).

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Peace of mind for Stockport town centre as defibrillator installed at The Chestergate

By Alasdair Perry
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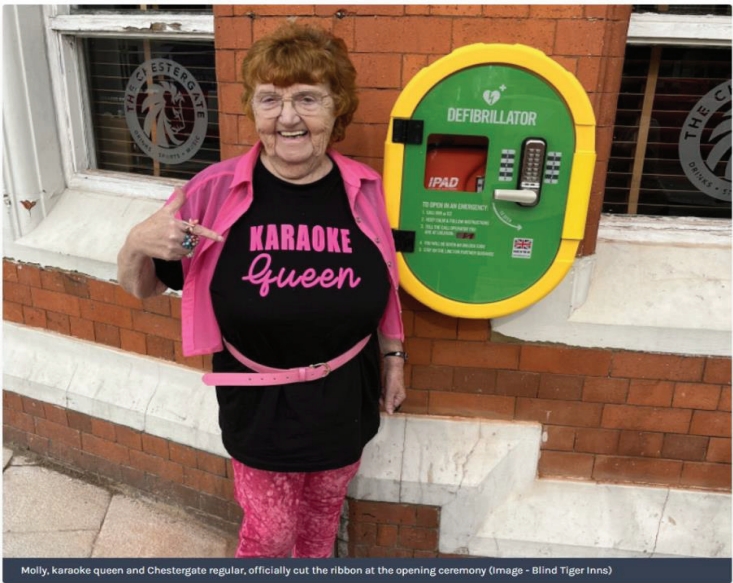
The Chestergate pub in Stockport town centre has improved safety for regulars and the wider community with a new defibrillator (Image - Alasdair Perry)

The Chestergate - known by some as 'the best pub on earth' - has installed a new defibrillator in an effort to protect both visitors and the wider community.

"We just wanted to give something back to our community", explains pub manager Steph. With a number of elderly regulars and growing footfall in the area, an easily accessible external defibrillator is all the more important.

Steph adds: "We hope it doesn't get used too soon, but it is there to help somebody."

This £2,000 piece of medical kit was funded by donations from customers, and with the assistance of local businesses that provided prizes for raffles and similar fundraising events.



Molly, karaoke queen and Chestergate regular, officially cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony (Image - Blind Tiger Inns)

"We've been overwhelmed by the generosity of our customers and local community", Steph says.

"This has enabled us to raise the money in such a short space of time; the goal was to raise enough money by the end of 2023 with plans to purchase the defibrillator early January next year, but we have smashed that target and managed to get it much earlier!"

The defibrillator was unveiled this afternoon (16 October). Local hero and karaoke queen Molly cut the ribbon - the same Molly of international fame, owing to a video from the Chestergate which recently took the internet by storm.

Following the said video, people as far as New York and Los Angeles vowed to visit the pub. Well, if they do, they can rely on a defibrillator in the event of an emergency!

You can find the Chestergate in Stockport town centre, on Mersey Square, not far from Stockport Plaza.

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The pub will close at the end of the month

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Chris Tulloch, managing director of Blind Tiger Inns, outside The Argyll in Eastham (Image: Bernard Platt @plattphoto)

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Great grandfather raises money for Stockport children dealing with life-threatening illnesses

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Derek will clock up the miles in his first static bike ride, taking place at The Rising Sun pub (Image - Stockport NHSFT)

Great-grandfather Derek Farnell will clock up the miles on a static bike ride in support of two charities later this month.

The Rising Sun pub on Buxton Road, Hazel Grove, will host Derek's two-day, 200-mile ride on October 20 and 21 to raise funds for the Treehouse Children's Unit at Stepping Hill Hospital and the When You Wish Upon a Star organisation.

Derek, who is 72 and lives in Hazel Grove, is classed as disabled, yet it hasn't stopped him getting on his push bike over the years to raise tens of thousands of pounds for various good causes.

He explains; "It's my way of saying thank you for the wonderful care Stepping Hill hospital staff gave my wife Mary when she had breast cancer and me seven years ago, when I was severely ill in intensive care.

"I have suffered for a long time with severe hernias and chronic stomach disease, but in 2016 I was rushed to the Hospital's A&E. During surgery they tell me I died three times in theatre and was in an induced coma for over four days."

Thankfully, Derek was able to recover and go home with the help of the hospital's surgical, ITU and medical teams.

Since then, former JCB-driver Derek - a dad of four, grandad of five, and great-granddad of one - has taken part in a number of long-distance sponsored bike rides to support Stockport NHS Charity. Previous routes have taken him to London, Scotland, Wales, Dorset, Lincolnshire, and Coventry.

He adds; "This will be my first static ride, and I'm so grateful to the Rising Sun for hosting my challenge. They are a great bunch of people and I know they will be supporting me all the way. In the past I've raised funds for the Endoscopy Unit and dementia care, but this time I've chosen to support the When You Wish Upon a Star charity, which grants wishes to children living with life threatening illnesses, and the Treehouse Children's Unit.

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