

## **Annual Community Award Nomination - BARRIE 'BAZZA' PULFORD**

Just a few reasons why we feel 'Bazza' should be nominated for a Community Hero Award.

Bazza has always been at the very forefront of organising many charity events that are held in Shevington. He has organised many charity football matches which have taken place on the Rec over the years which have raised a good few thousand pounds for different causes - and the occasional fundraising pub crawl.

Barrie took part in the Plough Bike Ride from Shevington to Southport and back which over the years has in itself raised well over £100,000 in 26 years for local charities (Kid & Sibs being one of them plus local families in need) and whilst he didn't organise it (Dave Foreacre and Dave Houghton were the key players in this one) he played a vital role in the fund raising by doing auctions and bbq's at the rear of the pub along with various other events.

During Covid he organised weekly Street Bingo in Inward Drive which lifted peoples' spirits massively - that alone raised £4,000. (£3,000 went to Wigan hospital for a memorial garden/bench and £1,000 to a family struggling to pay for sudden funeral costs).

He also played a part in the charity football match last year by organising it, arranging sponsorship, bbq etc - funds raised went towards the FSMP.

Barrie has been a major player in raising funds for TeamLincoln - again collecting money, helping to organise a fun day which we held approx 4 years ago. Over a period of time he raised over £10,000. Sadly, TeamLincoln at the Plough has had to restart it's fundraising due to Lincoln's neuroblastoma returning with very serious complications and issues. Once again he is there flying the flag for this cause.

Barrie always sources sponsorships from local businesses to ensure that all monies raised go to whatever cause and are not swallowed up with expenses and will even pay out of his own pocket should he feel the need arising.

Bazza is an extremely kind-hearted and generous individual and carries out many smaller good deeds if he can giving people lifts, etc and will absolutely help anyone if he can. He NEVER asks for anything in return and does not get the recognition that we (myself, Graham, his friends and customers) feel he truly deserves so to be nominated for this award would be amazing.