

# creative SUPPORT

## Further Football Focus

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April the Accrington Service Users took on the Head Office staff in an exciting 5-a-side football match at the JJB Soccerdome in Blackburn. Accrington won the toss and kicked off the game. They used their



squad rotation to good effect, but by the end of the first half Head Office had taken the lead 9-2 with Billy and Jonathan scoring the most goals. Accrington were fresher for the second half and after a few minutes had narrowed the gap to 12-10. In the last few minutes the game went into overdrive, with goals flying in for both teams. Accrington levelled the score 16-16 with seconds to go. A penalty shoot-out ensued with the Accrington service users the eventual winners, 9-8 on penalties. The referee, Kevin from our Accrington service, did a sterling job, being firm but fair.

Accrington Team: Chris, Colin, Jason, Luke, Martin, Peter, Stephen & Tommy

Head Office Team: Billy, Chris, Errol, Gavin, Jonathan & Scott (from Fletcher Court)

We are planning a **5-a-side football tournament in July**, open to teams of service users, staff members, staff and service users, men and/or women. If interested please contact Errol Williams for details: [errol.williams@creativesupport.co.uk](mailto:errol.williams@creativesupport.co.uk) or Tel: 0161 236 0829

## New contracts

\* Supported living to 24 adults with learning disabilities in Lancashire  
\* Admission onto ESPO framework (Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation) for Supporting People and Social Care Services for people with mental health needs and learning disabilities



## Pirates Take Over Head Office

On Friday 17th April, Head Office was taken over by pirates and wenches to raise money for Water Aid! Fortunately no-one had to walk the plank and we still raised **£70!**

Other services joined in the fundraising action, details to follow in the next newsletter.



## Electric!

For the third year in succession, Trevor Stringer and Mike

## Investors in People

Creative Support has succeeded in maintaining our Investors in People accreditation, held since 1996! The assessors agreed that Creative Support's strengths include commitment to people's development, the training calendar, managers' support of staff, support for people to combine personal responsibilities and work and organisational and staff commitment to our service users.



Latham, on our Maintenance Team, have taken the agency through the Part P Domestic Installer accreditation with flying colours. They are both recognised as Qualified Supervisors, this means our Maintenance Team's electricians can continue working their magic throughout the projects for another year!

## Live with a Healthy Heart!

Coronary Heart Disease is the second biggest cause of premature death in people with learning disabilities. To reduce this, the British Heart Foundation has developed 'Live with a healthy heart', a DVD and booklet for people with learning disabilities. It can be used by service users themselves or by support workers to educate individuals about their lifestyles and how to live with a healthy heart. For more information about keeping your heart healthy visit the website [www.bhf.org.uk/keeping\\_your\\_heart\\_healthy/default.aspx](http://www.bhf.org.uk/keeping_your_heart_healthy/default.aspx) or to order the DVD and booklet, which is available for a suggested donation of £5, call the BHF orderline on 0870 600 6566.



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