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## ACHIEVEMENTS

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO WIGAN & LEIGH PENSIONERS LINK**

THIS YEAR - 2018 -WE ARE CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

Pensioners Link was established in 1988 and was the vision of two pensioners, Allan Taylor and Peter Kenny. An important element of their vision was to see organisations and people linked together so as to provide maximum benefit for older people.

Our aims:

- Maintain independence and wellbeing
- Reduce isolation
- Stimulate social interaction
- Access information and services in the community

### **SMALL CHARITY BIG IMPACT AWARDS LAUNCHED**

Highlight your charity's impact to win an award and prize package

Small charities and community groups around the country carry out vital work but in many cases people are not aware of their impact.

Through the FSI Small Charity Big Impact Awards, small charities and community groups can highlight the work and the impact they make on a local, national and international level.

The awards will celebrate the impact of five charities in the following categories:

- Charity with an annual income under £50,000
- Charity with an annual income between £50,001 - £150,000
- Charity with an annual income between £150,001 - £250,000
- Charity with an annual income between £250,001 - £500,000
- Charity with an annual income between £500,001 - £1.5 million

Winning organisations will benefit from:

- A film of each organisation provided by the FSI highlighting their work and impact
- One day's Impact Audit carried out by the FSI, which has a value of £650 and will support charities to identify areas where they are performing well, and areas to focus on to improve impact planning, measurement, evaluation and management.
- Two development sessions for the charity's CEO which will include leadership and marketing.
- Recognition for the charity's valuable work and impact made to current and new supporters.

How to enter

Simply fill out the short application form and send a high-resolution photo. Entries must be submitted by Friday 23 March 2018.

Winners will be charities that:

- Have delivered a high impact through their services and programmes in the past 24 months
- Show there is a planning process around impact
- Demonstrate their impact internally and externally

For further information and to enter, visit: <http://smallcharityweek.com/small-charity-big-impact-day/>

**JOSEPH'S GOAL IS 5**

The Wigan-based charity, Joseph's Goal, celebrates its fifth anniversary this year.

It was launched in October 2012 by Paul and Emma Kendrick to raise funds for research into Non-Ketotic Hyperglycaemia (NKH), the life limiting genetic disorder that their son, Joseph, was born with.

Incredibly over £400,000 has now been raised to fund the research into NKH by Dr Johan Van Hove at the University of Colorado in the USA, and Professor Nick Greene of University College in London.

Most of this has been raised by the generosity of the Wigan community.

The charity aims to find a cure for NKH hopefully in time for Joseph himself to benefit

**PUPILS INSPIRED BY ARTIST NICHOLAS DIXON TO PRODUCE MURAL**

High school pupils have been given a masterclass from an artist to produce their own mural. Fred Longworth High School students were inspired by Leeds abstract painter Nicholas Dixon, who visited last week to help with their artwork.

The mural includes a worker bee design in tribute to people who lost their lives in the Manchester Arena terror attack last year. It is titled "The future is bright" and will be put up outside the school's art block.

Art and design teacher Mrs Belinda Neild said: "The art department and I are thrilled with the outcome of the mural and we are looking forward to seeing the work on display." Parents have also told me the students have been given a massive sense of worth and achievement after doing it."

The project took four days to complete, as well as after-school preparation workshops. The pupils will also be treated to a visit to Nicholas' home city to see his murals which are on display there.

**SPRING VIEW CLUB BECOMES INCREDIBLY EDIBLE**

Following completion of the new bowling green at Spring View Cricket and Bowling Club it was decided to plant some trees on the site. At the same time Wigan Rotary Club decided to take part in a Rotary UK wide challenge to plant a tree for every member of the club.

With the help of a grant from the Abram ward Councillors Brighter Borough Fund and a donation from Wigan Rotary Club seventy apple and pear trees were recently planted at the side of the bowling green and around the rest of the site.

Abram Ward Councillor and Rotarian Eunice Smethurst said 'This is a fantastic opportunity for Rotary, the community and local Councillors to come together to improve the area. With the trees being fruit trees this gives Abram Ward a chance to be part of the Incredibly Edible project that the Council is promoting. I am so pleased that Spring View Cricket & Bowling Club decided to help with this scheme.'

Wigan Rotary Club President Gwyneth Millard said 'I am delighted we have been able to help in a project that will benefit the community, hopefully for many years to come, when the trees produce the apples and pears each year. Wigan Rotary Club has a long history of working with the community on schemes which will have a long term benefit and we aim to carry on this work in the future. Plus every member of Wigan Rotary Club has effectively planted a tree to meet the RI President's Challenge.'