

# COMMUNITY AWARDS 2004

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**CASH SCORERS:** Youngsters from Westhoughton Lions Amateur Rugby League Football Club celebrate receiving a Make It Happen community award to improve their playing facilities at The Den

## Three cheers!

They're in the money and they're all smiles

THE Bolton Evening News and Combined Insurance made it happen for 37 local voluntary groups at a prestigious awards' evening at the Reebok.

The Make It Happen community awards involved a £10,000 giveaway by Combined, the health and specialist insurance experts, who worked in partnership with us to highlight landmark community schemes.

Dozens of local organisations applied for awards

by **Angela Kelly**

under the scheme and, although, unfortunately, some had to be disappointed there was joy for many on the night.

Roy Sandelands, vice-president of Combined and who is from Westhoughton, spoke of his pleasure at being in the area once more.

Aiding local groups, and underpinning community and individual needs, was exactly the company's ethos and the Make It Happen awards were proving suc-

cessful in helping many local organisations go forward with their work, he said.

Bolton Evening News' editor Steve Hughes thanked the company for its support, and congratulated all the groups receiving awards.

"The numbers that applied reflected the great wealth of community groups in the town and gave them an opportunity for further achievements, as well as greater profile.

"We have been happy to be involved in helping them," he said.



**BUSY CENTRE:** Members of The Unity Church, Chorley New Road, Bolton celebrate the news of a Make It Happen award which means they can now buy a new freezer

**Four-page special on the groups that have benefited**

# Here is where the £



Representatives from the Good Companions' group, which takes local disabled people on trips and days out, receive their award from Roy Sandelands, vice president of Combined Insurance, and Bolton's Olympic boxing silver medalist Amir Khan.



Bolton's Fortalice hostel for women and children fleeing domestic violence received welcome cash help in the Make It Happen awards.



Chew Moor Brook Sports Club received money towards a new pitch and equipment.



Youngsters from the 15th (St James) Brownie pack will be able to buy new play equipment thanks to their award.

## RUSHEY FOLD COURT THURSDAY LUNCH AND LEISURE CLUB

A group which runs a luncheon club for around 30 older people with mobility problems received a Make It Happen award of £225 towards its Christmas party.

## BOLTON AND DISTRICT SPEAKERS' CLUB

A friendly organisation which helps and encourages local men and women to speak in public and enhance career and social prospects received an award of £140 to buy its own lectern.

## 15th BOLTON ST JAMES BROWNIE PACK

Hard-working local brownies who help others with paper collections and fund-raising for needy children can now buy new play equipment thanks to an award for £100.

## BOLTON BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

This local group offers real help and support to sufferers of the disabling brittle bones disease and an award of £100 will help members keep in touch via a newsletter.

## WESTHOUGHTON LIONS AMATEUR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

A large local group which encourages boys and girls to play rugby urgently needs to upgrade its facilities at The Den in Westhoughton and a Make It Happen award of £500 will now make a real difference.

## CAPTAINS CLOUGH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

A local organisation of residents which arranges days out and trips for young and old received £200 for its caring efforts.

## ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH PLAYGROUP

A charitable Bolton group for children and toddlers up to school age offering a chance to learn through play in a safe environment, received a £200 award for specialist play equipment.

## WESTHOUGHTON AGE SUPPORT PROJECT

A group of pensioners who extend the hand of friendship and help to other local senior citizens now has cash help towards its Christmas dinner and entertainment next month, thanks to a £100 Make It Happen award.

## BOLTON CHILDREN'S OPPORTUNITY GROUP

A local organisation which has helped special needs children and their families for the past 25 years received an award of £200 to buy headphones and tapes to help children develop.

## WESTHOUGHTON VISITING SERVICE

A group offering outings and friendship for local pensioners from its base in a church



**CELEBRATION NIGHT:** Community groups from across the Bolton borough received cheque Reebok when Olympic boxer Amir Khan made the presentations.

will now be able to buy the industrial cooker it needs to make hot meals thanks to a Make It Happen award of £1,000.

## BOLTON SAMARITANS

The local branch of the national organisation, which maintains a 24-hour helpline for the desperate, received a community award of £350 to help its preventive and information work.

## BOLTON AND DISTRICT OVER-50s FEDERATION

A group which offers a lively and interesting literary of events and helpful information for the town's over-50s received a £100 Make It Happen award to help members keep in touch with the service.

## 18th BOLTON SCOUT GROUP

After a fire destroyed its headquarters and equipment, the group has been busy in its new base trying to replace everything it needs. Now a community award for £200 will buy new sports equipment.

## HALLIWELL LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The organisation, which helps to preserve the borough's history for future generations and collects photographs, archive material and artefacts, will be able to record senior citizens' memories with a mini disc recorder thanks to a £200 community award.

## BOLTON BRANCH OF VOLUNTEER READING HELP

The scheme to take adults into local primary schools to help children with reading on a one-to-one basis received a £200 Make It Happen award to allow even more youngsters to receive aid.

## AFRICAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF BOLTON

This newly-formed local organisation offers help and friendship to hundreds of often disadvantaged Africans now living in the town and a £300 community award will help with outings and events.

## UNITY CHURCH

This tiny Bolton church has become the focal point for people in the area, especially lonely elderly residents, and a £200 community award will allow it to buy a new freezer to help provide meals for them.

## WESTHOUGHTON FOOD CO-OP

This independent community group has been providing cookery classes, help with buying wholefoods at wholesale prices and encouraging home-grown food for a decade. Now it has received a £160 award towards replacing equipment.

## BOLTON NEWSTALK

The local organisation which provides a

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# £10,000 has gone



ques and commemorative certificates at the Make It Happen Community Awards at the

weekly talking newspaper service for around 300 blind and visually impaired residents around the borough will be able to replace some of its recording equipment, thanks to a community award of £470.

### MAXTON HOUSE LUNCHEON AND LEISURE CLUB

This self-supporting Farnworth service provides meals and enjoyable social sessions for local elderly people, but will now be able to replace worn out kitchen equipment with the help of an award of £100.

### HARMONY YOUTH PROJECT

A Halliwell-based group which provides popular sessions for youngsters across the borough received a £100 award towards the establishment of its School of Rock to offer music development for teenagers.

### CAPTAINS CLOUGH COMMUNITY CLUB

This group created a centre for its local community from a dilapidated, unused building and now plans to provide activities for all ages. A £300 Make It Happen award will buy vital safety equipment.

### THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

A group of local parents who have lost

children themselves offer help and friendship to other Bolton parents in similar circumstances. A £300 award will help them to produce a newsletter to keep parents in touch.

### BOLTON HOSPICE

The local hospice which provides gentle care and support for hundreds of terminally ill Bolton residents and their families received an award of £300 to buy a DVD player for the patients' lounge and a digital camera to record precious memories of patients' birthdays and anniversaries.

### BOLTON HOCKEY CLUB

Coaching and competitive games for over 100 men, women and children are provided by the club, but it urgently needs more equipment to cope with demand. A Make It Happen award of £500 will buy specialist goalkeeping kit.

### FORTALICE

Bolton's hostel for women and children fleeing domestic violence provides a place of safety and hope. A Make It Happen award of £200 will buy and upgrade computer software to help youngsters there.

### BOLTON PATIENTS COUNCIL FOR MENTAL HEALTH

A local group which runs a pioneering scheme to help people prepare for

discharge from psychiatric units received a £200 Make It Happen award to boost its positive work.

### THE GOOD COMPANIONS

A group of disabled people which organises trips and events for other local disabled residents, providing a social lifeline, received an award of £150.

### BANK STREET WRITERS

A local group which aids Bolton residents to express themselves through creative writing received £100 to help with its own magazine for members.

### CHEW MOOR BROOK SPORTS CLUB

A local amateur sports club with more than 150 members and 20 officials which encourages football in the Westhoughton area and beyond received a £400 community award to buy portable goals for mini-soccer and towards urgent repairs.

### WESTHOUGHTON CRAFT GROUP

Local craft teacher Christine Rushton will be able to set up a subsidised crafts group in Westhoughton community centre thanks to a £100 Make It Happen award.

### HORWICH BREAKAWAY CLUB

A social club for people with learning difficulties, offering games, craftwork, music and drama, will now have cash help with a Christmas outing thanks to a £200 award.

### THE WACKY CLEANERS

The Bolton environmental group which cleans up graffiti, plants trees and maintains older people's gardens free of charge received a £250 Make It Happen award to help hire skips to remove rubbish and dumped syringes.

### WINGATES TENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

A group which provides food and fun for isolated, elderly local residents received a £100 community award to help with its pensioners' outing and food hamper service.

### RUNNYMEDE SOCIAL CLUB

This Bolton luncheon club for 40 senior citizens in a sheltered housing complex has been unable to cook hot meals because its freezer broke down. Now, a Make It Happen award for £200 will buy them a new one.

### JOHNSON FOLD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

This school, which provides a daily Breakfast Club for its pupils who are often sent to school early and without breakfast, received a £450 award to buy food and new kitchen equipment.

### BOLTON SEA CADETS

A local organisation which teaches young people discipline and positive behaviour in an enjoyable way is so popular that it needs more equipment for its lively sessions. A £1,000 Make It Happen community award will buy new canoes.



The work of the Bolton branch of Volunteer Reading Help, which takes adults into local schools to help children to read, was recognised with a cash grant from the Make It Happen awards



Harmony Youth Project's plans for a School of Rock for local teens received a cash boost at the community awards



Bolton and District Speakers' Club will be getting a new lectern as a result of the awards



The Compassionate Friends received cash help for their work helping bereaved parents and families

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**WELCOME AID:** Pupils at Johnson Fold Community School celebrate a Make It Happen cash award for their busy Breakfast Club



**CREATIVE FUN:** Charlotte Humphries, Kai O'Gorman and Katie McLaughlin, at the Children's Opportunity Group which has received a cash boost

## Plenty to celebrate



**WARM WELCOME:** Residents and staff at the Runnymede Court housing complex in Bolton celebrate their luncheon club's successful application for a community award which means they can now buy new equipment and make hot meals



**LIFE ENHANCER:** Westhoughton Age Support Project (WASP) had its long-established work helping local elderly people recognised with a community award



**SEA CHANGE:** Bolton Sea Cadets will be able to buy new canoes, thanks to a Make It Happen community award