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Hyndburn Mayor Youth Challenge raises over £1000 for local charities

In November 2024, former Mayor of Hyndburn, Councillor Mike Booth, launched a new fundraising initiative with a goal of raising important funds for local charities and to highlight the entrepreneurial skills of the young people of Hyndburn. The challenge has concluded with great success, raising over £1000 within the school year.

The Hyndburn Mayor Youth Challenge asked pupils from Hyndburn secondary schools to create or organise a fundraising event or campaign to raise as much as they could for Mayor Booth's chosen local charities with a budget of £50. Working with St Christopher's C.E. High School, two groups were created – an enterprise team who crafted and sold coasters designed around football clubs, funny quotes, Father's Day and other interests, formed of Sam Green, Edward Leaver, Ryan Slack, Jacob McGrath (pictured, left of the Mayor L-R), and a team who endeavoured to climb to the 1,827 ft summit of Pendle Hill in inflatable dinosaur suits in sweltering conditions! This team was made up of Dylan Dickinson, Toby Johns, Alfie Butterfield, Matty Sansom, Harry Burgoyne (pictured, right of the Mayor L-R).



The enterprise team raised an impressive £158.34 which will be donated to Accrington Stanley Women's F.C., close to the team members' hearts as Accrington Stanley fans. The winning team of the Hyndburn Mayor Youth Challenge, with a staggering £1,245 raised, was the 'Pendle Dino' Team! This incredible amount will also go to Carers Link Lancashire's Young Carers Team who support young carers aged just 6-18 looking after family members and siblings with long term health conditions in Hyndburn.

Carole Moulton, Young Carers Development Worker at Carers Link Lancashire, said "the money raised for the Young Carers Team will make a big difference to our young carers. This will provide activities and trips for our young carers over summer, and it will give them a much-needed break from their caring role. We cannot thank St Christophers' pupils enough."

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Lauren Stott, Head of Year 9 at St Christopher's C.E. High School (pictured) who supported the school's two groups in their ventures, said "many of our pupils from St. Christopher's put themselves forward to raise money for such great causes, it was a very difficult job dwindling it down to two teams. Both of our groups of pupils worked tirelessly in organising and executing their plans for fundraising. We are extremely proud of all of our pupils in their endeavours, charitable giving and serving other is a true blessing."



The Hyndburn Mayor Youth Challenge also seeks to showcase to the young people of Hyndburn the support available in the borough. Councillor Booth said of the project, "this is raising all-important funds for and awareness of local charities, but also showcasing the talented youth in our borough. The projects the pupils have thought of and undertaken themselves shows character and ambition, and can be the start of something special, creating links within the community that can continue outside of this challenge."

Kathryn Chadwick, Fundraising Officer at Carers Link Lancashire, said of the project "to be one of the chosen charities that are receiving these funds is an honour. The pupils who have taken part in this challenge have done incredibly and shown just how talented young people in Hyndburn are. We are blown away by the amount raised from the Pendle Hill Dino Walk – and what a fun and brilliant way to fundraise."