



## **Gold winning Paralympian at Free Football Funday**

Triple Paralympian Andy Barrow inspired the next generation of 'budding Beckhams' at a Free Football Funday during half term. The Chaucer Foundation, a Kent-based charity, in association with Tankerton Football Club enlisted the help of Andy, a keen sportsman both before and after a rugby accident left him disabled at seventeen.

The Chaucer Foundation supports charitable and social projects in our communities with a focus on those that support their employees with their own personal endeavours. Stuart Watts, Chaucer Insurance employee and FA qualified football coach at Tankerton Football club suggested holding the event for local children to take in during half term, providing free entertainment and exercise.

Stuart stated 'The event was not about ability, it was about motivating local children to give football a try and to give them a chance to meet a true Paralympic hero'. He added that "Professionally trained coaches from Tankerton football club gave up their time to run the event with assistance from Chaucer Insurance volunteers".

Stuart Dickinson, Trustee of the Chaucer Foundation said "The Chaucer Foundation is proud to have supported the Football Funday. So many children enjoyed being outside and taking part; the event is bound to have inspired at least some of them to get more involved in sport."

Andy Barrow said "The Football Funday was a huge success. It's great that an organisation such as the Chaucer Foundation really understands how important it is for their employees to engage in the local community and gives them a platform to do so. My experiences have taught me the value of leading a healthy lifestyle and the participation in and enjoyment of exercise from a young age is key to that. I look forward to seeing this event go from strength to strength in the future".

Sisters Freya aged 5 and Keira Lawrence aged 6 from Herne Bay decided to give the event a go even though they had never played football before. Keira said "The best part of the day was meeting Andy, he taught me that it is not winning that matters it is about taking part" Freya added "I enjoyed learning how to dribble the ball and even scored a goal!"

## **Notes for the Editor**

### **About The Chaucer Foundation**

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- To help make a real difference in our communities and to inspire greater volunteer contribution toward improving disadvantaged lives

#### Our Objectives

- To support charitable and social projects in our communities, with emphasis on those projects that help young people from disadvantaged backgrounds achieve their full potential
- To work with Chaucer's charity partners to provide fundraising and volunteering support
- To support Chaucer's employees in their personal charitable endeavours
- To provide opportunities for Chaucer employees to volunteer

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