

starts here for the town's football club in need

'Bring back the glory days'

THE money is continuing to pour in to the Guardian's Save our Magpies campaign.

We've joined forces with Chorley Football Club in an attempt to attract more backing for the Victory Park outfit.

The campaign has paid immediate dividends with nearly £400 raised in just a few weeks.

Last Saturday's game against Buxton attracted a bumper crowd of 281 while the FA Cup clash with North Ferriby United attracted 242 people.

Magpies' chairman Ken Wright says he's also been approached by fans inquiring about sponsoring a player.

Following talks with Mr Wright, the Guardian has produced a seven-point wish list aimed at bringing in much-needed funds to Chorley FC.

The latest donor is Leyland-based BNI Olympus Chapter, which has chipped in with £100.

BNI Olympus Chapter is a referral networking organisation with one representative from each business sector.

They decided to step in after Jackie Williams, of Chorley-based Primary Graphics Limited, heard about the plight of the Magpies.

She decided to use her presentation time at her weekly referral network meeting at Farington Lodge, Leyland, to rally support from her fellow members.

She said: "Being a supporter of local causes and recognising that every town needs to have its own football team for the sake of future generations, I had little trouble convincing them to dig deep and help save the club."

Andrew Baxendale, of Books and Bygones, in Clifford Street, Chorley, has some old programmes from Chorley's illustrious history.

He said: "I've lived in Chor-



Members of BNI Olympus referral networking group outside Farington Lodge, Leyland, with Jackie Williams pictured second left front row



Andrew Baxendale presents the cheque to editor Chris Maguire

ley all my life. It's important we get behind the Magpies. That's why I've handed over £15. It won't buy Wayne Rooney but it will help Chorley FC.

"I remember the glory days and it would be great if they were to return."

Magpies chairman Ken Wright said the 'Save our Mag-

pies' campaign was making a difference. "There was a bigger crowd than normal for the Buxton game and that was very pleasing" he said.

"I've also had an email from a guy who used to do some commercial work for another football club in another part of the country. He's now living locally

and I've got a meeting arranged with him. People are talking about the Guardian campaign. I've had some long-time fans

Roll of Honour

Chorley Building Society
£250

Goldmine
£30

www.bnipreston.co.uk
£100

Books and Bygones
£15

come up to me, offering to help and possibly sponsor a player.

"I think it's as a result of the awareness being raised about how serious things are."

He said he was delighted more companies had dipped into their pockets and said he hoped it would trigger some improved results on the pitch.

Guardian editor Chris Maguire said: "This has got to be the beginning. I want to hear people talking about watching the big game down at Victory Park with real passion.

"Anyone who is serious about loving Chorley needs to get behind the Magpies."

Magpies' cashpot
£395

This is how much the Guardian's Save our Magpies campaign has raised ... so far



Call to arms: Chairman Ken Wright



Save our Magpies

How YOU can make a difference

The Guardian has opened an account with the Chorley Building Society called 'Save our Magpies'.

Donations can be sent to Save our Magpies, c/o Chorley Guardian, 32a Market Street, Chorley, PR7 2RY. Alternatively cash or cheques can be paid in to any Chorley Building Society.

The branches can be found at:

1. Key House, Foxhole Road, Chorley, PR7 1NZ.
2. 28 - 30 High Street, Chorley, PR7 1DW or.
3. 153-155 Towngate, Leyland, PR25 1LH.

Alternatively a donation can be sent via the banking system to sort code number 16-16-22 Account number 11758805.

The reference is Chorley Building Society A/c no. 5805000040.

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THE WISH LIST - AT A GLANCE

- ❑ **Wish 1** – Boost Chorley's home crowds by at least 100 paying fans.
- ❑ **Wish 2** – Attract new sponsors for the match ball and match day at a cost of £100 and £150 plus VAT respectively.
- ❑ **Wish 3** – Find sponsors for the players at just £60 a season.
- ❑ **Wish 4** – Increase bookings of the club's social club.
- ❑ **Wish 5** – Get businesses to buy a season ticket for £100.
- ❑ **Wish 6** – Increase membership of the 'Black & White Club' for just as little as £1 a week.
- ❑ **Wish 7** – Raise £100 to buy some more training balls.