

Health and Safety Executive - Manchester V Preston Charity Match – 2nd June 2011

To mark the imminent demise of the Preston office and Manchester office, a few months after it was suggested that a Re-match should take place after the 5 - 5 draw in the last game and to also raise some more money for an equally worthy cause.

This time, it was suggested by Michael English that Mesothelioma UK should be the benefit of our fundraising efforts, which is particularly appropriate in our line of work as it is caused by exposure to Asbestos, and Michael knew Richard Parr who had recently died from mesothelioma.

The Re-Match will take place at Platt Lane Complex, Yew Tree Lane, Fallowfield, Manchester, M14 7UU at 6.15pm KO on Thursday 2nd June.



UPDATE: James Alexander Farnhill

Well, the match went ahead as it did last year although this year it wasn't boiling hot with the some of the 'lads' sweating buckets, I say lads loosely as it was the more senior or unfit members of the team who suffered most....

Manchester took the lead thanks to a delightful through ball to David Norton who rounded Preston's keeper and rolled the ball in the net. Preston also, rather dubiously cleared their own defensive mistake off the goal line when we were convinced it was over, no sportsmanship in football any more, even if it is for charity...

The second half started with Preston benefitting from a break and started to push Manchester back until they equalised, deservedly so. The game was end to end from that point with both sides missing chances to win the match, which eventually ended in a draw.

We decided to have a penalty shoot out, in which most players contrived to miss the goal completely or fire shots tamely at the keeper. With the scores at 2-2 in the shoot out, Manchester's last penalty went over the bar leaving Preston the simple task of scoring their last penalty to win the shoot out 3-2.

A good time was had by all and all for a worthy cause.

The Charitable Trust would like to sincerely thank all those who took part and/or supported this wonderful charity event. To date the teams have raised £375.00 with Gift Aid the total now is £479.81.