

## DISTRICT 7-A-SIDE FOOTBALL COMPETITION 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017

11 teams entered the District 7-a-side football competition this year which was, once again, held at the JMO Sports Park in Skelmersdale at the end of April. All teams were from the U14 age group within junior football clubs throughout the District and all were affiliated to their County Football Associations. The competition was sanctioned by the Football Association.

We initially had two leagues, one with five teams and one with six teams. Each team played all the other teams within their league once. Games were of 15 minutes each for the league of six and 17 minutes each for the league of five to help to compensate for the fact that they only had four games to play in their league rather than five. The top two teams from each league then went into a knock out semi final/final stage to determine the winner.

Despite it being a very windy afternoon the standard of football was very high and the two teams that got through to the final were Colby FC from the Isle of Man and Radcliffe Borough. In a very close final Radcliffe Borough defeated Colby FC 1-0.

District Governor Sue was on hand to present the trophy and the medals to the teams and also to present the Gemma Jones trophy to the Lions Club that had invited the winning team to play in the competition and which was won this year by Peel Lions Club.

Finally may I thank all the Lions Clubs in the District who entered a team this year, all the Lions who attended and helped on the day and to Lions Dave Galway and Alasdair Francis for providing the photographs which are with this report.