

# Joe egg-sells at business

**WHEN it comes to business skills Joe Brown has cracked it.**

The 21 year-old Penwortham entrepreneur has scooped a national business prize, recognising his eggs-traordinary efforts to get off incapacity benefit and into work.

Joe suffers from autism, a lifelong brain disorder which makes communicating difficult. He left school with few qualifications but after achieving a BTEC Diploma at Runshaw College last year, he was determined to find work.

Job interviews proved difficult for Joe, but refusing to be beaten by his disability, he set about launching a small business that would

encourage him out of his shell, help him to learn new skills and enable him to earn more than he would on benefits.

Inspired by a family friend who runs a Shropshire poultry farm, Joe started a new business venture delivering fresh, locally produced free-range eggs to homes in Penwortham. He accessed support from the council's economic development team, The Prince's Trust, Leonard Cheshire Disability and Jobcentre Plus to help get his egg round off the ground.

In the months that followed, the business grew and grew and so did Joe's self-esteem. He now has more than 300 customers and is a well-known, active member of the Penwortham community. He is working on his conversation skills with support from his customers, and is confidently doing his own banking once a week.

Joe walks five miles a day, four days a week delivering hen and duck eggs from a local farm to Penwortham homes. It can be tough, especially in winter, so Joe's next goal is to pass his driving test and buy a delivery vehicle to replace his trolley.

Joe's services have a local impact but his success was celebrated on a national scale when Joe Brown's Egg Round secured a prestigious Barclays Bank Trading Places Award in London this summer, earning Joe a



● Joe receives his award from TV's Vanessa Feltz.

£5,000 prize and an extra £2,000 to spend on software from awards supporter Microsoft.

The Department for Work and Pensions is also using Joe Brown's Egg Round as a good news story to inspire others to follow in Joe's footsteps.

● If you live in Penwortham and would like to know more about Joe Brown's award-winning egg round; visit [www.joebrownsseground.co.uk](http://www.joebrownsseground.co.uk), call 07825 291234, or email [joe@joebrownsseground.co.uk](mailto:joe@joebrownsseground.co.uk)

## Free festive fun

**THE council's two Leyland area committees are set to fund a festive event for the over-65s.**

Following success with a Christmas event for pensioners from West Leyland last year, the West Leyland Area Committee and Leyland East Area Committee are joining forces to fund an event for older people who live in any part of the town.

The free event will take place at the Civic Centre on West Paddock in Leyland from midday on Friday 18 December. There will be a buffet lunch, bingo, a raffle and festive music.

To be eligible, residents must live in Leyland or Moss Side. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

To book your ticket please call Carol Eddleston on 01772 625309 or Dave Lee on 01772 625316.

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● Landlord of new Leyland pub Barrister's, Martyn Hennefer, gets to grips with the UV light with the help of the council's Licensing Enforcement Officer Niky Barrett.

## Criminals, UV been warned!

WHEN it comes to finding creative ways of staying one step ahead of criminals, licensees in South Ribble have seen the light.

Bar and door staff in the borough have been hugely impressed with a tiny torch which can be used to detect the presence of smart water and cocaine residues and illuminate security holograms on bank notes and driving licenses.

Originally used by council enforcement officers, the UV spectrum lights fluoresce when shone on to surfaces with cocaine residues, which can be invisible to the naked eye. The light works on contact with skin and porcelain, and can be used as a normal torch to aid further searches when residues are found.

The Crime and Disorder Reduction

Partnership has pledged funding to extend the use of the torches across the Safer Chorley and South Ribble Partnership area and so a number of the multi-functional, hand-held devices will be made available to Lancashire Constabulary for its neighbourhood police teams.

South Ribble Borough Council, the police and fire services and Lancashire Trading Standards are committed to supporting local licensed premises provide safe venues for residents and visitors alike. This is the latest in a range of projects designed to tackle drug and alcohol-related crime.

● If you run licensed premises in South Ribble and would be interested in using one of the torches, contact Licensing Enforcement Officer Niky Barrett on 01772 625357.