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Unipart supports local youth football team

Employees at Unipart's Distribution Centre in Cowley have raised £600 to support Blackbird Leys Football Club. Managers competed in a sponsored penalty shoot out and employees took part in a World Cup quiz and wore their favourite football shirts to work to raise money.

"We already have strong links with the company as the team's manager is a Unipart employee but we were delighted when Unipart contacted us to tell us about the money their employees had raised" said Clive Bucket, Chairman of BLFC. "The money will go towards buying new equipment and help with the running costs for the club."

Commenting on the donation, Nick Rayner, Unipart's Director and General Manager at Cowley said: "As a company we try to link up with groups and organisations that provide positive opportunities for local people – particularly young people - and encourage our employees to get involved personally as well as raising money. When we were looking at who to support this year we asked our employees in the Distribution Centre to nominate local groups or charities that they had links with and Blackbird Leys Football Club ticked all the boxes."

Photo caption:

Photo 1: Nick Rayner and Garry Rees of Unipart hand over a cheque for £600 to Clive Bucket, Chairman of Blackbird Leys Football Club. *Pictured left to right are: Nick Rayner, Clive Bucket, Garry Rees,*

Photo 2: Employees from Unipart who organised the fundraising events hand over a cheque to Clive Bucket Chairman of Blackbird Leys Football Club (centre). *Left to right front row: Kim Seward, Steve Allsworth, Gemma Butler, Nick Rayner, Clive Bucket BLFC, Garry Rees, Helen Jacobs, Paula Nielsen, Tina Arnison. Back row: Richard Watson Andy Mair, Andy Pearce, Frank Tennant,*

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Editors' Notes:

About Blackbird Leys Football Club

Blackbird Leys Football Club - the Oxford Blackbirds - has been going for over 40 years. Based in Blackbird Leys, the club is open to all boys and girls under-16 in the area. There are 11 teams in total ranging in age from under 7s to under 16s with around 250 kids involved with the club at any one time.

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