

Five a side fundraiser today



Enterprising sports students aim to shoot and score today at the Corn Exchange starting just before midday. (Our photo shows the team just before the event began.)

A group of enterprising sports students from Telford College have organised a five a side tournament to raise cash for disadvantaged children.

Set the challenge by their course tutor, the 15 students, led by Euan Higgins, have not only set up the tournament, organised and promoted it but have recruited a full complement of 12 teams.

Not satisfied with that, they are using the tournament to raise much needed funds for Aberlour, one of Scotland's oldest children's charities.

Speaking ahead of Sunday's tournament, main organiser Euan Higgins said: – "We weren't sure we'd be able to rise to the challenge of organising a successful sport event. But we were determined to succeed. And raise money for a good cause in the process.

"We had no budget so everything has been done on a shoestring. We've used word of mouth and social media to promote the 5 a side tournament. And we are delighted to have a full 12 teams competing. There's an entry fee to cover costs and a cash prize. With over 80 people participating, we've surpassed our expectations and can't wait for the tournament on Sunday. It's bound to be a great afternoon for everyone involved.

"We've also been running a raffle with some great prizes and look set to raise a tidy sum for Aberlour. We can't think of a better cause, helping a Scottish charity that works with

disadvantaged children.

“Too often, young people today are berated for not having enough get up and go. We hope our efforts have shown what can be achieved when a group of enterprising students are given a challenge and responsibility. We’re totally focussed on reaching our fundraising goal. And hope to score a few on Sunday as well!”