

# Mums step up to shine

A DANCE troupe made up of mums has overcome cheerleaders' half their age to win a championship trophy.

Dance Action Zone Leeds (DAZL) Diamond Mums beat dancers as young as 16 to a third place at the British Cheerleading Association North East Classics in Newcastle.

The group, of 25 to 40-year-old mothers of children who also attend the dance classes, performed an impressive street dance routine in front of 5,000 spectators.

Director of DAZL Diamonds, Ian Rodley, 28, said: "Their kids competed at the same event and they thought the mums were absolutely amazing, the audience

weren't expecting it at all. "Everyone was really supportive and it was actually really inspiring. I'm totally proud of them."

The group has set its sights on the BCA Northern Classics in Blackpool this December.

Dance coach, Vicky Mawson, 22, said: "It was a massive competition, with stage schools and professional groups from across the region. It's really impressive for the mums to do that well considering their age."

The group started as an exercise class but were soon doing street dance and hip hop.

DAZL is started a decade ago to bring people in areas of South and East Leeds together through dance.



LEADING THE WAY: the DAZL mums strike a pose