

Kirk's all shook up to raise cash

STAFF at a Salford health company were all shook up for Comic Relief when a colleague performed his live Elvis tribute act.

Kirk Turner, aka Love Me Turner, swapped his usual work clobber for his fiery red Burning Love jumpsuit when he put on his routine for workers at Bupa in Salford Quays.

The 28-year-old, from Claremont, was asked to do the performance to help motivate staff before they took to the phones to take calls for Comic Relief.

The former Hope High School pupil has been doing Elvis for the last four years since winning a Marie Curie Cancer Care competition in Manchester's Brannigans bar, singing Suspicious Minds.

His colleagues are becoming quite used to seeing the sales support co-ordinator in action as he's performed at sales conferences including one at Celtic Manor in Cardiff where he was on before leading ABBA tribute act Bjorn Again.

The former Langworthy Reds rugby player and amateur boxer has also performed at parties for family and friends and last year had his first taste of professional Elvis Tribute Artist competitions by entering Walk A Golden Mile In My Shoes.

This is the main official European contest held every year in Blackpool.

This year he is entering the official world Ultimate Elvis contest where the winner gets to compete at Elvis Week in Memphis in August - the 30th anniversary of The King's death.

Kirk, who lives with his par-

ents Christine and Barry, said: "I've been an Elvis fan for years since I used to hear my older brother Carl playing my gran's LPs in his bedroom.

"I'm not going to make a career out of it but it's just something I like to do.

"I don't think I'm Elvis, I like to slip into the role to do the tribute but that's where it stops.

"You get people walking round trying to look like him and dress like him but I just love his music. I loved the way he performed as in my eyes there will never ever be anyone who will compare to The King."

Kirk says his girlfriend Faye Armstrong sometimes struggles to cope with his passion for Presley.

He said: "She is proud of what I do, but sometimes gets a bit ratty when I go on about it and play the music in my car.

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KIRK Turner, aka Love Me Turner, performing for Comic Relief
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