



T3 Ping Pong joins forces with ITV's Surprise Surprise!

ITV's hit television show Surprise Surprise certainly gave T3 Ping Pong a nice surprise when they contacted us to ask for help in celebrating the incredible work of Solomon Smith, founder of the Brixton Soup Kitchen, on their live TV show.

Solomon, a lifelong Brixtonian, founded the soup kitchen in January 2013 having been moved by the plight of the local homeless community struggling through the harsh winter months. The kitchen provides much-needed space for the homeless or those in desperate need and aims to supply food, drink and companionship on a weekly basis.

Currently, Solomon and his partner Mahamed Hashi, both with 13 years' experience of working with SEN young people, plan to evolve the kitchen into a recognised support centre for the whole community having obtained additional space and facilities. This was where T3 Ping Pong was able to help with the donation of one of their unique T3 indoor tables – the perfect addition to the growing community centre.

For Solomon it was a genuine surprise. "I was just leaving the house to go to work when there was a knock at the door and there was Marvin from JLS and three cameras pointing right at me! They said they wanted to see the soup kitchen in action. I was really embarrassed as I knew what a state it was in and tried to put them off! When I opened the door I was gobsmacked. The whole kitchen had been made over. And then to top it all, when we got to the studio there were even more things for our youth centre including this amazing T3 table."

So what is T3 Ping Pong?

T3 ping pong is 3-a-side or even 6-a-side table tennis. It follows similar rules to the traditional game, but it is played on a circular table with three or six players on each team. Available in three sizes to meet age and space requirements, the indoor tables also double as desks or meeting tables.

The game which launched in 2013, is certainly taking the nation by storm at a time when ping pong is hugely popular among all age groups. With up to 12 players all able to get round the table at the same time, it's sociable, fun and a great way to relax while getting to know new people.

Solomon couldn't agree more. "I just love it and can't wait to get some more practice in myself. The local kids are amazing at ping pong, it's like they've been playing for years. And they love a bit of competition so I definitely have to up my game!"

Hashi went on to say '... The team spirit we are able to generate with T3 is breaking down all kinds of tensions and problems some of our visitors walk in with. And the great thing is we get lots of them round the table at once so before you know it they're well into the game, concentrating, coordinating, and playing as a team without even realising!'

Digi Berry, T3 Founder said 'Something tells we'll see our first T3 champions coming out of Brixton! I am delighted the table has gone down so well and I'm also looking forward to hearing how some of the older visitors get on. You might find you've got a few dark horses there – watch out boys.'



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Notes to editors

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For more information on the Brixton Soup Kitchen visit:

www.brixtonsoupkitchen.com

<https://www.facebook.com/BrixtonSoupKitchen>

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This episode was aired on ITV 1 on Wednesday 12th November at 8.00pm and can be watched here:

<https://www.itv.com/itvplayer/surprise-surprise/series-3/episode-4>

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