



News Release

Date:	Monday 23 February 2015
Subject:	£20,000 in donations from The Deposit Protection Service helps charities combat homelessness and support those in need

Bristol, Monday 23 February 2015 – Charities that received £20,000 in funding from The Deposit Protection Service (The DPS) have announced how the money is helping combat homelessness and support those in need.

It's now been more than six months since the first round of donations from The DPS saw The Homesavers Charity receive £7,500, The 700 Club receive £7,500 and The Sanctuary Trust receive £5,000.

Julian Foster, Managing Director of The Deposit Protection Service, said: "We've been working in the housing sector for seven years, during which we've protected over 1 million deposits, and The Deposit Protection Service's Charity Donations Fund is designed to give something back to the communities in which we work.

"All three of these charities undertake vital work in their communities and we're delighted to be able to support them.

"We'll be awarding another £20,000 every quarter, so would love to hear about other charities that could benefit from our support."

Funding from The DPS has ensured that The 700 Club in Darlington can help more vulnerable clients gain a tenancy in the private rental sector, particularly the more chaotic ones, and be supported in sustaining it.

In Merseyside, The Homesavers Charity has helped families gain access to private housing and save for their own deposits, including a Liverpool woman given just 28 days to leave her property, ensuring her son no longer had to move schools.

And homeless men in Rochdale cooked a festive feast for managers at the Sanctuary Trust over Christmas after The DPS' donation paid for personal development training and recreational activities, including cooking classes.

David Lackner-Smith, Chief Executive Officer of the Sanctuary Trust, said: "Funding from The DPS has helped local homeless men get back on their feet and gave the whole hostel a lift.

"The training and activities we were able to provide has given them more confidence and a positive attitude to overcoming their difficulties."

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John Elliston, Chief Executive of The 700 Club, said: "Money from The Deposit Protection Service has provided vital support for our Bridge2Home project and has helped us give homeless people in Darlington the possibility of a home of their own."

Laura Mahon, Charity Secretary for The Homesavers Charity, said: "The donation from the DPS has provided invaluable assistance to families across Merseyside."

The DPS decides on new awards from the Fund quarterly, and applications for the next round of donations close on 31 March 2015.

More information can be found at www.depositprotection.com/charity.

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About The DPS

The Deposit Protection Service is the custodial tenancy deposit protection scheme accredited by the Government. It is provided free of charge, and funded entirely by the interest earned from deposits held in the scheme. The DPS was approved by the UK government to run an insured TDP scheme in September 2012 in addition to the approval it has already been granted by the UK government in respect of the custodial scheme. The DPS is run by [Computershare Investor Services PLC](http://www.computershare.com). Online self-service allows landlords to register and make deposit payments, transfers and repayments 24 hours a day. Help and advice is available through a dedicated call centre during office hours. An impartial Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) service, helps to resolve any disputes quickly and without the need for court action. For more information, visit www.depositprotection.com

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