



## News Release

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 25 February 2015
<b>Subject:</b>	£5,000 donation from The Deposit Protection Service helps Rochdale homeless men get back on their feet

Rochdale, Wednesday 25 February 2015 – Residents of a Rochdale homeless hostel are closer to getting back on their feet thanks to a donation from The Deposit Protection Service (The DPS), a local charity has said.

The money has been used by charity Sanctuary Trust to fund personal development training and recreational activities for 13 men at its Halsall House hostel, a substance misuse project.

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 given 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.

"Finding funding has recently become harder than ever, so every penny we receive helps make a big difference to those needing help in our community."

The DPS – the UK's largest supplier of tenancy deposit protection services – began awarding money to charities across England and Wales in June, and the Sanctuary Trust was chosen among the first round of recipients.

The charity – which also runs STEP, a 10-bed emergency overnight shelter in Rochdale, and projects in Conwy in Wales – used the funding to provide personal development training for the Halsall House residents, including basic living skills, life coaching and cooking on a budget.

Julian Foster, Managing Director of the Deposit Protection Service, said: "It's vital that homeless men and women in Rochdale get the support they need, and it's great that money from The Deposit Protection Service has helped ensure this happens.

"We've been working in the housing sector for seven years, during which we've protected over 1 million deposits, and our Charity Donations Fund is designed to give something back to the communities in which we work."

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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](http://www.depositprotection.com/charity).

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