



## News Release

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	Homeless in Rochdale to benefit from £5,000 award to local charity

Bristol, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014: The Deposit Protection Service (DPS), the UK's largest supplier of tenancy deposit protection services, has given £5,000 in the first awards from its charitable Donations Fund to The Sanctuary Trust, based in Rochdale.

The Sanctuary Trust is a registered charity working with homelessness and homeless related complex issues. It provides emergency homeless accommodation for people and operates accommodation projects in Rochdale and Conwy, including Halsall House, a 13-bed substance abstinence project for men; STEP, an emergency overnight shelter for up to 10 people; and Cornerstone which provides eight beds of supported accommodation in the borough of Conwy, north Wales. In addition, the Trust's 'Storehouse' charity shop facilitates volunteer placements for Rochdale service users and provides furniture packs for people moving into independent housing.

David Lackner-Smith, CEO, said "Following recent austerity cuts which have depleted our funding, the donation from The DPS will allow us to continue our personal development programmes. These include activities addressing life and social skills, health and well-being and managing independence. We also introduce character building activities designed to build confidence and self-esteem through physical exercise and team work – without this donation, that work would have had to cease."

Client A benefitted from the charity's work recently: "My life would have had no meaning whatsoever if it wasn't for the caring people who run the Sanctuary Trust and

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their belief in me: that I am a human being who needed acceptance and guidance through what I can only describe as a nightmare of epic proportions. If it wasn't for these people I don't think I would be here today.”

Kevin Firth, Director of The DPS said “I’m delighted that The DPS can help The Sanctuary Trust continue the great work it’s doing in Rochdale and Conwy. Hopefully this donation can help many others get the accommodation and support they need to get their lives on track.”

If you’re in need of emergency accommodation, get in touch with The Sanctuary Trust at 01706 345017 or email [admin@sanctuarytrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@sanctuarytrust.org.uk)

Applications can now be made for the next round of funding from The DPS Charitable Donations Fund, with up to £20,000 available each quarter. Find out more at [www.depositprotection.com/charity](http://www.depositprotection.com/charity)

## **ENDS**

### **Information for Editors**

- Photo shows back row: from back left Rob (Service User) Tom Fernandez (Key Worker, Sanctuary Trust) Taron (Service User) David Lackner-Smith (CEO, Sanctuary Trust) Neil (Service User)  
Front Row: from front left Lesa Pates (Volunteer Coordinator, Sanctuary Trust) Mick Kinsella (Manager, Sanctuary Trust) Pat Statham (Trustee, Sanctuary Trust) Richard Shaw (Finance Director, Sanctuary Trust), Chris Leonard (Senior Manager, The DPS)
- The DPS and Sanctuary Trust logos can be provided on request
- Kevin Firth and David Lackner-Smith can both be available for interviews on request.
- Details of The DPS Charitable Donations Fund can be [found here](#), including full application details and Terms and Conditions.

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

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