



## News Release

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<b>Subject:</b>	Fulham top of The Premier; Everton bottom of League 2! The DPS publishes deposit size league tables for football clubs

Bristol, Friday 29 April 2016 – The Deposit Protection Service (The DPS) has today released statistics showing that if football clubs were ranked by average deposit size for their postcode, Fulham would stand top of the league, with Everton in bottom place of League Two.

Tenancy deposits for those renting near Craven Cottage, Fulham's home ground in SW6, have so far averaged £1,682.76 during the 2015/16 football season: the equivalent of top place in The Premier League.

Deposits for properties near Everton's ground, Goodison Park, have averaged £383.26; the cheapest for any league club, meaning the club would stand in last place in the fourth flight of English and Welsh football.

Julian Foster, Managing Director at The DPS, said: "It's fun to see how much the most passionate supporters have to pay in the form of a deposit to live a short walk from every home game, and looking at the football league from a different perspective certainly produces some interesting results.

"As a Leeds fan, I'm devastated to see us sitting in League One – although fascinated to see Manchester United facing relegation to League Two!

"Wherever the property, however, protecting deposits properly gives both landlord and tenant peace of mind and ensures that money is returned fairly to both parties.

"Landlords and tenants need a deposit protection service that is fast, efficient, clear and communicative, and The DPS has been entrusted with over 3.2 million deposits since we launched in 2007."

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Among the other 'results':

- Eight Premier League clubs find themselves in the bottom division (Stoke City, Leicester City, Sunderland, Aston Villa, Liverpool, Southampton, Newcastle United and Everton)
- Only five Premier League clubs retain a top-league place (Chelsea, Arsenal, West Ham United, Tottenham Hotspur and Watford)
- Cambridge United, Reading and Dagenham and Redbridge face relegation from The Premier League
- Crystal Palace and Stevenage Borough achieve automatic promotion from the Championship to the Premier League
- Seven League 2 clubs all find themselves in the Premier League (Barnet, AFC Wimbledon, Crawley Town, Leyton Orient, Oxford United, Dagenham and Redbridge and Cambridge United)
- Everton and Gillingham face relegation from the football league.

Landlords and letting agents across England and Wales rely on The DPS to keep tenants' deposits safe during tenancies.

The scheme aims to repay all deposits within two business days, on receipt of a jointly authenticated repayment instruction.

It also offers an independent, free Alternative Dispute Resolution service, which aims to resolve any disputes quickly and without the need for court action.

The DPS is part of the Computershare group, a global financial services company with over 30 years' financial administration experience.

Computershare also runs The DPS' sister organisations, The Letting Protection Service Northern Ireland and The Letting Protection Service Scotland.

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1. For high resolution images of spokespeople, visit <http://cpu.vg/spokespeople>

**About The DPS**

The Deposit Protection Service's custodial tenancy deposit protection scheme is 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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