



Press Release

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Local charity Mayday Trust have received a welcome cash boost towards their Major Refurbishment Appeal thanks to a generous donation from the Wellingborough and District Lions Club. Members have donated £350 to help purchase furniture and equipment for the charity's 30+ temporary residents.

Mayday Trust was set-up in Rugby in 1979, to provide temporary, supported accommodation and training for adults who need more than just a roof over their heads. The charity continued to grow and now manages 216 bedspaces in eight schemes throughout the Midlands and Southeast.

Staff and residents at Mayday Trust's Wellingborough Scheme, based at Bassett's Court, West Street are also celebrating their 20th Anniversary this year. With an average Project-stay of 9 months the charity has supported over 800 vulnerable people in Wellingborough since we opened our doors!

The Wellingborough Scheme is currently undergoing a Major Refurbishment

The former Old People's Home, owned by Leicester Housing Association, is being altered and extended to provide 31 self-contained units. The current building comprises 32 bedsits with communal bathrooms and toilets. The extensive building work, financed by a Housing Corporation grant, is scheduled to end in February 2007. Phase I was completed in March and the initial group of residents have moved into their new accommodation.

Sheila Line, Project Manager for Mayday Trust's Wellingborough Scheme said: "Although the LHA and Housing Corporation are covering the core building costs, Mayday Trust must raise £52,254 to provide white goods and furnishings in the re-developed bedsits and all communal areas. Thanks to this donation our current total now stands at £31,667.76 but we still have a long way to go.

"On behalf of Mayday Trust and our residents I would like to thank the members of Wellingborough and District Lions Club, for their generous contribution. With the continued support of local organisations we are able to make these much-needed alterations. The re-styled Project will allow us to provide appropriate, temporary accommodation for single, homeless people from across the area."

Roger Handcock, the in-coming President of Wellingborough and District Lions said: "Our members are proud of our support to local good causes such as Mayday. Without organisations like Mayday Trust some of Wellingborough's neediest residents would find themselves at a major disadvantage.

"We wish all the Project's staff and residents every success for the future and look forward to seeing the completed Scheme early next year."

Photo call:

Roger Handcock will visit the Project at 12noon on Tuesday 20th June to see first hand how the development is progressing and to hand over a cheque to residents. You are invited to send a photographer and reporter to join Roger on his tour of the Project.

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