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Chevin donate Easter Eggs

Chevin Housing Group have donated 53 Easter eggs to Reed Specialist Recruitment who are on a mission to collect over 200 eggs from businesses across Wakefield to give to Wakefield Hospice.

Paula Littleboy, PA & Corporate Marketing Officer at Chevin said "This is a wonderful idea and we were more than happy to help Reed achieve their target for such a worthy cause. We are involved in lots of fundraising activities across the region and were delighted to be approached to contribute to Wakefield Hospice which provides such an important service".

"The generosity of Chevin Housing Group and the other local organisations who kindly donated Easter eggs is fantastic! We are delighted that Reed could bring some Easter delight and make a difference to the staff and patients at Wakefield Hospice." commented Reed Business Manager Jeremy Conroy.

Photographed: Paula Littleboy, PA & Corporate Marketing Officer at Chevin (*left*), handing over the eggs to Dee Stead, Temporaries Consultant at Reed Specialist Recruitment (*right*).

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Notes to Editors

Chevin Housing Group

The Chevin Housing Group was formed in 2001 following the merger of a number of associations who had been in operation from as far back as 1974. The current group consists of Chevin Housing Association Ltd, Harewood Housing Society Ltd and Synergy Housing Solutions Ltd.

The vision for the Chevin Group is, 'building a better future for people and communities'. In order to achieve this we are involved in a diverse range of activities. These include; managing and maintaining rented and leasehold homes, the development of new and refurbished homes (including rented, leasehold and sale options) and regeneration services, working in partnership with local people to enable them to play a part in the future of their neighbourhoods.

The Group operates across Yorkshire and the Humber and North Nottinghamshire, with around 6,500 rented homes in management. We also manage a further 1650 leasehold homes which include 750 private sector flats.

The Group's reinvestment programme is around £6m per annum and the Development Programme is producing around 250 new homes each year. In 2004 the Group formed the Synergy partnership which is a regional based development partnership of associations with Chevin Housing Group as the lead partner for delivery. Synergy Housing Solutions Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Chevin provides a development service to the Synergy partners.

An inspection carried out by the Audit Commission in 2006 determined that Chevin provides a good 2 star service with promising prospects for improvement. The report commented that, 'Chevin is a customer focussed organisation, which develops services based on customer feedback'.

The Group employs around 200 staff headed by the Group Chief Executive, Steve Close.