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NEWS RELEASE

Kinsley Boys under 15's football team get new strip

Donations from Chevin Housing Group along with support from other local businesses (Tesco, Moor Top Farm shop) and fundraising activities have resulted in the Kinsley Boy's under 15's football team getting a brand new football kit.

The team were in desperate need of a new strip after growing out of their old one and approached local businesses in the Kinsley, Fitzwilliam and Hemsworth areas to see if they could help out in raising the money to be able to purchase the kit. The team who are managed by **Mick Scarrott said** "I thought it might be difficult to get support from local businesses due to the current economic climate but we have been very lucky to get support from a number of companies which has enabled us to buy the new kit. We are grateful to everyone who has helped us out including the businesses, parents and volunteers. The team look great in their kit and they won their first friendly match so who knows maybe the kit will see them through winning all the matches this season!!!"

Steve Close, Group Chief Executive of Chevin Housing Group commented "Sport is an excellent way to help youngsters engage with their community and Chevin is delighted to be able to support the Kinsley team. We wish them every success.

More sponsorship needed please

The team are in need of tracksuits to train in and have nearly got enough money but just need a little more help - can you help?? You would be supporting a local team of youngsters who love playing football and your company or your name would appear on the team's website along with being mentioned in any sponsorship news releases. If you can help out, any sponsorship is greatly appreciated please contact Mick on **0779 977137**.

Do you want to join the team?

The club currently has 16 members and are looking for another 2. So if you enjoy football – are in school years 9 and 10 and would be committed to attending training and matches then please contact Mick on **0779 977137**.

Photographed: *The team in their new kit.*

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Notes for 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.