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Seven local apprentices help East Cleveland Youth Housing Trust turn pub into flats with £20k donation from The DPS

Saltburn, – Locally-recruited apprentices have helped East Cleveland Youth Housing (ECYH) convert a former pub in Brotton into high-quality flats for young people following a £20,000 donation from The Deposit Protection Service, the company has announced.

The seven worked for six months on the project that has seen the former Crown-on Brotton High Street turned into affordable supported accommodation for four vulnerable 18-25 year olds within the ex-mining villages of East Cleveland.

Daren King, Head of Tenancy Deposit Protection at The DPS, said: "The Deposit Protection Service has given over £200,000 to good causes since we established our charity fund in 2014.

"ECYH is a fantastic charity and this project will do so much to support local people and create a better environment for everyone to enjoy."

Craig Gainford, one of the apprentices, said: "It's been hard work but great fun and amazing experience that has given me the skills and experience to start building a career.

"The flats look fantastic and I'm sure will make great homes for many young people and give them a helping hand."

Andy Pettersen, Social Business Manager at ECYH, said: "What an amazing contribution.

"Every penny has moved us closer to completing the largest housing project we've ever taken on."

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Every tenant of the new building will receive regular one-on-one support from ECYH's staff to develop their financial knowledge, reduce their sense of isolation, guide them emotionally and help them succeed in their tenancy and take control of their lives.

Alongside the apprentices, a team of over 17 volunteers supported the work, with one, Paul Kidd, impressing the charity so much that he was given a part-time paid role.

Charities focused on the housing sector can apply for funds via The DPS' website at www.depositprotection.com/charity. Applications for the next round of awards must be submitted by 30 June 2016.

Photo: Ben Toms, TDP Account Manager at Computershare (right), presents a cheque to Andy Pettersen, Social Business Manager at East Cleveland Youth Housing Trust, in Brotton.

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