




**END YOUTH  
HOMELESSNESS**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Acceptance of your eligibility to the scheme does not guarantee you accommodation. Some tenancies will only be accessible if young people are able to pay additional upfront costs such as lettings fees and rent in advance, which are costs not covered by EYH. Ultimate responsibility for maintaining your tenancy remains with you, the tenant. Ultimate responsibility of any housing benefit claim remains with you. EYH is not responsible for your actions once you move in, although we will continue to support you throughout your tenancy.



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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

 VISIT [YBS.CO.UK/SOCIETYMATTERS](https://www.ybs.co.uk/societymatters)  
OR [WWW.EYH.ORG.UK](https://www.eyh.org.uk)

End Youth Homelessness (EYH) is a national movement of local charities working together to end youth homelessness in the UK. EYH trades through its designated Administrator, Centrepoint (charity number 292411).

Yorkshire Building Society is a member of the Building Societies Association and is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. Yorkshire Building Society is entered in the Financial Services Register and its registration number is 106085. Head Office: Yorkshire House, Yorkshire Drive, Bradford BD5 8LJ.



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End Youth Homelessness has partnered with Yorkshire Building Society to help homeless (and at risk of being homeless) young people to live independently, by providing rent deposits, home essentials grants and dedicated support.

## About End Youth Homelessness (EYH)

EYH is a movement of grassroots charities who work together at a local level to end youth homelessness on a national scale. Each year, EYH charities provide over 29,000 homeless young people with the accommodation and support they need to fulfil their potential.

## YOUR LOCAL EYH CHARITY IS ST BASILS.

St Basils works with young people aged 16-25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, helping over 5000 young people per year across the West Midlands region with specific services in Birmingham, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, the Wyre Forest and Coventry. Every year over 1200 young people are housed in our 29 supported accommodation schemes, which for some young people includes their young children as well.

We have a range of prevention, accommodation and support services to help young people regain the stability they need to rebuild their lives, gain skills, training and employment and move on. The aim is to help them successfully break the 'cycle of homelessness' so that they can go on to experience a bright, fulfilling future and never return to a state where they are at risk of homelessness again.



## What is the Rent Deposit Scheme?

The Rent Deposit Scheme is a joint initiative, funded via a fundraising campaign from Yorkshire Building Society and administered by EYH. It helps young people, who have faced homelessness and are now ready to live independently, to gain access to the private rented sector.

The Rent Deposit Scheme provides landlords with a guarantee certificate in place of a traditional cash deposit. This security bond (a formal agreement) protects the landlord from rent arrears and damage to the property.

Young people accepted on this scheme will have demonstrated the ability to save for their own deposit over an agreed period of time. They will maintain the conditions of their tenancy, respect their neighbours, and collaborate with EYH to make their tenancy a lasting success.

Each young person supported through the Rent Deposit Scheme will benefit from financial advice and dedicated support to help build their life skills and confidence.

## Benefits to young people:

- You will have the opportunity to move into your own rented home, without having to pay any upfront costs
- You will receive support finding a suitable property and moving in
- You will receive financial advice and dedicated support to successfully maintain your tenancy
- You will receive a Home Essential Grant, to help furnish your new home
- You will receive support in claiming your housing benefits and finding education, employment or training
- You will receive support with practical matters such as setting up utilities like gas and water services and securing furniture
- You will receive support to help you move on successfully from your tenancy when the time is right for you

## To be eligible for the scheme, young people must:

- Be aged 16 – 25 years
- Be homeless or threatened with homelessness
- Be on benefits or a low income
- Be in control of your finances, with no or little rent arrears
- Be capable and confident of living independently
- Be willing to set up, and make regular payments, into your own savings plan
- Be willing to look for education, employment and or training opportunities
- Be willing to maintain a tenancy for a minimum of 6 months
- Work with St Basils to resolve any problems that may arise
- Inform St Basils before taking any action to end your tenancy

"It's great being independent and I love my new place. Thanks to End Youth Homelessness for helping me find my own home."

Katherine, 19

