

Rent Deposit Scheme

Your next step to independent living

Information for tenants
and landlords



The Benjamin Foundation

**END YOUTH
HOMELESSNESS**

The Benjamin Foundation is a charity working in Norfolk and Suffolk.

For over 25 years, children, young people and families across Norfolk and Suffolk have been supported by us to overcome big challenges in their lives.

Each night we accommodate up to 180 vulnerable young people, equating to over 50,000 safe night's sleep a year so they can finally feel safe from youth homelessness.

Funded by End Youth Homelessness thanks to generous support from The Body Shop, the Rent Deposit Scheme helps young people age 18-25 who have previously faced homelessness and are now ready to live independently to gain access to the private rented sector.

The scheme can help people to overcome the financial barriers to independent living, offers financial advice and dedicated support to help build life skills and confidence.

As a Tenant: Supporting you into your own home

We can work with you to:

- 🏠 Help you with your initial rent deposit if you meet the eligibility criteria
- 🏠 Ensure a smooth transition to your own home
- 🏠 Learn how to manage your own tenancy and understand your responsibilities as a tenant
- 🏠 Signpost you to other helpful organisations and support
- 🏠 Understand how to manage your money and bills
- 🏠 Access benefits you may be entitled to

This extends the ladder of support provided, enabling you to make a successful transition and sustain your upward progress towards fully independent living.

As a Landlord: Helping a young person in need of a secure home

We can support you as a landlord by:

- 🏠 Introducing you to potential new tenants who are urgently looking for a new home.
- 🏠 Being on hand in case of any queries or issues.
- 🏠 Helping resolve any potential tenancy breakdowns.
- 🏠 Providing dedicated Support Workers who can work with you and your tenant if needed for six months after the rental agreement has been signed.

We are looking for properties of all sizes:

Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMO), flats, smaller properties, annexes, rooms within a home.

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