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East Boro Can Do It

East Boro Housing Trust is launching a Handy Van Repair Service in Bournemouth and Poole from April 2008.

The new service provides a repair service to people living in Bournemouth and Poole, including home owners and those in private rented accommodation, that are aged sixty or over and receiving pension credit or other benefits. There is no charge for labour, no membership fee and people only pay for the cost of materials required for their repair. Repair jobs range from general maintenance tasks, plumbing and drainage work to the installation of safety measures around the home plus much more. No electrical or gas work is undertaken.

The new service is the result of a successful tender by East Boro and is subsidised by both Bournemouth Borough Council and the Borough of Poole's Supporting People grant funding. The aim of the service is to help people to stay independent in their own homes for as long as they wish to do so.

Chief Executive Kevin Hodder says, "East Boro already has a well established Direct Labour Team for response repair jobs to its own tenants. The Handy Van Repair Service aims to deliver the same high quality standard and satisfaction to its new customers."

For further details about the Handy Van Repair Service please contact Maggie Love, Trust Services Manager, on 01202 883503 or email handyvan@ebht.org.uk.

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Note to Editors:

Based in Wimborne, East Boro owns and manages social housing throughout the Dorset area and specialises in housing for the sheltered elderly and adults with learning disabilities. Its other services include a Sheltered Housing Warden Service, a Learning Disability Support Team, a Direct Labour Response Repair and Care-taking Service. All East Boro staff are police checked and experienced in working with vulnerable adults.