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Member votes generate more than £16,700 for charity at Leeds Building Society AGM

Members of Leeds Building Society have raised £16,767 for charity by casting votes as part of its annual general meeting (AGM).

The Society donated 25p for every vote returned, with members able to choose to give to either the Society's charity partner Dementia UK or Leeds Building Society Foundation.

A total of £11,806 was raised for Dementia UK, which will help more families to access help from the charity's dementia specialist Admiral Nurses, who offer clinical, emotional and practical support to enable people to live more positively with dementia.

The remaining £4,961 will go to Leeds Building Society Foundation, which focuses on providing support to those in need of a safe and secure home.

"Meeting members at our AGM and hearing about what matters to them is really important to us," said Richard Fearon, Leeds Building Society's Chief Executive Officer.

"Our commitment to charitable activity and support in our communities is intrinsic to our identity as a mutual and it's good to know our members value this too.

"Through participating in our AGM, members have raised more than £16,700 and we're very happy to pass on these donations to our charity partner Dementia UK and the Leeds Building Society Foundation to help with their valuable work."

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Notes to Editors

Dementia UK

Dementia UK is the specialist dementia nurse charity and its Admiral Nurses provide life-changing support for families affected by all forms of dementia. Admiral Nurses work in hospitals, GP practices and local community and national services, including the charity's national Helpline and virtual clinics.

Leeds Building Society members and colleagues chose Dementia UK as its national charity partner and their enthusiastic support has helped to reach the £500,000 fundraising target a year ahead of schedule.

Through its partnership with the Society, Dementia UK launched its Closer to Home service to reach more communities across the UK.

In April, May and June, Admiral Nurses are providing free, confidential face-to-face clinics at selected Leeds Building Society branches. To find out more or make an appointment, visit <https://www.dementiauk.org/get-support/admiral-nurse-clinics/closer-to-home/>

Leeds Building Society Foundation

Leeds Building Society Foundation was established by Leeds Building Society in 1999 to help UK charities and since then has donated more than £2 million to 3,000 local projects and good causes across the country.

The Foundation is run independently and receives funding from the Society and from members' donations via the "Your Interest In Theirs" scheme (where members opt in to donate the pence of their savings interest).

Leeds Building Society

Leeds Building Society operates throughout the UK and had assets of £25.5bn at 31 December 2022. The UK's fifth-largest Building Society has its head office in the centre of Leeds, where it was founded in 1875.

The Society won the title of Best Shared Ownership Mortgage Lender in the 2022 What Mortgage Awards, its seventh consecutive year of success in this category. It also received a five star rating in the Financial Adviser Service Awards, as well as a Gold Ribbon from Fairer Finance for savings accounts for the fifth year running, based on customer happiness and trust, along with the ability to explain things clearly.