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THE NOTTINGHAM PROVIDES ESSENTIAL BASE FOR BRIGG FOOD BANK

The Nottingham has further evidenced its community commitment by providing a vital space for the Oikos Brigg Food Bank.

In what is the latest example of the building society supporting local people it is providing the charity with a unit next to its branch in the Lincolnshire market town, rent-free, for a year.

The food bank will use the Wrawby Street location as a community space and focal point for profiling its work and as a drop-off point. The premises also has room for putting together food and clothing packages ready for distribution through existing channels to those most in need in Brigg and surrounding areas.

Food bank volunteer Malcolm Bailey said: "In what is a wonderful example of the community helping the community it's a dream come true to have this support from The Nottingham, which will help us expand and help even more local people than we do already.

"We currently have room to collect tins and packaged foods, however the new space will mean that we'll also be able to get fridges and freezers to help provide fresh fruit and vegetables to the people and families that need them the most.

"What's more, the public-facing part of the building will not only give us a chance to better profile the charity, but also to create a drop-in community area which in time will provide services such as sustainability advice and a parents club.

"We can't thank The Nottingham enough for their kindness and passion towards helping the people of Brigg. It is hugely appreciated."

Claire Ravenscroft, The Nottingham's Brigg branch manager, added: "We are extremely proud and happy to provide the space to such a fabulous cause as the food bank.

"Being able to do so rent-free is invaluable to them as they are a charity reliant on donations, and is another sign of how passionate The Nottingham is about supporting people in its local communities."

Since launching its focused community programme exactly ten years ago, The Nottingham has donated over £1m to local communities across its heartland through grants and donations benefitting around 50,000 people.

Over £165,000 has been fundraised by The Nottingham's branch and head office teams, who have also donated more than 5,500 volunteering hours.

Photo caption (l-r): Food bank representative Malcolm Bailey receives the premises key from The Nottingham's Brigg Branch Manager Claire Ravenscroft.

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About The Nottingham

Founded in 1849, The Nottingham is a mutual building society owned by its members with a long and proud history of doing the right thing and helping communities prosper. Today, The Nottingham is a top ten building society operating online and via a network of 40-plus branches across nine UK counties.

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