

# Cash for Local Charity Allows Homeless to Develop Skills

## Western Power Distribution

A Lincolnshire homeless charity has received £900 from local electricity distributor, Western Power Distribution, for a year's worth of material to run their life skills courses.

The Nomad Trust holds weekly cookery, craft and gardening sessions to give homeless people valuable skills, aiming to give them greater independence. Furniture is also created and restored to be sold in the charity's shop.

Brenda Shiels, Group Services Manager from The Nomad Trust, said: "It is with the on-going support of places like WPD that we are able to continue our work."



*WPD's Mark Hutchinson (centre) experiences a life skills session first hand, with Deputy Manager Brenda Wilson (left) and Group Services Manager Brenda Shiels (right) from The Nomad Trust.*

### Note for newsdesks:

- The Nomad Trust is a homeless charity based in Lincoln. The main objectives of the Nomad Trust are to help the homeless, needy and vulnerable people that come through our door, day and night. To do this they operate an emergency night shelter, a charity shop, Move on Accommodation, Furniture Recycling and Horticulture project. Over the past 26 years, their aim has been to provide services to those in the City and County, helping them to stay off the streets and hopefully helping them to change their lifestyles for the better. Their statistics show that the biggest reason for being homeless is relationship breakdown. The number of individuals who passed through their door between April 2010 and March 2011 was 450, of which 79% had Lincolnshire connections.
- Western Power Distribution (WPD) is the distribution network operator for the Midlands, South West England and South Wales, and is responsible for delivering electricity to approximately 7.7 million customers in the UK.
- WPD is not an electricity supply company and does not bill customers in the UK. Its responsibility is to distribute electricity from the point of generation to homes and businesses.

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