

ING Real Estate helps brings early Christmas cheer to residents in Ancoats - November 2008

Christmas has come early for a group of retired residents from Victoria Square in Ancoats thanks to the generosity of national developer, ING Real Estate who is currently refurbishing the historic Royal Mills...

The company donated a 42inch plasma screen television which will be installed in the community lounge, just in time for residents to watch their favourite programmes over the festive season.

It was a dream come true for the Victoria Square residents who wanted to upgrade the facilities offered in the popular Residents Community Lounge, which forms the hub of the housing scheme that dates back to 1894. The gift was at the request of the entertainment committee led by treasurer Julian Delaney St James who commented, "We asked the residents what they wanted and the resounding response was a large television, as the current one is rather small which makes viewing difficult. The residents lounge plays a vital part in the lives of our community members so this donation is a very welcome gift."

Earlier this year, the show apartment at Royal Mills played host to an episode of the popular ITV drama, Blue Murder. The stunning show apartment was used as the home of lead character Caroline Quintin, so ING Real Estate was keen to use the location fee to assist a local community group.

Said Jenna Slade, junior development manager, "I am delighted that we have used the money to such good use and have been able to help such a popular and well loved community facility. Wherever possible we endeavour to help the communities in which we are developing as regeneration is more than just about bricks and mortar. It's fundamentally about creating better environments in which the wider community can also benefit."

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Notes to editors

***Royal Mills** - Once completed, the project will contain 312 stylish homes, a state of the art business centre, offices and a range of commercial units that would be ideal for a bar, restaurant or art gallery.*

More information can be found at: www.royalmills.co.uk

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