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“A fresh approach to people,  
homes and communities”

### **Berneslai Homes Launch Online & Technology Funding Pot**

Berneslai Homes' Device Doctors are pleased to launch their Online & Technology Funding Pot for community groups to apply for funding from £50 to a maximum of £1,500.

Community groups in Barnsley can apply to purchase digital technology and services to enhance and develop their community based activity. Key priorities include: employment and skills development; disability support and service access; online safety and stronger community infrastructure. The majority of beneficiaries in the community groups must be Berneslai Homes tenants. Device Doctor time and support is available to help successful applicants use the new resources and services to the best of their ability.

Berneslai Homes' Digital Inclusion Coordinator Hannah Bailey adds: “We know community groups help to make Barnsley a great place to live and that they struggle to keep up with technology and the internet due to a lack of funding. We really encourage groups to apply for the pot so they can get the best from technology. We are also welcoming applications from groups who wish to apply for help without the funding.”

The deadline for the first submission is 31 July 2017 and this will then be rolled forward until the pot is allocated. To apply visit [www.berneslaihomes.co.uk](http://www.berneslaihomes.co.uk).

For further information please call the Device Doctors on 01226 772789 or email: [devicedoctors@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:devicedoctors@barnsley.gov.uk)

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**Editors notes:**

**Berneslai Homes** is the Council's managing agent for the management and maintenance of council housing in Barnsley. They have a track record for excellent performance at value for money cost and in 2015 the Council extended the service agreement for a further five years from April 2016 to March 2021 with the ability for rolling five year extensions. In 2017 they achieved Investors In People Gold Standard, for the second time. They work closely with many partner agencies within the Sheffield city region.

The organisation is run by a board comprising of a Chair, three councillors, three independents and three tenant members. Berneslai Homes manages approximately 18,655 properties and employs just under 500 employees.