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## **PARAGON RAISES RECORD AMOUNT FOR CHARITY**

Employees at The Paragon Group, a specialist financial services provider based in Solihull, raised over £15,000 in 2013 for the Group's two chosen charities - MacMillan Cancer Support and RSPCA Birmingham Animal Centre.

Paragon's Charity Committee, which is made up of employee volunteers, also ramped up the Group's fundraising activity by holding a charity golf day, a Group football tournament, cake sales and dress down days, along with a variety of other events.

The final total raised was £15,882.39, which was well over the initial £12,000 target set for 2013.

Visits were made to both charities during 2013 which gave the Committee a first-hand insight into the need for, and importance of, donations for both charities. This enabled employees to understand the positive impact the Group's donation will have on the future operations of the charities.

Jennie Smith, Chair of the Paragon Charity Committee, said: "Despite 2013 being financially trying for most, it has been one of our most successful fundraising years to date. The hard work and creative efforts of the Charity Committee combined with the amazing support from all employees has resulted in a staggering £15,882.39 being raised for two extremely worthwhile charities. We look forward to 2014 and the challenge of raising even more!"

The Paragon Group selects charities to support on an annual basis. The Group's chosen charities for 2014 are Libby Mae's Little Angels, which provides resources for neo-natal units in the Midlands, and Wythall Animal Sanctuary, which is an independent re-homing centre for unwanted pets with a non-destruction policy.

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### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

The Paragon Group of Companies PLC is a specialist lender of buy-to-let mortgages to landlords and residential property investors in the UK, as well as a loan servicing provider for third party clients and an active acquirer of loan assets and portfolios.

The Group specialises in buy-to-let lending to landlord customers, through the Paragon Mortgages and Mortgage Trust brands, and the provision of consumer loans.

The investment division of the Group, Idem Capital, undertakes acquisitions of loan portfolios including first and second mortgages as well as unsecured assets. In addition, the Group services mortgage and loan portfolios for itself and for a number of clients, such as banks, private equity houses and specialist lenders.

#### **About MacMillan Cancer Support**

MacMillan Cancer Support is a national charity which aids the needs of those who are or have been affected by cancer both directly or indirectly. The charity provides practical, emotional, medical and financial support as well as pushing for improved cancer care to make a positive difference to the lives of those affected by cancer.

#### **About RSPCA Birmingham Animal Centre**

RSPCA Birmingham Animal Centre is an animal welfare and rehoming centre, which includes an integrated animal hospital that offers veterinary treatment for people on specific means tested benefits.