



PRESS NOTICE – 12th June 2009

**ST MATTHEW HOUSING, PART OF GENESIS HOUSING GROUP, ORGANISES
FREE CRAFT FAIR AT THE MALTHOUSE PROJECT**

On Saturday 27 June 2009, a Craft Fair, organised by St Matthew Housing, part of Genesis Housing Group, will be held at The Malthouse Project, 8 Elsey's Yard, Risbygate Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 3AA, from 10am – 4pm. Entry is free.

Outside in the courtyard, an array of crafts, including handmade cards, bespoke jewellery, wooden crafts, hand-blown glass and homemade cakes will be on sale.

Visitors to the Craft Fair can also take a walk around The Malthouse Project, a former 17th Century maltings, and visit the award-winning Kiln Café to enjoy a hot drink or a bite to eat.

All income St Matthew Housing generates from this event will go back into funding the social objectives of The Malthouse Project, which are to provide training and volunteering opportunities to people who have been excluded from mainstream education and training because of an illness, disability or other barriers, to gain a second chance.

If you would like to book a pitch for £7 for the day, please contact Simon Johnson, Catering & Events Manager on 01284 732550 or at bookings@themalthouseproject.co.uk

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For further information about St Matthew Housing or The Malthouse Project, please contact: Sarah Yarrow, Communications Officer, on: 01284 732574 / sarah.yarrow@stmatthewhousing.org. Visit www.themalthouseproject.co.uk

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Notes to editors

St Matthew Housing (SMH) is a housing association, part of Genesis Housing Group. SMH provides supported accommodation for single people who are either homeless or unsuitably housed across East Anglia and the East Midlands. SMH also provides resettlement support to enable clients to successfully move on to independent accommodation and floating support to external clients who are in need of housing support. The charity works in a way that enables people to achieve their individual goals, at their own pace and in their own communities.

The Malthouse Project is owned by St Matthew Housing (SMH). SMH provides accommodation for people who are homeless or unsuitably housed. The Malthouse Project officially opened in September 2007 providing a café, heritage centre, community rooms to hire and accommodation for local people with a general housing need. The Project also provides opportunities for residents and services users from SMH and other support agencies to gain work experience and training qualifications in the café. All income generated from The Malthouse Project funds the social objectives of the project.

Genesis Housing Group is a social investment business. It provides homes and services, supporting customers and communities to build futures. Genesis provides homes and services to tens of thousands of people across London and the south east of England. The Group consists of PCHA, Pathmeads, Springboard and St Matthew Housing associations. Genesis also has in its group a charitable foundation, Genesis Community. It is one of the largest and most diverse housing groups in the UK, owning and/or managing more than 38,000 homes. Its overriding aim is to put customers first and provide excellent service to all.