

# PRESS RELEASE FROM The Blue Lamp Trust



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## **ExxonMobil gives £5,000 boost to local community safety teams**

A giant of the oil industry, which supplies fuel to one in six UK cars, is helping a local charity to keep its mobile teams on the road and strengthen community safety across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

ExxonMobil, which runs the Fawley Refinery and Petrochemical Plant, has donated £5,000 to support the Bobby Scheme in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The scheme, which is run by The Blue Lamp Trust, sends experts to the homes of the elderly and crime victims, offering security advice and installing safety equipment.

Representatives of ExxonMobil Fawley and the Blue Lamp Trust met at the Fawley site on 29 January 2019 to mark the continuation of ExxonMobil's support to the Bobby Scheme, which began in 2010. In response to the sponsorship, every Bobby Scheme van will carry ExxonMobil's logo for the next year.

Alison Jones, ExxonMobil Fawley Community Affairs Manager, said: "We are delighted to support the trust again this year with another £5,000 contribution towards The Bobby Scheme. This initiative offers a much-needed service to elderly and vulnerable people in their own homes and helps to make sure vital help is at hand when it is most needed."

She added: "We have a long and proud association with The Blue Lamp Trust going back many years. The charity's work aligns very closely with our own commitment to supporting the local community and being a good neighbour. The Blue Lamp Trust is also dedicated to helping people stay safe, which again fits perfectly with our number one priority at Fawley."

The Trust's Business Development Manager, David Watkins, said: "The Blue Lamp Trust has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with ExxonMobil and we're delighted they've chosen to continue supporting our work through the Bobby Scheme for another year.

"With this valuable sponsorship, the company is making a real and direct contribution to making Hampshire and the Isle of Wight a safer place."

Over the past six years, ExxonMobil Fawley has contributed in excess of £1m to the local community through various support schemes.



Supported by the emergency services and local authorities, The Bobby Scheme provides a free service to elderly and vulnerable people, particularly victims of burglary and domestic violence, by promoting crime prevention and fire safety initiatives.

Over the past 20 years the Bobby Scheme's trained fitters, who are all checked by Hampshire police, uniformed and carry ID cards, have visited more than 17,000 homes.

They carry out full home crime-prevention surveys, give reassurance and offer specific crime-prevention advice to improve safety. They also fit locks, spy-holes, door chains and smoke alarms where needed.

Anyone who believes they fit the criteria for a visit by a Bobby Scheme mobile team can contact [bobby@bluelamptrust.org.uk](mailto:bobby@bluelamptrust.org.uk) or phone 0300 777 0157.

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## Notes to Editor

### Image:

Unveiling the Exxon Mobil logo on a Bobby Trust mobile unit vehicle.

Caption: (Left to right) Mark Scovell (Bobby Scheme lead fitter), ..... TBC

## ExxonMobil: background

ExxonMobil is the collective name given to Esso Petroleum Company Limited and ExxonMobil Chemical Limited which are part of Exxon Mobil Corporation and owns the Fawley refinery.

Fawley is the largest refinery in the UK and supplies fuel for around one in six cars in the UK.

## Support for The Blue Lamp Trust

ExxonMobil originally engaged with the Trust by purchasing classroom driver awareness courses for their staff in 2010. They then progressed to be supporters of the Trust by taking "Silver" membership in January 2012.

In 2013 ExxonMobil signed a 3 year "Gold" membership deal which covered sponsorship of the Bobby van covering the Western side of the county and in 2018 they have renewed the sponsorship for 1 year.

## The Blue Lamp Trust: background



The Bobby Scheme is operated and funded in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight by the activities of The Blue Lamp Trust, which has provided nationwide practical driving assessments for taxi licence applicants and existing taxi drivers since 2011.

To date, its assessors have tested nearly 10,000 taxi drivers nationally for 118 licensing authorities. The Blue Lamp Trust has achieved the following since 2011:

- 14,176 taxi assessments
- 6356 drivers trained in the classroom
- 3271 drivers trained on the road

All profits made through its activities go directly to support The Bobby Scheme, which provides a free service supporting vulnerable and elderly people in the county, particularly victims of burglary and domestic violence, promoting fire and crime prevention initiatives.

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