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## **The Bobby Scheme receives Motorola Solutions Foundation Grant**

The Bobby Scheme in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight today announced it has received a grant from the Motorola Solutions Foundation, the charitable arm of Motorola Solutions, Inc.

The Bobby Scheme sends expert fitters to the homes of the elderly and crime victims, offering security advice and installing safety equipment.

Through the grant, the Bobby Scheme will support the cost of running another fitter to ensure we are able to continue to support domestic abuse referrals.

The Motorola Solutions Foundation awards grants each year to organizations which support and advance public safety programmes and technology and engineering education initiatives.

Jim Bettley, General Manager of The Bobby Scheme, said: "It's very inspiring to think that our work is being recognised by a global company as part of a worldwide community of organisations working to make society safer for vulnerable people. We are very grateful for the generous support that Motorola has given us. It will have a big impact, allowing us to extend the service we can provide for the people of Hampshire."

This year, Motorola Solutions Foundation grants will support programmes that help more than 3 million students, teachers, first responders and community groups around the globe. There is a specific focus on providing grants to programmes that impact under-represented populations, including females, minorities, people with disabilities, veterans and others.

"The Motorola Solutions Foundation is honoured and privileged to support the work of The Bobby Foundation," said Matt Blakely, executive director of the Motorola Solutions Foundation. "We believe in organizations that are fostering innovation, building partnerships and driving change, and we're proud to be part of the positive impact they're making in communities."

Operated and funded by The Blue Lamp Trust, The Bobby Scheme has operated across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight for more than 20 years. Supported by the emergency services and local authorities, the 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.



Since it started, the Bobby Scheme's trained fitters, who are all vetted 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 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

### **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 106 licensing authorities. The Blue Lamp Trust has achieved the following since 2011:

- 9664 taxi assessments
- 6047 drivers trained in the classroom
- 3019 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.

### **The Motorola Solutions Foundation: background**

The Motorola Solutions Foundation is the charitable and philanthropic arm of Motorola Solutions. With employees located around the globe, Motorola Solutions seeks to benefit the communities where it operates. The foundation achieves this by making strategic grants, forging strong community partnerships and fostering innovation. The Motorola Solutions Foundation focuses its funding on public safety, disaster relief, employee programs and education, especially in science, technology, engineering and maths. For more information on Motorola Solutions Corporate and Foundation giving, visit our website:

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