

# Press Release

## Charity presented with laptop computer by SBW

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Roger Harrington, SBW's Managing Director (left) presents Jonathan Holyhead, Chief Executive Officer, Dorset Blind Association, with the new laptop computer

A charity which helps support people with sight loss is the proud owner of a new laptop computer thanks to Sembcorp Bournemouth Water (SBW).

Dorset Blind Association approached SBW after the water supply company helped out with previous requests for help.

Jonathan Holyhead, Chief Executive Officer, said the computer would help with the day-to-day running of the charity which was founded in 1918.

It relies entirely on a combination of voluntary donations, membership fees, grants and income from transcription services for its funding.

Mr Holyhead added: "There is a massive and growing need for the help and support we provide for people with sight loss in Dorset.

"We can only meet that need if we can secure sufficient financial support so a donation like this is really important. We are extremely grateful to Sembcorp Bournemouth Water for helping us in this way."

Roger Harrington, SBW's Managing Director, said: "The Dorset Blind Association provides a huge amount of assistance to very vulnerable people in the area and we are very pleased to be able to assist in a small way.

"Although the association has only a small number of core staff it is supported by a large number of volunteers and we hope this laptop will help with the running of the charity."

Poole-based Dorset Blind Association employs 12 full and part time staff and is supported by almost 400 volunteers.

The charity provides practical help and assistance for anyone suffering from sight loss, allowing them to maintain full, healthy, independent and socially active lives for as long as possible.