

News Release:

FORESTERS FRIENDLY SOCIETY LINKS WITH FINAL DUTIES TO EXPAND PRODUCT PORTFOLIO

Partnership with Final Duties to Offer Members Will and Probate Services

10 June 2010: [Foresters Friendly Society](#) has this week entered into a partnership with wills and probate specialist group Final Duties, to provide probate broking, will writing and deceased estate property services to its members. This partnership is a further demonstration of how a mutual organisation delivers tangible benefits for members.

Foresters Friendly Society members will have access to the probate broking service for £245, £50 less than the standard fee, with a discount also being offered to members for the will writing service.

Probate is the legal process of administering the estate of a deceased person by resolving all claims and distributing the deceased person's property under the valid will or the rules of intestacy (where there is no will).

Final Duties, which prides itself on its transparency, uses a panel of 16 solicitor firms nationwide to provide a fixed-price quote for probate, which can be half the price that a high-street solicitor would charge or as little as a quarter of a high street bank's fees. This ensures value for money but also peace of mind during what is both a financially and emotionally traumatic time.

Final Duties is also committed to the regulation of will writing to ensure individuals and their families have access to the best possible service.

Neil Armitage, Marketing Director, Foresters Friendly Society, said: "Foresters Friendly Society has long been committed to providing social benefits and financial services products that take members and their families through the passage of life.

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“This new partnership with Final Duties provides members with access to products that provide them with cover not only to the grave, but also beyond – it’s our members getting the best possible service for all life stages.

“The link with Final Duties provides a welcome addition to the Foresters Friendly Society’s range of products – and is also a natural fit given both organisations’ commitment to transparency, their customers and members.”

Adam Walker, Director, Final Duties, said: “We’re extremely pleased to be working with Foresters Friendly Society and the feedback we’ve received from members so far is that the service is exactly what they’ve been waiting for.

“Final Duties will provide Foresters Friendly Society’s members with a thorough and professional yet sensitive service. Probate is an area that can be somewhat daunting and difficult for individuals to deal with.”

Mr Walker will be speaking to Foresters Friendly Society members over the coming weeks both face to face and via an online forum on Foresters Friends - the Society’s online social networking site launched earlier this year, www.forestersfriends.co.uk.

Under the terms of the partnership, Foresters Friendly Society members will also benefit from a range of property services through Final Duties for the executors of deceased’s estates which provides assistance with matters such as house clearance, gardening and refurbishment of the deceased’s home.

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About Foresters Friendly Society

Foresters Friendly Society was founded in 1834 and offers a range of financial saving, investment, insurance and protection products, as well as educational grants and healthcare support for its members. All financial products come with the accompanying benefits of membership of the Society at no additional cost. There is no obligation to purchase a financial product in order to become a member. The Society currently includes over 70,000 members across 250 UK branches.

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