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Cutting Costs for Disabled Children's Families in North Devon

PHILIP MILTON, the Conservative Prospective MP for North Devon today welcomed the launch of the new website "Family Fund Extra". National charity the Family Fund is behind the new website which offers online discounts from many services and leading high street names to families who care for a disabled child or a young person.

The free-to-join online buying club was launched on 25 February in the House of Commons and Philip urges families of North Devon to register. The Family Fund helps 48,000 disabled children's families a year, making grants worth £30 million.

Philip added:

"I believe this is an excellent scheme which not only offers reductions for disabled children's families in North Devon by making their money go a little further but also enables anyone to help disabled children while shopping online. You pay the same and they give the Family Fund a small commission to help severely disabled children."

Please visit www.familyfundextra.org.uk for further details.

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Notes to editors

1. Family Fund Extra (www.familyfundextra.org.uk<<http://www.familyfundextra.org.uk/>>) is a new venture from the Family Fund, the UK's largest charitable grant-maker to

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disabled children's families. All disabled children's families can sign up for free and enjoy discounts of between 5 and 25 per cent online with leading retailers such as Comet, Argos, BSM, Haven Holidays and Stone Computers.

2. People of goodwill can also help disabled children at no added cost to themselves by using

[www.familyfundextra.org.uk](http://www.familyfundextra.org/) as their gateway to shopping online with nearly a hundred leading retailers including Amazon, Tesco, Marks & Spencer, John Lewis and Trainline. The only difference from going to the retailer directly is that the Family Fund receives a commission on every purchase.

3. The Family Fund is the largest charitable grant-maker to disabled children's families in the UK. It gives grants worth £30 million to 48,000 low-income families with severely disabled children a year for the things they need, such as washing machines, driving lessons, computers, clothing and bedding and much-needed family holidays. It is funded by the governments of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. 44 per cent of the families it helps live below the poverty line.

4. There are 770,000 disabled children in the UK. Disabled children's families are more likely to live in poverty as it costs three times as much to bring up a disabled child and caring responsibilities often prevent parents from getting or keeping a job.