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BAG FANTASTIC PRIZES IN THE BIG RAFFLE

A host of fantastic prizes are up for grabs with *The Big Issue in the North's* Big Raffle.

And first prize is a home visit from property expert Sarah Beeny, the star of Channel 4's Property Ladder and founder of Tepilo.

Fundraising manager for *The Big Issue in the North Trust* Dante Harker said: "The first prize is fantastic, Sarah Beeny will visit you in your home and give personal advice on how to make home improvements that will add value to your house. And if you're selling, she'll give you great tips on how to make your home attractive to buyers."

The Big Raffle is the second scheme in *The Big Issue in the North Trust's* Big 12 fundraising marathon for 2010, which sees a fundraising event being held every month this year.

Dante added: "We're aiming to raise £1,000 with ticket sales from The Big Raffle, and the money will go straight into helping the Trust provide services for our vendors to help them to improve their lives."

The list of prizes includes Sarah Beeny's latest book "Design for Profit", unique art work from Manchester artist Emma Jeffry, craft goodies from Fred Aldous, 8 gig iPod, a colour analysis and style consultation from Claire Ray, a Unicorn Organic Foods gift voucher and two pairs of tickets for concerts at The Bridgewater Hall.

To be in with a chance of winning, visit www.bigissueinthenorth.com and buy tickets for just £2 each.

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Notes to Editors:

The Big Issue in the North Trust is a registered charity which supports vendors of *The Big Issue in the North* to get the services they need to improve their lives.

Every vendor signs up to a code of conduct when they start to sell *The Big Issue in the North* which governs the way vendors sell the magazine.

Vendors must only sell on authorised pitches. All vendors wear an ID badge. Please only buy the magazine from badged vendors.

Tepilo

Completely free to use, Sarah Beeny's Tepilo.com simply walks you through the process of buying, selling or letting a home, giving you practical advice on how to make the most of your property through design, negotiation and marketing.

The site, which is set out in a easy to use format, helps you present your home in a glossy magazine format, and gives you the opportunity to describe your home how you want to, allowing you to focus on the key unique selling points of your home.