

Housing charity rewards local heroes

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Coastline Housing has handed out a number of awards to people who are thought of as day-to-day heroes within their local communities.

A number of customers and representatives from partner organisations have been presented with a CATH (Customers at the Heart) award in recognition of all that they do - day in, day out.

The Cornish housing charity gave awards for Volunteer of the Year, Community Project of the Year, Good Neighbour of the Year, Involved Customer of the Year, Partnership Project of the Year, Digital Achiever of the Year and *inspiring futures* Achiever of the Year.

Picking up Volunteer of the Year was Beverley Scholey for the many hours she has committed to volunteering at the Coastline Homeless Service in Camborne. Beverley now leads a weekly cooking session for homeless clients, sourcing all ingredients and creating the recipes on her own. Also a keen artist, Beverley has produced some artwork to display in the charity's crisis accommodation.

A group of residents from Trelawny Court in Camborne picked up the Community Project award for their work in creating a community garden for all to enjoy. They received a cheque for £1,000 to use to further their project during 2019.

Good Neighbour of the Year was awarded to Martyn and Mandy Collick from Crowntown. They were nominated by their neighbours for being 'exactly what a community needs', always friendly, keen to help and happy to look out for others.

Wendy James of Camborne was named as Involved Customer of the Year for all the wonderful work she does helping Coastline consult its customers and shape its services accordingly, while Rosie Burbridge of Stithians was named as *inspiring futures* Achiever of the Year. Rosie undertook a work placement with Coastline this year and was nominated by staff for being bubbly, confident and an amazing asset to any company. Rosie has since gone on to sign up to undertake a degree course.

Joint winners of the Partnership Project of the Year were training provider Simon Fann, who has provided hours of training for Coastline customers over a number of years, and the Naloxone Project which has trained over 400 people across Cornwall to administer the drug Naloxone which can save lives in the event of an overdose by buying valuable time for a patient before emergency services arrive. Naloxone is now available on site at the Coastline Homeless Service, with staff trained in its use should it be needed.

Winner of the Digital Achiever of the Year was Blanche McAllister, who gives a day of her time each week to help people at Veor House in Camborne with getting online and using the internet. Many residents who never wanted to even touch a computer previously, are now happily using websites to order shopping, save money and keep in touch with family and friends thanks to support from Blanche.

A number of awards were also handed out on the night to recognise the long service given by some Coastline involved customers and a range of gardening awards were handed to the winners of Coastline's annual garden competition.

Bee Rowley of Coastline Housing said: "It's just amazing how many customers, volunteers and community partners work on a daily basis to make lives better for others and make local communities the very best they can be. We are so proud of all our winners, they really are an inspiration."

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