



Alastair Thompson, MD Gerda; Pauline Andersen and Martha Mensah, winners of the Outstanding Community Project Award and Zoe Bond, Sales Director Gerda.

BHP honour ‘Shining Stars’ of community at the first ever Residents’ Awards Ceremony

Brent Housing Partnership (BHP) hosted their first ever Residents’ Awards Ceremony, ‘Shining Stars’ on Friday 12 December at the Brent Civic Centre. The awards ceremony (which was the idea of Karin Jaeger, Vice Chair of BHP and local resident) was an opportunity to recognise the successes and achievements of residents, staff and contractors over the past year.

Almost 130 guests attended including Brent Council tenants and leaseholders, BHP and Brent Council staff and BHP contractors.

The Mayor of Brent, Cllr Kana Naheerathan officially opened the ceremony, Karin Jaeger made a welcome address and the Leader of the Council, Cllr Muhammed Butt presented an award for ‘Most Helpful Contractor of the Year.’

The evening was hosted by Mr Cee, a well-known comedian from Brent and there was entertainment from St. Michaels and All Angels Steel Orchestra, also from Brent.

The categories and winners of the awards were:

- Neighbour of the Year with special commendation for ASB – Helen Dickens, The Groves
- Young Person of the Year – Baqer Abboud, Sufra Food Bank
- Resident of the Year – Maureen Coughlin, Fiveways
- Most Helpful Contractor - Wates Living Space
- Most Active Resident Association of the Year – The Groves and Kilburn Square Housing Co-Op
- Lifetime Achievement Award – Sheila Perry, The Groves
- Most Helpful BHP Staff Member – Jilna Shah, Project Manager

- Special Recognition Award - Youth Editorial Board
- Special Recognition Award for Outstanding Community Project – CAM Estate Gardening Project

There was also a tribute paid to resident, Valerie Lloyd from Brentfield - nominated for the category, 'Neighbour of the Year with special commendation for ASB,' who sadly passed away a few days before the event. Valerie was well known in the community for helping older residents and was also a dinner lady at Brentfield School for over 25 years. Valerie's sister, Maureen Nipper, kindly accepted the nomination on Valerie's behalf.

Joanne Drew, Chair of the BHP Board said: "We are so proud of everyone who was nominated for the BHP Residents Awards. They are all 'shining stars' who give up their free time to help others in the community and work with Brent Housing Partnership to improve services. The awards ceremony was a chance to honour these achievements and to thank everyone for their unfailing commitment over the past 12 months."

Pauline Andersen and Martha Marsh were awarded the Special Recognition Award for the Outstanding Community Project: CAM Estate Gardening Project.

Feedback to the Residents Awards Ceremony was extremely positive.

Sponsors of the event include Credit Union Brent & Ealing, Echelon Consultancy Ltd, Gerda, Hilton London Wembley, Pureprint Group, Mulalley, Niblock, Lakehouse, United Guarding Services Ltd, Veolia, Wates Living Space and Wettons.



Residents with Mr Cee