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WATMOS Community Homes Annual Recognition Awards



In late October, WATMOS held their second recognition awards ceremony for volunteers and staff to join together and celebrate the achievements and successes of the past year.

The event was held at the Bescot Stadium in Walsall and hosted by Chair of WATMOS and Burrowes Street TMO, Terry Edis MBE FRSA.

Terry commented; "This evening is a chance to recognise the commitment, dedication and valuable contributions that have been made by our staff and volunteers to ensure the success of the WATMOS Group".

Awards were presented by the guest speaker, Michelle Reid, Chief Executive of TPAS (the Tenant Participation Advisory Service) as well as the Chair, Chief Executive of WATMOS, Ursula Barrington and Directors Kul Bains and Yusef Masih.

Employee recognition awards were presented to Roy Whitehouse from Sandbank TMO, Stacey Wiggin from Leamore TMO, Louise Walker from Central Services, Amanda Banks of Burrowes Street TMO, Chris Gosling from Chuckery TMO and Richard Gallagher from Burrowes Home Comfort.

WATMOS Community Homes has many volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure that their TMO delivers exceptional services to their Tenants. In recognition of the

invaluable time they volunteer to their TMO and the WATMOS Group volunteer recognition awards were presented to;

Bob Stock from Leamore TMO, for his considerable commitment and hard work to ensure the smooth running of the TMO's entertainments and social committee and it's activities, all whilst maintaining a full-time job.

Stephanie Thacker from Twin Crescents TMO, for her enthusiasm, understanding, professionalism and great willingness to take on anything she is asked to do in her role as a Committee Member and her instrumental role in organising many children's events and social evenings.

Ian Wrighton of Chuckery TMO, for his commitment and dedication to his TMO and his new role as Chair, inspiring six new members to join the Management Committee.

Roy Thomas for the Central Services award, who has been involved as an independent Board Member since the formation of WATMOS and has brought considerable financial expertise to the Group. He has played a very important role on the Board, having chaired the Audit Committee for seven years and having also chaired the Human Resources Committee.

Bill Edwards from Sandbank TMO, for being the driving force behind his TMO from the outset. Sandbank TMO would not be the high quality place to live in it is today without his immense contribution. He demonstrates exceptional levels of commitment, dedication and support to tenants and staff alike and his enthusiasm, passion and devotion to tenant management are truly outstanding and clear for all to see.

Joan Berry of Burrowes Street TMO, for the enormous amount of time and effort, over a number of years, that she has put into various activities at her TMO. She works tirelessly to organise social events for tenants and shows willingness to take on extra responsibilities for the benefit of the TMO.

Michael Greenfield, Chair of Delves East TMO was awarded this year's Special Achievement Award for his exceptional reliability, commitment and dedication to his TMO and WATMOS. Michael has actively participated and made a significant contribution as Chair of his TMO, on the WATMOS Board and at a range of group-wide committees for the benefit of everyone throughout the Group.

Delves East TMO were winners of the Best Performing TMO category based on their overall performance in a range of areas that included rents management, voids, repairs and business management.

Twin Crescents TMO were awarded the Most Improved TMO trophy due to their significant improvements in rents management, voids, repairs and business management during 2009-10.

Ursula Barrington, Chief Executive of WATMOS Community Homes said; “It is again a pleasure to celebrate and be part of our second recognition awards ceremony with all of our volunteers and colleagues. We all work extremely hard during the year and this event celebrates our unique organisation and our dedication to local resident control”.

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