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WATMOS Community Homes Annual Recognition Awards

WATMOS Community Homes celebrated the achievements of its staff and volunteers with the introduction of an annual recognition awards event on Friday evening. The event was held at The Village Hotel in Walsall with an excellent meal followed by entertainment proved by The B Sharps.

Throughout the evening a variety of awards were presented to recognise the commitment, dedication and valuable contributions that have been made to ensure the success of the WATMOS Group.



One such award was an employee achievement award presented to Neil Smith for his exceptional courage and bravery.

Neil, who works at Leamore TMO in Walsall, rescued a tenant and her three young children when a fire broke out in their high rise flat earlier this year.

Other employee recognition awards were presented to Faye Potter, Brian Wood, Pat Clayton, Joanne Talbot,

Pauline Duckhouse and Julie Perkins.

WATMOS community homes has several volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure their TMO delivers exceptional local accountable services to their Tenants. The evenings event saw volunteer recognition awards presented to Anne Fitzsimons, Gill Kelly, David Badland, Tom Staig, Joan Edis and Terry Edis MBE.

Sandbank TMO were awarded the best performing TMO award with Burrowes Street TMO receiving the most improved performance award.

To end the evening off two special recognition awards were received by staff member Peter Astbury for his longstanding service to the WATMOS Group and to volunteer Bill Edwards for his contributions to the tenant management movement.

Awards were presented by Deputy Mayor Cllr Gary Clarke, Councillors Sean Coughlan and Tom Ansell, Terry Edis MBE, Chair of WATMOS Community Homes and newly appointed Chief Executive, Ursula Barrington.

Ursula Barrington, Chief Executive said: "WATMOS is a unique organisation that creates sustainable communities via local resident control, its success is due to the dedication and commitment of its volunteers and staff. It was a pleasure to be a part of an evening that gave everyone the opportunity to celebrate that success.