



Press release

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GCH tenants shortlisted for national award

Two Gloucester City Homes' tenants have been included in the shortlist for the Tenant of the Year category of the Tenant Participation Advisory Service (TPAS) Connecting People Awards for the Midlands Region.

The awards are designed to reward people who have made an outstanding contribution towards improving their local community.

The GCH tenants on the shortlist are Mike Groom and Pat Scannell. This is the first time that two tenants from the same housing organisation have been included on the shortlist.

Mike has been involved with the local community for many years. His tireless commitment and concern for the welfare of others has resulted in many improvements in local community life. He has been a Board member of Gloucester City Homes, a local tenant representative, Chair of Barnwood Community Partnership and of the Barnwood Tenants and Residents Group and also long standing Chair of Coney Hill Neighbourhood Project.

Pat is a strong community leader and has contributed a huge amount to improving the quality of life for local people. Pat has been involved in the local resident group in Tredworth for 10 years and has been Chair for 5 years. He is involved in improving services at Gloucester City Homes including his role as Chair of Customer Forum. He is also a supporter of various good causes in Gloucester including local pensioner group, Guideposts, the Royal British Legion, and disability charities. Many tenants and residents have benefited as a result of his work and the Tredworth estate has become a more cohesive and sustainable community.

GCH Chief Executive Ashley Green says:

'I am delighted that Mike and Pat have been shortlisted for the TPAS Connecting People Tenant of the Year award. They have both worked tirelessly over many years for the benefit of their local communities. Through their involvement at GCH, they have also made a huge contribution to improving services for the benefit of all our customers. They are both worthy contenders for this award.'

Both Mike and Pat will attend the award ceremony in London on Wednesday 11th March at which the winner will be announced.

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Notes to editors:

Gloucester City Homes is a 2 star Arms Length Management Company, which provides housing management services to 4900 homes in Gloucester on behalf of the City Council. The company is carrying out a £40 million improvement programme to bring customers' homes to the Decent Homes Standard.