



NEWARK AND SHERWOOD HOMES

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TWO Newark and Sherwood Homes tenants have been recognised by the housing management company during its Outstanding Contribution to the Community Awards (OCCAs).

During a special ceremony, Jeanette Tomlinson and William (Bill) Higgins were applauded for being community heroes, who give their time, energy and knowledge to the communities in which they live.

After retiring as a cook at a local school, Jeanette moved to De Lacy Court in Ollerton in February. Keen to make continued use of her culinary skills, Jeanette set up a twice-weekly breakfast club in the local community centre. With support from her tenancy officer and other tenants, attendance at the club is growing week on week and sees on average of twenty residents having breakfast with friends.

Jeanette's work is helping to reduce social isolation, which has become a growing national issue, with the NHS describing it as a health hazard.

Bill was recognised for being instrumental in supporting a vulnerable resident during a period of major works to their property. As a result of his diligence he was invited to become a part of Newark and Sherwood Homes' programme of tenant involvement opportunities. During his short time as an involved tenant he has demonstrated his commitment, skill and passion for ensuring tenants remain at the heart of the housing management company's service delivery.

Jeanette and Bill each received a plaque and a cheque for £100 to donate to a charity of their choice, in recognition of their efforts. Jeanette chose The Furniture Project, while Bill selected Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance.

Rebecca Rance, chief executive of Newark and Sherwood Homes, commented: "Jeanette and Bill truly make a difference to the communities in which they live by giving their time and energy freely. A recent study revealed that over nine million people in the UK across all adult ages are either always or often lonely. Jeanette is using her cooking skills to try and combat this rising health concern, by bringing her local community together. Bill has been an active member of several of our tenant panels and forums and represents Newark and Sherwood Homes in a considered and professional manner. We recognise and thank them both for their continued efforts."

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About Newark and Sherwood Homes

Newark and Sherwood Homes Ltd is a local landlord, property developer and provider of housing management services to Newark and Sherwood District Council and others. The company is independently accredited and provides high quality homes and related services in and around Newark and Sherwood District. For more information, visit www.nshomes.co.uk