

# Press Release



## Give your Good Neighbour a thank you to remember!

The Australians once told us, "everybody needs good neighbours". But as the news pages flood with stories on anti-social behaviour and violent crime, it is easy to forget the people who make a difference to our communities for the better.

Nottingham City Homes (NCH) is this month launching the Good Neighbour Award 2008. This annual event recognises the people who go above and beyond the duty of a normal neighbour.

Last year's winner was Myra Fitzgerald from the Meadows. She was nominated by her neighbours in nearby Mayfield Court for her commitment to her local sheltered housing community. She regularly organised activities for the tenants, held coffee mornings and raised money for local projects.

She was described by her fellow tenants as "much more than a good neighbour". They felt that "without her good will, a lot of people in the community would be lonely and isolated." She was awarded the 2007 Good Neighbour Award at a ceremony held at the Council House last December.

This year the award will be sponsored by one of our partners, Keepmoat. Keepmoat is supporting us in our drive to bring all Nottingham's council homes up to the Decent Homes standard by 2013.

Paul Senior, project director at Keepmoat, said: "At Keepmoat we are passionate about creating vibrant and sustainable communities that people are proud to live and work in. Building communities is not just about bricks and mortar, it is about the people who live in them.

"I am looking forward to learning more about the people on Nottingham's estates who are making a difference to the lives of their neighbours."

The winner of this year's award will be invited, along with the person who nominated them, to a special presentation ceremony. This will take place at the Council House when the Best Garden Awards are presented this December.

If you have a neighbour like Myra who you think deserves to be recognised, why not nominate them for this year's awards. Nominations forms are available in your local housing office, online at [www.nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk](http://www.nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk) or on request by calling 0115 915 7223.

You could also send us an email, [marketing@nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk](mailto:marketing@nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk) giving us the name, address and contact details of the person you want to nominate. You need to tell us why you think they should be given this award and also let us know your name, address and contact details. Entries must be in by Monday 22 September 2008.

**Ends**

**Notes to editors:**

Nottingham City Homes was created on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 as an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) to manage Nottingham City Council's rented and leasehold homes. We are now working hard towards bringing Nottingham's council houses up to the Government's Decent Homes standard by 2013.

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