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H&F's Ray Champion scoops Tenant of the Year award

Congratulations to Hammersmith and Fulham resident Ray Champion, who scooped the "Tenant of the Year" at last week's South Region TPAS awards, in recognition for his work in the community.

The TPAS regional "Tenant of the Year" award is dedicated to celebrating the work of a local volunteer who spends time carrying out activities that benefit others including the landlord and local community.

The awards ceremony, which took place at London's Wembley Hilton Hotel, on Friday 3 February, brought together the best and brightest community stars from across England's South regions, to celebrate the outstanding contributions of tenants who work tirelessly to support and improve their local community.



Seeing off stiff competition from nine other nominees, the Ash Lodge resident's commitment to the community, and his personal energy impressed the judges.

Talking after the awards, H&F inclusion officer, Tony Rodriguez, said: *"We're delighted that Ray received the recognition of the judges, and scooped the Tenant of the Year award. Ray is never afraid to roll up his sleeves and get stuck into a challenge, and he's been an active member of the community for many years."*

"Over the past few years, Ray has also played a key role working with us to help to plan and deliver two residents conferences and helping us to reach out and engage with our tenants - I can't imagine anyone more deserving".

Ray's contributions don't end there - he is an active campaigner for the annual Poppy appeal, and over the years he has worked closely with the council to arrange local events - such as the Centenary celebrations last year, which brought different generations together and involved the Chelsea Pensioners, Reserved Forces, the borough's Air, Army and Sea Cadets, and local Scout Groups, as well as host of other local dignitaries.

Ray is also passionate about improving communities, and works hard to help improve H&F residents' communities and environments. As a member of the Investment Group, Ray works with the Group to help the Council decide where to allocate funding for minor improvement works, benefiting our communities and resident lives throughout the borough.

Speaking of his success last week, Ray said: *"It was such a privilege to receive the award from TPAS. Seeing who I was up against - it's clear that so many people out there do such wonderful things for their communities, and it's great to be a part of that work. I'd like to say thank you to Pinnacle for nominating me, and to all those who supported me"*

The winning teams and individuals will now be considered for the prestigious national finals at the Chesford Grange Hotel in Warwickshire, in July 2017. We wish Ray the best of luck for the next round!