

Press release  
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## **Lifelong Hackney resident wins top prize at Resident Awards**

Described as having a heart of gold and always willing to make a difference, Tony Osborne, Secretary of Aspland and Marcon Estate tenants and residents association beat off stiff competition to win the coveted Resident of the Year Award at the Hackney Homes Residents Awards.

Running for the past four years, the Awards recognises residents who have gone the extra mile in their community to make a difference.

Tony received a number of awards for his passion for improving the estate for local people, most recently single handedly project managing the refurbishment of a derelict hall for the use of residents of the estate. The two year project had many challenges but with Tony's dedication, the refurbished hall is now a place that everyone treasures.

On winning the award, Tony said :”Hackney is my home and I am so chuffed that I have won this award. I am so proud of the community hall and look forward to hearing all the laughter and joy that it will bring to residents”.

Other winners were the Wilton Estate Youth Club in the Resident Group Category who have revitalised the estate with dedicated sports sessions on the estate as well as homework clubs – all run by young people.

The Young Resident on the Year award was won by Saleem Raheim who has made a positive change and is very good at advocating on people's behalf in order to ensure their concerns are addressed, ultimately aiming for community cohesion.

Jean-Paul Lawrence Tampu-Eya was also a winner on the day in the Ron Devoti category for his dedication to supporting the African Caribbean community in Hackney and for working with Hackney Homes to ensure that issues are highlighted.

Rupert Tyson, Chair of Hackney Homes Board said: “Once again, we are pleased to announce the winners of the much loved Residents Awards to such deserving winners. They are an inspiration to us all and we thank them for their work and more grease to their elbows”.

To read more about the Residents Awards, you can check the Hackney Homes website [www.hackneyhomes.org.uk](http://www.hackneyhomes.org.uk)

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## **Notes to Editors**

- Hackney Homes is an arms-length management organisation managing around 30,000 council properties in the borough of Hackney.