



▲ Cathi Foale, of competition sponsor Park Home Chassis Services, presents a cheque to the Qualifying Residents' Association at Northfield Park, in Hampshire

Help us find the UK's best residents' association!

Once again, we're looking to recognise and reward the contribution made by the nation's premier park residents' associations and social clubs

Our highly successful Residents' Association of the Year awards were introduced three years ago to recognise the huge impact a vibrant and thriving residents' association or social group can make to the lives of park home residents.

The awards are sponsored by Park Home Chassis Services (PHCS), experts in park home chassis refurbishment and underfloor insulation.

DIFFERENT TYPES

Many associations are properly constituted and are known as Qualifying Residents' Associations (QRAs). They comply with the requirements of the Mobile Homes Act, which requires that at least 50 per cent of the residents must be members. One of the key benefits of a QRA is that it must be recognised by the site owner who must consult it about proposed changes to operating and managing the site and improvements he plans to make.

Many associations are more informal, simply getting together to organise events on behalf of the residents without any formality and without any recognition from the site owner.

VITAL ROLE

But whatever the nature of the association, they can play a very important role on the park.

The best associations will often:

- **Keep park residents informed through regular newsletters;**
- **Organise events - both on and off the park - from coffee mornings and Christmas parties to bingo evenings and barbecues;**
- **Do small but significant favours for friends and neighbours like collecting groceries, providing transport for those unable to drive;**
- **Produce information packs for new residents;**
- **Take care of residents who are**

unwell or need help with their garden.

There is no doubt that an active residents' association can make a huge difference to people's lives which is why PHCS continues to sponsor and support these awards.

If your association does some (or even more!) of the things listed above, we want to hear from you! This year's winning association will receive a cheque for £250, while we will also reward one runner-up association with £125.

HOW TO ENTER THE 2016 AWARDS

Write to Cathi Foale at: Residents' Association of the Year Awards, 2 Butlers Pond, Whitchurch Hill, Oxfordshire RG8 7PF or email Cathi Foale at cathi@parkhomechassis.co.uk, explaining why your association should win an award. Please include the name of the association, contact details, your membership and as much information as possible about what you do. The same cash prizes await the winners!

