

Connexus – a place for excellence

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Connexus Housing shortlisted for its excellence in the UK Housing Awards

Connexus is proud to announce that we have been shortlisted for several awards at the UK Housing Awards 2019.

The awards are: Best Older Peoples Landlord, Neighbourhood Transformation, and Innovative landlord of the year as part of the SUSTAIN consortium.

For the *Best Older Peoples Landlord* award we have been shortlisted for our Independent Living schemes across Herefordshire and Shropshire. We recognised the growing demand for support for our older demographic within our counties and adapted to offer the best support, care and accommodation. We help customers enjoy their home environment for as long as possible, promote individual choice, control over decisions, whilst still being there to offer reassurance about safety and security.

For the *Neighbourhood Transformation Award* we have been shortlisted for our regeneration of The Oval. The Oval Development was a major multi-million pound programme of improvement and regeneration work across an area that included Kilverd Road, Broxash Drive, Belmont Road and Beattie Avenue in Hereford. The largest and most ambitious initiative Herefordshire Housing, part of Connexus Housing, ever undertook. It involved demolition, new build and refurbishment and transformed the area by creating a sustainable community which improves choices and life changes for its residents.

For the *Innovative landlord of the year* award, this submission and shortlisting sees us enter as part of the SUSTAIN consortium. The consortium is a group of housing and service providers who came together to provide Shropshire with the first holistic, affordable housing support system in the UK. Its members include the two of the largest landlords within Shropshire: Connexus, Housing Plus and STAR Housing who are an Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO); alongside existing Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise Partners.

Duncan Forbes, Interim CEO of Connexus said: "Being shortlisted for 3 UK housing awards is fantastic news for Connexus and provides further recognition of the great work of our colleagues in providing excellent services to our customers. We continue to address local issues, support local people and work within local

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communities to find the right local solutions. It's great to be recognised within the sector for our innovative approaches and contributions to housing".

References / Background – UK Housing awards, in its 20th year, symbolizes excellence within the Housing Sector. UKHA's mission is to uncover, reward true distinction within the Housing sector and shine a light on success, innovation and great practice across the UK.

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