



■ The team from Burleigh House



■ Joe Robinson with Lorraine O'Brien from Stevenage Homes



■ Angela Bowes and Martin Leake of Lloyds TSB



■ David Sapstead with Kris Symons from Boots



■ Hayley Day (right) with Beverley Jones from the Hertfordshire Consortium for Business

Praise for care workers

SIX devoted care workers from North Herts and Stevenage have been honoured.

They were picked out for recognition at the inaugural Hertfordshire Care Providers Association Gala Care Awards on Friday.

Home care worker David Sapstead has worked for Crossroads North, which offers homcare and carers breaks as well as day services in North Herts, for two years.

He was given the Care Worker of the Year Award for Home Care, sponsored by Boots the Chemist.

The winner of the Registered Manager of the Year Award was Angela Bowes from Westbourne Residential Home in Hitchin, sponsored by Lloyds TSB. She has demonstrated her commitment to staff training by achieving the Investors In People Award and has helped the home achieve a three star rating.

Angela said: "It's just fantastic, I can't believe it, it's such an honour to win such an award for everything you've done over the last year. I feel so proud for the residents, staff and proprietors of Westbourne."

Gold Care Homes' Ashling Turner, who is team leader for Graveley-based Halcyon Days residential care home, was presented with the Team Leader of the Year Award, sponsored by National Skills Academy for Social Care. She was nominated for her ability to protect and promote the rights of both her residents and staff.

In September she will be trekking to Mount Kilimanjaro to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

Joe Robinson is a dementia care assistant at Roebuck Nursing Home, Stevenage. He won the Care Worker of the Year Award for Dementia Care, sponsored by Stevenage Homes.

Joe said: "I'm over the moon. This is really for my residents and for the staff at Roebuck."

Hayley Day is an apprentice working as an inde-

pendent personal assistant in Stevenage and received the Apprentice of the Year award which was sponsored by the Hertfordshire Consortium for Business.

Winner of the Employee of the Year Award for Ancillary Support, sponsored by Kamax, was Peter Woolnough who works for Flexible Training based in Letchworth GC. The office manager was nominated for being an exceptional and reliable worker.

Peter said: "I'm chuffed. I really wasn't expecting to win. It's lovely, I don't usually like to draw attention to myself but it's touching that I was nominated for doing a good job."

Also tasting success on the night was Baldock-based family-run Burleigh House which won the Small Care Business of the Year Award (for a business with under 50 employees).

Guest speaker and PR guru Max Clifford said: "Tonight is all about you, people who take care of other people, which is the main reason I said I'd be happy to come. The main part of my job, dealing with the media, tends to be focused around tragedies and disasters, so it's nice for me to be among people who give so much time to look after people who need help."



■ Peter Woolnough (right) with Amin Juma from Kamak



■ Ashling Turner (right) and Margaret Heard from National Skills Academy

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