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CHAIR OF MONMOUTHSHIRE HOUSING SHORTLISTED FOR THE HOUSING HEROES AWARDS

Judith Langmead, Chair of Monmouthshire Housing Association has been shortlisted from more than 300 entries to the Housing Heroes Awards. This is a new awards scheme launched this year that aims to shine the spotlight on the people and teams that are doing great work in the social/affordable housing sector.

Judith is now one of five left in the running for the Inspirational Board or Cabinet Member of the Year Category

The event is organised by *Inside Housing* magazine and the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH), and attracted a phenomenal response with submissions from the length and breadth of the UK.

The winners will be revealed at a glittering awards ceremony at London's Hilton Hotel on 10 June. The ceremony will be hosted by TV presenter and former politician Michael Portillo. The awards are being sponsored by Tribal, Construction Skills and Campbell Tickell.

Steve Benson, the President of the CIH said there were some amazing people working in the housing sector. "Our sector spends a great deal of time talking about policy and strategy, business plans and budgets, our visions and our mission statements. Of course all of these things are really important. But in my experience it is the extraordinary people that do fantastic work for our customers that make the real difference. So I want to congratulate every finalist for getting this far in these awards. It was extremely tightly contested, and I look forward to helping to unveil the eventual winners in June."

Inside Housing's events director Ted Stevens said: "All the finalists have done brilliantly in getting this far. Well done to Judith for getting shortlisted. The competition was really fierce with well over 50 entries in some categories."

John Keegan added that "everyone at MHA is delighted to see Judith shortlisted. It is no more than she deserves. She has been instrumental, along with other board members in laying the groundwork for a long and successful future for MHA. She has worked tirelessly and unselfishly for MHA and we all draw a huge amount of inspiration from her"

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