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## **Community Wellbeing team named Finalist in "Make a Difference Awards"**

Our Community Wellbeing team are finalists in the prestigious "Make a Difference Awards". Out of thousands of nominations made, only four finalists made the cut in the 'Together' category.

BBC Radio Sussex and BBC Radio Surrey have run the awards for 12 years. It gives local people the chance to recognise those who make their lives better.

Our team were nominated by a local resident and dedicated Repair Café Coordinator, Susi.

Local resident, Tracy Valler visits the team at the Hive regularly. She was so pleased to hear the news:

"We all see the Community Wellbeing team working so hard to help people and bring our communities together. I'm really happy to see they're getting the appreciation they deserve!

"I find it really reassuring to know I can come to the Hive if ever I need a bit of extra help. Whether it's a coffee and a chat with a friendly face or using the community fridge, they're always there ready to help make your worries just a little bit less. I can't think of a more deserving group to receive this nomination, we're all cheering them on to win!"

Lead Councillor for Community, Cllr Carla Morson, extends her heartfelt congratulations:

"This recognition is a testament to our team's unwavering dedication and genuine care for the community. We are fortunate to have such a compassionate and caring group of people whose work touches the lives of many.

"I am immensely proud to congratulate each member of our team for their outstanding contributions. Through countless worthwhile projects, we support our communities in what truly matters. Best of luck to the team in the final round of judging!

"To stay updated on our community projects, follow our team on Facebook and Instagram. You can find them @GBCCommunityWellbeing."

As part of the next phase of the awards, BBC Radio Sussex and BBC Radio Surrey are set to visit our Community Wellbeing Team at The Hive.

The final round of judging will take place before the awards ceremony on 25 September.