

## **Blackdown Support Group wins £1,000 Movement for Good award**

**Local charity Blackdown Support Group has won a £1,000 Movement for Good award thanks to nominations from the public.**

Blackdown Support Group is one of 500 winners in specialist insurer Ecclesiastical's Movement for Good awards, which is giving £1million to charities this summer. Members of the public were invited to nominate causes close to their hearts, with 500 gifts of £1,000 available for donation. 13,695 charities were nominated by an amazing 253,879 members of the public.

Elizabeth McNabb, Co-ordinator of the charity said

“During the Covid-19 crisis we have had to suspend our normal services due to restrictions on social contact and have instead organised a neighbourhood assistance service to local residents, offering prescription delivery, shopping, errands or a friendly phone call. As lockdown restrictions ease, we are now considering ways in which we can safely move forward in our work supporting vulnerable or isolated members of our communities. Our ideas include a low-cost “meals on wheels” service, a "care package" of home-based activities, support with technology enabling people to connect with others more easily, and support to enjoy time in nature, which is so important for mental and physical well-being. The Movement for Good award will be a huge help in kick-starting these new initiatives.”

Mark Hews, group chief executive at Ecclesiastical, said: “We would like to thank every single person who took the time to nominate a good cause as part of our Movement for Good awards. Ecclesiastical is a unique financial services group. We are owned by a charity which means all available profits can be given to the good causes that are so important to our customers. As a company whose purpose is to contribute to the greater good of society, charitable giving is at the heart of our business. We know that £1,000 can make a huge difference to the incredible work that charities do and we’re looking forward to seeing how this financial boost will change lives for the better.”