

This nomination demonstrates how some of our residents have really risen to the challenge during the Covid-19 crisis. Jo Higgins and her family have been an absolute inspiration and huge support to local people. The panel believes Jo's encouragement of her own children to help out too means she has not only been a great role model to her family, but also the wider community.

From the nomination:

Jo and her family have become Bournville legends during lockdown. They appear frequently on the Bournville Covid-19 Facebook page because of their tremendous efforts for the community. Above all, they have made masks. Dismissed early on as "maybe helpful" the mask has now become an essential for personal safety and community care in 2020.

They have made hundreds and, by only asking people for a donation, they have raised over £600 to fund the Hub food parcels going to people in need. Jo's skill and the family's enthusiasm meant that more people had food on their tables at a critical time and everyone could get the mask that has now become essential.

