

***The panel were impressed with the kindness and support that Jonathon offered to local people during this difficult time. He demonstrated that kindness is in actions you do – like carrying out regular shops for those in need, as well as just being there for someone who needs a conversation through times of loneliness.***

***Jonathan, you supported so many people through lockdown, including those who were trying to coordinate the response – they knew they could rely on you. And you also had your own family to worry about and look after.***

***Well done Jonathan – you are a true Bournville Community star.***

From the nomination:

Helen Crisp from Bournville Parish Church nominated you because you went above and beyond helping people during the Covid 19 crisis. You were furloughed from work and had to home-school two children as well as support your family under stressful circumstances. You became a street champion and supported two elderly people with a regular weekly shop, as well as many ad-hoc shopping trips.

You volunteered as a befriender at St Francis Church and regularly phoned people needing support, including a lady who had not heard from anyone for months. She looked forward to your conversations and felt connected to the outside world. Another lady was supporting her husband who was going in and out of hospital and your care helped her through some difficult moments as she had no immediate family.

You never realised the hope and comfort you brought to people in difficult circumstances, not realising how your small actions made such an important and positive impact on the lives of those you helped.

You are a true star to all those you supported and befriended. Thank you.

