

The panel were impressed by Josie's dedication, energy and commitment to get the right help out to people where it was most needed. She has shown an incredible ability to adapt to the differing challenges of coronavirus and provide solutions and action, offering so much of her time for free.

So many local people helped in so many ways by a true Bournville Community star.

From the nomination:

Hub Operations and Finance Director Josie was at the backbone of Bournville Hub's coronavirus community response from the outset.

From the start of lockdown Josie was coordinating food bank donations, opening up Bournville Hub for public donations every Friday April-July, and dropping off deliveries to TAWS food bank. She spent the Easter holidays transforming the Hub from a bookshop into a food bank drop-off point with community kitchen – a huge achievement in such a short time!

It was Josie who really appreciated that families with children who qualify for free school meals would be under particular strain with coronavirus during the summer holidays. She helped Sarah Mullen create the scheme to offer free fruit and veg boxes to those families throughout July and August and then oversaw it to make sure the boxes reached the right people every week.

Josie is very modest but her work ethic is incredible – even though her position is part time and term-time only, it's not unusual to see her at the Hub at 6am or on a Sunday afternoon. She's given vast amounts of her time and energy during this crisis, whilst also home educating her two daughters.

Her dedication and concern that no one in the community be forgotten during the coronavirus crisis has been an absolute inspiration.

