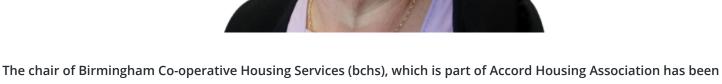


Confederation of Co-op Housing honour Margaret Cope with special lifetime



given a special award in recognition of her long-standing commitment to supporting housing Co-operatives.

Margaret Cope, who is also treasurer of Paddock Housing Co-operative and a member on the Accord Homes & Communities committee, has been awarded the very first Active Lifetime Achievement Award from the Confederation of Co-op Housing (CCH).

Margaret was originally nominated for the Housing Co-operator of the Year award, however, after careful consideration, judges were so impressed they decided to create a new award for Margaret to honour her continued contribution to housing Co-op's.

Margaret said: â□□I was really shocked to learn I have been given this award. Iâ□□ve worked hard for the Co-op for the last 40 years, but I didnâ □ t think I was doing anything exceptional. Working for the Co-op is my life, I love what I do - I know that when I get up each day Iâ□□m making a difference to the 46 families in our homes. Iâ□□m proud to work with such a great group of people who all want to achieve the same things. Itâ□□s so wonderful to be recognised for the work I have done, and lâ□m really honoured to know that others feel lâ□ve made such a positive impact.â□□

Chief Executive of Accord Housing Association, Dr Chris Handy said: â Dathis is a fantastic achievement and very well deserved. Margaret has a long history with Accord, currently as chair of the bchs Partnership Board, and previously a member of Accordâ□s main Board. Margaret holds Co-operatives very close to her heart - like a Blackpool stick of rock, the Co-op values run through her core. She is incredibly passionate about the importance of tenants coming first and is dedicated to helping provide affordable homes and building better communities.â□□