

**Bromley Volunteers Shortlisted for Prestigious Vollywood Awards**

**(05 June 2023)Two volunteers fromAmbient Support, a top-20 not-for-profit health and social care provider, have been shortlisted for the prestigious Vollywood Awards 2023. Run by Community Links Bromley, an organisation supporting the voluntary, community, and social enterprise sector, the awards recognise and celebrate the amazing work of volunteers in Bromley.**

The award ceremony will be held at Bromley Library on 22 June and Ambient volunteers, Tim Crocker and Charlotte Grove have been shortlisted due to the exceptional and outstanding support they provide people within the local community.

Tim Crocker, finalist for the Lifetime Achievement Award, provides encouragement, emotional support and kindness at [Branching Out](https://www.ambient.org.uk/services/horticultural-project/), Ambient’s horticultural project that gives people who have lived experience of mental health the opportunity to use gardening to have a positive impact on their mental and physical wellbeing.

Charlotte Grove mentors and supports students who have lived experience of mental health at [Credo](https://www.ambient.org.uk/services/creative-arts-project/), Ambient’s award-winning Creative Arts Projects. She guides and encourages the students in a helpful, friendly, and joyful manner. Charlotte is a finalist in the Supporting an Individual Award.

**Sarah Hearne, Locality Manager at Ambient Support, says:**

“We have many wonderful volunteers at Ambient and each deserves a special mention, but we are absolutely delighted for both Tim and Charlotte to make it through to the finals as they devote so much of their time to helping the people we support.

“Tim and Charlotte always put themselves forward to help and take a leading role when needed and enable Ambient to provide services which are safe, open, and happy places. They are generous in terms of time, patience and help which is appreciated by the people they work with, the people they support, and Ambient as a whole.”

**Mark Milton, CEO of Ambient Support, says:**

“Volunteers provide Ambient an invaluable service and we are delighted for both Tim and Charlotte. It’s a fantastic achievement and well-deserved recognition for the support they have given so generously over the years. They have made real difference to the lives of the people we support and we are incredibly grateful.”

The winner of each category will receive an award and all volunteers will receive a certificate. The Vollywood Awards will be held at Bromley Library on 22 June 2023. Click [here](https://www.communitylinksbromley.org.uk/volunteer/recognising-volunteering/) for more information.

Ambient Support is a registered UK charity with nearly 30 years’ experience in providing care and support services for older people, people with a mental health need, and people with a learning disability.

Volunteers can support people in the community whilst benefiting from working with Ambient, visit the website to find out more: <https://www.ambient.org.uk/support-us/volunteer/>

Watch a video about Branching Out here: <https://youtu.be/ZbOOdEua1-E>

Watch a video about Credo here: <https://youtu.be/10sFGrZvwRc>

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**Notes to Editors:**

**About Ambient Support:**[www.ambient.org.uk](http://www.ambient.org.uk/)  @ambientsupport

* Ambient Support is one of the Top 20 generic Not-For-Profit Health & Social Care Providers in the UK
* They deliver services that meet the needs of some of the most vulnerable adults in society
* Operating in 110+ locations, they provide over 30 thousand hours of care to people on a weekly basis to support a range of needs due to the ageing process, learning disability or mental illness
* **Ambient is certified as a Great Place to Work** following an in-depth survey of staff in October 2022. Survey findings showed that**84%** said they felt they made a difference and were proud of what they accomplished. Whilst almost **90%** said they are treated fairly, regardless of age, race, or sexual orientation. Similarly, **83%** of employees said that when they joined Ambient, they were made to feel welcome
* Ambient’s range of quality specialist services are delivered by dedicated, professional, and passionate staff and their success is built on supporting people to live a full and meaningful life
* Latest results from Ambient Support’s 2022- People We Support Satisfaction Survey show:
**82% believe that Ambient supports them to live their life in the way they want to and 85% say we have helped make their lives better since support them.**​ **A total of 82% of people would tell others that they like Ambient**
* Ambient currently supports around 950+ people across the UK in a number of care settings
* Ambient can also help young adults who are transitioning from Children’s to Adult Learning Disability Services
* **89% of CQC registered locations rated Good or Outstanding**
* Ambient Support partners with EasyFundraising which allows people to turn their everyday online shopping purchases into donation funds for the charity, without costing extra money. Find out more [HERE](https://www.ambient.org.uk/ambient-on-easyfundraising/) and visit Ambient’s EasyFundraising link [HERE](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ambient-support/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=clipboard&utm_content=rm-cpl)