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BCC and BUPA announce the national winner of the Business Commitment to the Community Award

Building Blocks Solutions Ltd, a member of Nottinghamshire Chamber, has been announced as the national winner of the Business Commitment to the Community Award at the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) Chamber Awards 2005. Building Block Solutions, a social enterprise organisation, won the BUPA-sponsored award because of the way the whole business centres on supporting its local community. Building Blocks Solutions provides a range of quality services to adults with enduring mental health needs and emotional difficulties. In addition to their support services they also provide comfortable accommodation for meetings and training for voluntary organisations, companies and courses.

Steve Flanagan, Commercial Director of BUPA, said: "We were looking for companies that have developed creative and innovative projects or programmes that have had a positive impact on their local community or environment. Building Block Solutions is an extremely impressive organisation that is making a huge contribution to those with mental illness."

Gill Gardiner, Director at Building Blocks Solutions, commented: "Working with clients in the community, as we do, often means that you fail to see the bigger picture of the impact of your work. As we support people in making their lives more sustainable, it is all too easy to get caught up in the day to day difficulties that people face. Winning this award means that someone external to our organisation has been able to see and acknowledge the positive impact that our services have made on individuals' lives."

Building Blocks Solutions Ltd saw off competition from nine other finalists in this award category. More information on these finalists can be found in the regional winner press packs on www.chamberawards.co.uk.

BCC President Bill Midgley said: "This award recognises those who have tried to make a real difference to their local community. Despite the strong competition in this award category, Building Blocks stood out as organisation that was going the extra mile and really making a difference."

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Notes to Editors:

- The British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) is the authentic voice of British businesses.
- The BCC sits at the heart of a powerful nationwide network of Accredited Chambers of Commerce serving business across the UK, which employ over five million people.
- More information on each of the different categories and winners can be found on the Chamber Awards web site – www.chamberawards.co.uk. Photographs taken at the award ceremony can also be viewed and downloaded from this website