

HOMELESS WORKER PERNILLE RECEIVES HER MBE



■ Honour – Lord Petre awards Pernille Petersen her MBE

A WOMAN who has dedicated her life to tackling homelessness in Colchester has been officially presented with her MBE.

Pernille Petersen, who founded the Colchester Emergency Night Shelter in 1984, was presented with her MBE by Lord Petre, the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, on behalf of the Queen.

Her efforts were recognised at a

Town Hall reception on Monday, hosted by mayor Sonia Lewis.

Colchester Council chief executive, Adrian Pritchard, said: “Pernille has achieved some superb work in Colchester and the initiatives she has been involved in have been fundamental to understanding and addressing issues of homelessness in the borough.

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“Pernille’s personal drive, energy and commitment to tackling the challenges of homelessness in the Colchester area have long been appreciated by all and are deserving of this honour.”

The shelter provided Colchester its first emergency accommodation for homeless people, and has since provided support and care for thousands.