

Let's make it happen

£10,000 GIVEAWAY

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Chance for our communities: Clive Robinson, inset, says Combined Insurance has decided to stage the awards programme in Bristol because of the firm's connections with the area



READERS today have the chance to "make it happen" and bid for a slice of a £10,000 community windfall.

The *Evening Post* has teamed up with Combined Insurance to offer the great giveaway award scheme.

Under the Let's Make It Happen initiative, a share of a £10,000 prize pool will be given to individuals, groups and charities to benefit the community.

It might be £40 to take a group of deserving children to the cinema, or £4,000 to redecorate a local youth club – whatever it is, we want to know what you are wishing for.

A panel of judges will select the best ideas and the winners will be highlighted in this newspaper and presented with their prizes at a special ceremony later this year.

Editor Mike Lowe said: "The Great £10,000 Let's Make It Happen Community Giveaway could really make a difference – we just need our family of readers to let us know how."

Combined Insurance, established in 1963 and based in Kingston-upon-Thames, London, chose to stage the awards programme in Bristol because of the company's connections with the region.

It has been operating in the Bristol region for 40 years and has 7,500 customers and 25 sales agents in the area.

Clive Robinson, the company's managing director, said: "Combined Insurance is committed to a philosophy of investing in people,

Tell us who deserves to share cash

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enhancing lives and building for the future.

"Through this award scheme we will put our philosophy into practice.

"Combined Insurance is always getting requests for sponsorship from various community groups, but it is so difficult to decide which is the most deserving.

"By running this programme we believe we can bring funding to a grass-roots level within a community and

find the most meaningful way of spending our money.

"This campaign allows us to demonstrate our belief that if you give people an opportunity, no matter how small, it can make a real difference. Throughout this competition I believe that we will see examples of the fantastic work people are doing and who, with a little help, can do a great deal more.

"This is a real opportunity to make it happen."

How the giveaway works

ANY scheme – big or small – will be considered by the judges of the Evening Post/Combined Insurance Great £10,000 Community Giveaway.

The key point is that the money will go towards helping the community.

To enter, simply tell us how much you want and why you want it. Please do not forget to include your name, address and daytime telephone number with your entry. Closing date for the award scheme is the end of July and winners will be featured throughout the initiative and will be invited to a special ceremony later in the year to receive their cheques.

Nominations and suggestions should be submitted by post to Let's Make It Happen, Stan Szczowka, Deputy Editor, Bristol Evening Post, Temple Way, Bristol, BS99 7HD; by email to s.szczowka@bepp.co.uk; or via the website www.thisisbristol.co.uk/makeithappen