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**How you can enter**

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.

The 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, Evening Post, Temple Way, Bristol, BS99 7HD; or by email to s.szczowka@bep.co.uk; or via the website [www.thisisbristol.co.uk](http://www.thisisbristol.co.uk)



**Celebration cuppa:** Doreen Bonner, front left, regional officer of Bristol branch of the War Widows Association of Great Britain, with Jackie Naylor, right, and fellow members at Broadmead Baptist Church

# Cash windfall delight for war widows

**A GROUP of war widows will be the first in the city to benefit from a cash windfall through the Let's Make It Happen campaign.**

The Bristol branch of the War Widows Association of Great Britain will receive a £500 slice of the £10,000 pool set aside by the Evening Post and Combined Insurance.

The money will help a group of 30 to 40 war widows, who do not usually attend social gatherings and meetings because of ill health, to be picked up from their home by coach or taxi and attend a function where they will be waited on.

The idea is for them to receive a little something back for the tremendous sacrifice they made during the Second World War.

Jackie Naysmith, a national committee member, said: "It means a lot to these ladies."

"We're all delighted with the news. We're over the



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moon. It will allow us to collect some of members who can't usually make it to our meetings and take them to a nice place where they will be waited on and have the chance get together, have a cup of tea and enjoy a chat."

Mrs Naysmith said that it would be a recognition for the women who were left behind to raise their families and what they had done for their country.

She said: "This year has seen the celebration of the D-Day landings, where

many of our men fought and fell.

"Many of these men left behind wives and children. The women were then left to bring up their family on their own."

"The War Widows Association has an active group in Bristol, which is why this gathering will be a nice way of recognising what they have done."

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

Clive Robinson, managing director of Combined Insurance, said: "We're delighted that the Community Awards have had such an immediate impact on the local community in Bristol."

"We're looking forward to seeing the dreams of other winners being realised in the coming months."

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