

■ **CERTIFICATE: Judith Gluning and Torbay mayor Nick Bye at Ilsham Valley Nursing Home**

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## Award for lifetime of nursing

**HARD-WORKING** nurse Judith Gluning received a lifetime achievement award from Torbay mayor Nick Bye.

The 74 year old has been a nurse for 57 years, having begun her career at Paignton Hospital, and her current employers were keen to reward her good work.

Judith has worked at Ilsham Valley Nursing Home since 1994, but she had no idea Mr Bye had been lined up to present her with an award.

Tony Paul, managing director of Greenhill Care Homes, which owns the Torquay nursing home, paid tribute to Judith.

He said: "She's been working there for the last 15 years, but she began as a nurse in 1952 at Paignton Hospital.

"We wanted to give her a lifetime achievement award in recognition of her 57 years of nursing.

"We're very proud to have Judith working at the home.

She's very respected by the staff and residents. They all love her attitude and professionalism.

"Judith wasn't expecting the award. She was shocked but pleased to be given it.

### Deserves

"Some of her old friends turned out for the presentation. It was a great day.

"We like to reward our staff accordingly, and no-one

deserves recognition more than Judith."

As part of the presentation, staff and friends enjoyed a party at the nursing home.

Judith said: "It was a complete surprise. It really took me aback. I had no whisper of it at all.

"I've enjoyed my career immensely. I've been fortunate enough to have good health, and I can't stand around and do nothing, which has enabled me to keep working."