

MBE FOR RETIREMENT VILLAGE CREATOR

Sussex based Sister Mary Thomas, an Augustinian Sister, has been honoured with an MBE by Her Majesty the Queen in the New Year's Honour's List.

Awarded for her services to 'St George's Park Retirement Village' in Ditchling, East Sussex, Sister Thomas has been the shining light in the creation of this imaginative and innovative state of the art retirement village which enables older people to live an active and fulfilled life in a secure and supportive environment.

On hearing about the Award, Sister Thomas said: "I accept this MBE on behalf of the Sisters of St Augustine, staff and all those we are privileged to care for in the village and our Care Homes.

Sr Mary Thomas trained as a general and psychiatric nurse. She has spent all of her religious life caring for the sick and elderly frail and when appointed as the Superior of the Order in the 1990s, she began the process of creating this innovative, new retirement village which has also enabled the building of three new 60 bed care homes.

'All the staff and residents of the village would like to congratulate Sister Thomas on what is a thoroughly deserved award'.

