

# NEWS

## CHARITY FOUNDER IN THE RUNNING FOR NATIONAL AWARD

# Jane Plumb is shortlisted for UK 'Mum of the Year' award

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**Haywards Heath mum Jane Plumb MBE has been shortlisted for the prestigious Tesco Mum of the Year Awards 2014. The Awards, the largest of their kind, will take place in March at London's iconic hotel, The Savoy.**

Jane's story was selected from amongst thousands of nominations sent in from all over the UK. She founded a charity in 1996 called Group B Strep Support (GBSS), after her son, Theo, died from the infection, which mothers can pass on to newborns during birth.

At the time, there was very little information about what Group B Strep was, or how it should be treated; despite being easily preventable if de-

tected.

Since her son's death, Jane has campaigned tirelessly to raise awareness and improve medical practice around group B Strep in the UK.

Jane's efforts, along with those of others involved with the charity, led to the first national guidelines being published on GBS in 2003, and a public consultation on screening for GBS in 2012. Jane continues to campaign for screening on the NHS.

Her charity recently won an award for the way it helps and encourages volunteers. See our story on page 14.

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Jane Plumb

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# Elderly left in dark after power cut

Around 35 vulnerable residents - some aged more than 100 - were left without heating for 36 hours when power was knocked out at a Haywards Heath care home. Andy Turner, whose 85-year-old mother lives in Aniska Lodge in Brighton Road, Warninglid, feared

if the home was without power for another night 'they would have lost lives'. The elderly were forced to eat under torch light and many had to be relocated to different rooms after access via the lift to four floors was shut off. The home lost power early Monday morning.

  
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