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Day care service brings local veterans together

The Star & Garter Club, a new day care service for veterans, is helping to tackle loneliness in the Solihull area. The service is provided by The Royal Star & Garter Homes, a charity which provides specialist residential care to veterans and their partners living with disability or dementia.

Norma is a guest who has been attending since the service started. She commented, *"It's fantastic here. Where I live I don't get to talk to many people, so it really makes a difference coming here and having lots of people to chat with. My family are very happy knowing that I'm mixing with people."*



Norma participating in a crossword with Heath Care Assistant Lee (right) and resident (left)

Joy is another guest who finds the service a great way of getting to know others. She explained, *"Good conversation is so important, for everyone. It doesn't matter how old you are, you always need to have someone to engage with and share moments. The Star & Garter Club hasn't disappointed – everyone I've met is so friendly. I've chatted to club guests, residents and staff and everyone is so warm and welcoming. It's lovely."*



Joy chatting with a local volunteer

The service enables guests to share their day with fellow veterans and partners, supported by friendly staff. Guests can choose to join in with a varied programme of activities and entertainment in a warm,

homely environment. A hot three-course lunch is provided in the comfortable dining room and refreshments are available. Complimentary well-being health checks are provided and there is the option to engage in a physiotherapy programme with the in-house team. The service includes door-to-door transport for guests.



Day care guests enjoying a sing-along with staff

Following on from the success of the service for veterans living with disability, the

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Charity has now extended the day care service to people living with dementia. The Charity's Director of Care, Pauline Shaw, explains, "*The Royal Star & Garter Homes aspires to enhance the standard of care for veterans, so we are delighted to introduce our new day care service for people living with dementia. The service will enable more veterans and their partners to access the wide range of benefits and therapies available and will offer all-important companionship in our comfortable and welcoming Home.*"

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About The Royal Star & Garter Homes:

The Charity provides award-winning care for veterans and their partners who live with disability or dementia.

The Royal Star & Garter Homes is a charity founded in 1916 to care for the severely injured young men returning from the battlegrounds of the First World War. Today we provide specialist care to the whole military family in our friendly, state-of-the-art Homes. Disabled ex-Servicemen and women, and their spouses, can all benefit from our pioneering approach to nursing, dementia and therapeutic care.

We are in the process of building new Homes around the country to provide specialist nursing care for disabled ex-Service people in the best modern surroundings, including dementia care facilities to address this growing need. The Charity has award-winning Homes in Solihull, West Midlands, and Surbiton, Surrey, which also enables the Charity to offer interim care for young disabled Service personnel. Following the successes of the first two Homes, a third Home in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, is being built, with a planned opening in 2018.

We are proud to have enjoyed Royal patronage since our foundation, including that of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II from 1953 to the present day.

The Charity celebrated its centenary in 2016: providing specialist care for disabled veterans since 1916.

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