



# Royal Star & Garter

Care with courage

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## **Veterans write a poem to thank care home staff**

Residents at Royal Star & Garter in Surbiton have written and recorded a poem to thank staff for the outstanding care they deliver.

They penned *How Many Miles* with the help of Activities Coordinator Dawn Cherrill, before reading it out to grateful staff at the Upper Brighton Road Home.

The poem was written for #GladtoCare Awareness Week, which runs from 5-9 July.



*WWII veteran Amy reads out How many miles, with activities coordinator Dawn holding the microphone*

Royal Star & Garter provides loving compassionate care to veterans and their partners living with disability or dementia.

#GladtoCare Awareness Week is a celebration of care workers, and aims to show appreciation for the extraordinary contributions they make to the lives of the people they care for.

Dawn said: "I asked 18 residents for a word or a sentence about how they felt about the carers. I wrote it down and put it into a poem. This is their poem, these are their words, and they're reading it out. I wanted them to have their say and the chance to say thank you."

Resident Phyllis, said: "We know how hard they work for us and we're grateful we were able to thank them with this poem."

Home Manager Helena Maher said: "We were really touched that the residents did this for us. We were quite emotional when they read out the poem, we weren't expecting it. It's a beautiful gesture and it means the world to our staff."



*Bernard reads an extract of the poem, written by Royal Star & Garter residents in Surbiton*



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The Surbiton Home is welcoming new residents. For more information on this, or working at the Home, go to [www.starandgarter.org/our-homes-and-care/surbiton/](http://www.starandgarter.org/our-homes-and-care/surbiton/)

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