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Princess Alexandra's special message marks 60 years as Royal Star & Garter's President

Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra says it has been an honour and a privilege to be the President of Royal Star & Garter, after marking 60 years with the veterans' charity.

The Princess, who became President in 1964, said in a special message that the charity has always been close to her heart, and always will be.



Princess Alexandra arrives at the High Wycombe Home for its official opening, in 2020

Royal Star & Garter provides loving, compassionate care to veterans and their partners living with disability or dementia, from Homes in Solihull, Surbiton and High Wycombe. It has also launched new services into the community.

Princess Alexandra became President of the charity following the death of her predecessor, Field Marshal the Viscount Alanbrooke of Brookeborough KG, GCB, in 1963.

She was already well-acquainted with the work of the charity, as it had been set up by her grandmother Queen Mary in 1916 to care for severely injured young men returning from WWI.

In her message, the Princess said she had enjoyed her many visits to the Homes – first at Richmond, and later at Solihull, Surbiton and High Wycombe – and always looked forward to spending time with residents and staff.

Royal Star & Garter Chair, Major General Tim Tyler, gave thanks and paid tribute to the Princess. He said: "Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra has



The Princess visiting Royal Star & Garter in Richmond in 1964, after becoming the charity's President



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been a proud advocate and supporter of Royal Star & Garter throughout her 60 years as President. Her visits to our Homes are greatly anticipated, and the Princess takes the time to talk to residents and staff. It is one example of the incredible generosity she has displayed over the past six decades. We are honoured to have the Princess as our President. On behalf of our residents, past and present, of relatives, volunteers and members of staff, and all those who have been part of the Royal Star & Garter family these past 60 years, I thank Her Royal Highness for her service."

Royal Star & Garter is welcoming new residents into its Homes. For more information on this, the new services it has launched, or to work at the Home, go to www.starandgarter.org

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