

The Royal Star & Garter Home in Surbiton receives funding boost as it celebrates fifth anniversary

- *The Royal Star & Garter Home in Surbiton celebrates fifth anniversary*
- *Surbiton home named Charity of the Year by Squire's Garden Centre, Long Ditton*
- *Garden centre donates two wooden barrels filled with flowers to home during fifth anniversary celebration*

Veterans living at The Royal Star & Garter Home in Surbiton have been given plenty to cheer about as the Home celebrated its fifth anniversary on Friday 24th August.



The beautiful wooden gift from Squires Garden Centre, Long Ditton

Squire's Garden Centre, Long Ditton, announced it has chosen the Home as its official charity of the year. To celebrate the Home's birthday, Squires gifted two wooden barrels filled with colourful flowers. The beautiful gift was particularly thoughtful as the traditional fifth anniversary gift is wood!

Garden Centre Manager, Anne Dedman, commented, "Squires Long Ditton are delighted to be supporting The Royal Star & Garter Homes as their chosen Charity of the Year. During the coming year we hope to help raise awareness as well as much needed funds for this deserving Charity."

The lovely gardens at the Home were decorated with balloons and bunting, there was live music from the RBL Buckinghamshire Band and a quiz for the residents.



Residents had fun with family and volunteers at the birthday party



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Children from Toadhall Nursery enjoyed dancing to the RBL Buckinghamshire Band

Children from Toadhall Nursery in Chessington also attended, dressed in costumes.

Resident Mella said: *"It's been lovely, I especially liked having all of the children here to join in the fun. Their dancing is always fun to watch!"*

There are weekly visits from Toad Hall Nursery pupils, and many of the Home's 55 volunteers live locally.

Surbiton Home Manager, Chrissie Heyes, said: *"We have had a wonderful day and it was made all the more special by Squire's Long Ditton.*

"We are delighted that the garden centre has chosen the Home to be their charity of the year and love the thoughtful and generous wooden gift they have given.

"We truly feel at home in Surbiton and part of the community, and we look forward to celebrating many more anniversaries."

Since its opening in 2013, the Home has grown increasingly involved within the community. Its annual Summer Fete is especially popular, and each December a Starlight Service, which remembers past residents and those who are sadly no longer with us, is held at nearby St Matthew's Church.



The Home provides the very best nursing and dementia care to veterans and their partners.

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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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