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## Shirley Ladies Circle raise over £11,600 for The Royal Star & Garter Home in Solihull

A community group has raised more than £11,600 for The Royal Star & Garter Homes in Solihull after naming the care home its charity of the year.

The Shirley Ladies Circle invited the Home Manager, Cheryl Harbourne and Lead Health Care Assistant Lee Mayo to a meeting to hand over a cheque.

The Home, which cares for ex-Servicemen and women and their partners living with disability or dementia, was chosen as Shirley Ladies Circles' charity for 2018-19 by chairperson Laura Rudge.



The money was raised through several events, including the Shirley Beer and Cider Festival, which the Shirley Ladies Circle put on with Shirley Round Table, a Pudding and Prosecco evening and helping with the Santa sleigh collections in December.

Laura has witnessed first-hand the award-winning care provided at The Royal Star & Garter Home. Three grandparents lived there, while another grandparent is a member of the Star & Garter Club day care service, which runs on weekdays from the Home. Laura said: *“The care they give is really inspirational. They treat residents with dignity and respect, and support their families too. As a club we feel really proud to raise so much money.”*

Cheryl said: *“We are so grateful to Shirley Ladies Circle for this money. Charitable donations help us continue providing activities, outings and care to our residents. It was a pleasure to attend their meeting and thank them in person for their wonderful efforts over the past 12 months.”*

Shirley Ladies Circle is an organisation for women aged between 18 and 45, who meet several times a month for social events, and also put back into the community by volunteering and fundraising for local causes.

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Caption:

Shirley Cheque: (l-r) Lee and Cheryl from The Royal Star & Garter Homes receive the cheque for £11,629.50 from Laura Rudge at a Shirley Ladies Circle meeting

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### About The Royal Star & Garter Homes:

**The Charity provides award-winning care for military 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 men returning from the battlegrounds of the First World War.

Today our friendly, state-of-the-art Homes offer a pioneering approach to nursing, dementia and therapeutic care. We have award-winning Homes in Solihull, West Midlands and Surbiton, Surrey. Our third Home in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, opened in April 2019.

We continue to expand our services to reach even more veterans. In 2018, we were able to support 186 residents in our Homes and 36 guests at our Day Care service. We also offer interim care for young disabled Service personnel. We provided 11,700 individual sessions of physiotherapy and speech & language therapy last year to support our residents' health, and over 5,600 places to residents for activities, outings and events, to promote well-being.

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.

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