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## Tesco shoppers help veterans' Charity scoop top £4,000 grant

The Royal Star & Garter Home in Solihull has won the highest grant available in a Tesco Bags of Help initiative.

The Charity scooped £4,000 after receiving the most votes from shoppers at stores in and around the Solihull area in March and April.

The money will go towards a new minibus, which will help residents go on outings and attend medical appointments.



The Royal Star & Garter Homes cares for ex-Servicemen and women and their partners living with disability or dementia.

Tesco customers voted for the Charity and two other good causes at nine stores earlier this year, using blue tokens given at the check-outs.

Caley Eldred, Director of Supporter Engagement at the Charity, said: *"The minibus plays an important role in the quality of care we provide, but the current one is nearing the end of its useful life, so we're fundraising for a new one. To be awarded the top grant available will mean the world to our residents, and we are grateful to Tesco and to everyone who voted."*

The announcement marks a double success for the Charity in the Bags of Help initiative, after its Surbiton Home also won the £4,000 grant earlier in the year.

Waitrose shoppers in High Wycombe can also vote for The Royal Star & Garter Homes through June in its Community Matters programme.



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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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