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Residents fall silent as The Royal Star & Garter Homes pays Remembrance Day respects

Ex-servicemen and women at The Royal Star & Garter Homes have paid their respects on Remembrance Day at services in Surbiton, Solihull and London.

Residents observed the two-minute silence at the Homes in Solihull and Surbiton on 11 November. Representatives from the Homes were also present at local services, while Second World War veterans from Surbiton attended the Cenotaph Service and Parade at Whitehall.

This year's Remembrance Day also coincided with the Armistice centenary, which the Charity marked with its RSGH Remembers campaign.



Residents had been busy preparing for this year's services. In Solihull, they painted poppies onto 100 pebbles before placing them at a nearby park. There was also a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum, and talks and documentaries on the end of the First World War. In Surbiton, the bases of bottles were painted red and transformed into poppies, while a memory wall was created featuring a photo of every resident who has lived at the Home who passed away.

Surbiton Home Manager Chrissie Heyes said: *"By helping prepare for the service, our residents were able to remember friends no longer with us from the Home, as well as nation's war dead."*

Solihull Home Manager Cheryl Harbourne said: *"It is hugely important to our veteran residents to commemorate their comrades, friends and loved ones who served the nation, as they themselves have."*



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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 2019.

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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