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## Family fun galore at Charity's Surbiton Summer Fete

Hundreds of visitors enjoyed music, food and shopping at The Royal Star & Garter Homes' Summer Fete in Surbiton on Saturday 29 June.

The community fun day took place in the grounds of the Upper Brighton Road Home, which cares for ex-Servicemen and women and their partners living with disability and dementia.



Hugely popular despite the tropical temperatures, the event raised over £2,000 for the Charity.

Among those who enjoyed the day was guest-of-honour Kingston Mayor Councillor Margaret Thompson, the Home's residents and their relatives and the local community. Kingston Sea Cadets and an army of volunteers helped to support the event.

Highlights included singing from The Star & Garter Singers – a choir made up of residents and relatives, staff and volunteers, Second World War Jeeps, a tombola and a raffle. The family-focussed fun saw kids enjoy garden games like Hook-a-Duck and skittles. The chocolate fountain was especially popular with youngsters, while Pimms proved a favourite among adults.

Live music throughout the afternoon from local band Baz & Dave, The Woodbury Bell Ringers, Kingston & Malden Scout & Guide Band, had visitors dancing.

Kingston's Mayor Margaret Thompson said: *"The Home is wonderful and the fete looks lovely with lots of items made by the residents. I'm very proud to see our community here supporting our veterans on Armed Forces Day, as they support us."*



Andy Cole, Chief Executive at The Royal Star & Garter Homes, said: *"It was great to open our doors to the Surbiton community and we had a fabulous day with our neighbours and friends. We were delighted to receive such warm feedback from both visitors and our residents, and are so grateful for their support. The money raised will make a real difference to the award-winning care we provide."*



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Local resident Jo was at the summer fete with her daughter Sophie. She said: *“It is a great fete, there’s lots of different things here. We’ll be back again next year.”*

The fete took place on Armed Forces Day and was the culmination of a week of activities at the Charity’s Homes in Surbiton, Solihull and High Wycombe.

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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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