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Surbiton veterans' care home bags £4,000 from Tesco's community grant scheme

The Royal Star & Garter Home in Surbiton is delighted to receive £4,000 from Tesco's Bags of Help community grant scheme.

Tesco customers had been given the chance earlier this year to vote for the Charity and two other local good causes at Tesco Express stores using blue tokens at the check-outs. It has now been revealed The Royal Star & Garter Homes received the most votes, and with it the biggest slice of the grant.

The Charity cares for ex-Servicemen and women and their partners living with disability or dementia. The Bags of Help grant will go towards a new minibus to take residents on outings and to medical appointments.



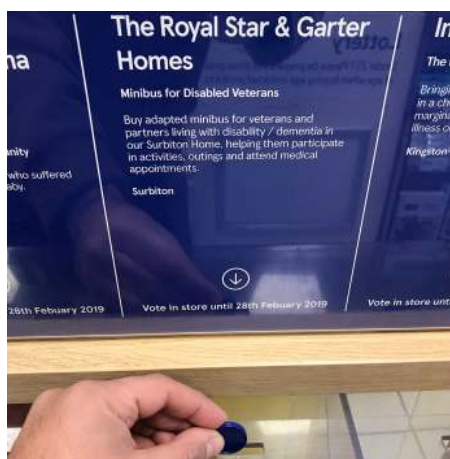
Caley Eldred, Director of Supporter Engagement at the Charity, said: *"This is such wonderful news for the veterans we look after. Our current minibus is at the end of its useful life, so we're raising money for a new one, which will play a key role in the quality of care we provide. We'd like to thank Tesco for this generous grant, and all those who voted for us and urged their*

friends and family to support us."

Bags of Help is run in partnership with environmental charity Groundwork, and sees grants awarded to thousands of local community projects every year. Since launching in 2015, it's provided more than £71 million to over 23,000 local community projects.

Voting ran in stores throughout January and February with customers using their tokens to choose which local project they would like to get the top award.

Alec Brown, Tesco's Head of Community, said: "Bags of Help contributes funds to community projects up and down the country and we've been overwhelmed by the response from customers voting in their local stores. We're looking forward to seeing more projects brought to life."



Funding is available to community groups and charities looking to fund local projects that bring benefits to communities. Anyone can nominate a project and organisations can apply online. To find out more visit www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

- So far Bags of Help has awarded over £71 million to more than 23,000 local community projects.
- For more information please visit: www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp.
- Tesco Bags of Help Centenary Grants celebrates 100 years of great value for customers and communities by allowing customers to nominate and vote for community projects to receive funding grants of £25,000, £15,000 or £10,000. It will run in July/August and November/December. For any questions on Tesco Bags of Help Centenary Grants please call the Tesco press office on 01707 918 701.

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 opens in spring 2019.

We continue to expand our services to reach even more veterans. In 2018, we were able to support 185 residents and over 60 guests at the Star & Garter Club, 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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