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Garden centre donates 1,000 tulip bulbs to veterans' care home

The stunning garden at The Royal Star & Garter Homes in Surbiton will be bursting with even more colour after the Home was given 1,000 tulip bulbs.

The donation came from Squire's Garden Centre, Long Ditton, on Monday 15 October and will be planted by the members of the Charity's gardening club, which consists of volunteers and residents, in the next few weeks.



It is the latest generous gift from the garden centre to the Home, which cares for military veterans and their partners living with dementia or disability. In August Squire's Long Ditton announced it had chosen The Royal Star & Garter Homes as its official charity of the year. When the Surbiton Home celebrated its fifth anniversary that same month, the garden centre gifted two barrels filled with glorious flowers.

Members of the Plant Team from Squire's Long Ditton handed over four bags of tulips to two Surbiton Home residents. Sandy Cooley-Brown, from the garden centre, said: *"The Royal Star & Garter Homes is our chosen charity for the year so we wanted to give these bulbs. We're looking forward to coming back in the spring to see the beautiful colours on display."*

Surbiton Home Manager, Chrissie Heyes, said: *"Our residents love spending time in our beautiful garden. Thanks to this generous donation from Squire's Long Ditton, they will have even more to look at and enjoy in the spring."*

Squire's Long Ditton can be found at Woodstock Lane North, Long Ditton, Surrey KT5 6HN.



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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 2018.

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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