

Excelcare's Rainbow Party Celebrations

Last week, the Excelcare family celebrated **Team Appreciation Week**; seven days dedicated to the amazing people who work in our care homes, who were celebrated and honoured for their hard work and dedication.

As part of these celebrations, each care home held their own **Rainbow-themed party** for team members and residents, so that they could celebrate the power of the rainbow of hope and how everyone had risen above and beyond challenges presented by the **COVID-19** pandemic.

Each of Excelcare's 32 care homes received a box filled with rainbow-themed party supplies in preparation for their colourful celebrations! The parties took place throughout the week, with each home coming together to make their party a special treat for all the people living and working there.

Read on to discover how some of our homes got involved!

Cambridge

Buchan House

The people living at Buchan House made some beautiful rainbow bunting especially for their rainbow party! This bunting was then arranged in the lounges amongst the balloons and streamers.

The team started off the party by gathering lots of colourful balloons in a sheet, holding it up and then releasing them after a count of three. This was a delight for all, and residents watched in awe as the balloons were freed and floated across the room!



Music was played, and everyone delighted in singing, clapping, dancing and cheering as they celebrated the team and all the hard work they do. There were also delicious rainbow cakes, biscuits and drinks available for all to enjoy.

Fitzwilliam House

The team at Fitzwilliam House Care Home held a rainbow party with a twist by planning an international food celebration as well.

The team at Fitzwilliam House come from many diverse backgrounds, so they decided that everyone would make a dish from their native country and they would all share. This was made easier by £100 that was so generously donated by a family member of one of the residents.

One of the favourite dishes of the party was a huge Mexican tortilla, which everyone had a great time tucking into. There were also biscuits and sweets from a variety of different countries on offer.

In the evening, an assortment of gifts were handed out to the team members. These had all been donated by families of the people they care from, so the team was so grateful for the kindness and generosity.



Glennfield

Glennfield Care Home decided to have a Rainbow Party every single day, to ensure that they could involve as many team members as possible.

Rainbow decorations were proudly displayed all over Glennfield, and a trolley was stocked each day with lots of yummy goodies. Throughout the week, the team enjoyed cakes, biscuits, ice cream and more!

The people living at the home helped to push the trolley around and thanked the team for their hard work and dedication.

Glennfield also took this opportunity to welcome their first live entertainment since lockdown! Karl sang in the garden for residents and team members, and they all sang and smiled as he did.





St Georges Court

St Georges Court Care Home's party was a party on the move!

The people living at the home helped to decorate the trolley with rainbow-coloured decorations and filled it with loads of scrumptious cakes and biscuits.

Each floor enjoyed tasting all the cakes and biscuits and having a sing along and dance to celebrate the team. Many residents also chose to wear colourful outfits and party hats to truly get into the party spirit.



Essex

Ashlyn

Ashlyn Care Home chose to celebrate with a bright and colourful tea party. The home was decorated from top to bottom with one thing in mind: **PARTY TIME!**

The team had lots of fun dressing up in bright outfits and wigs, putting a smile and not only their faces, but the faces of the people living in the home. They also got the residents involved by dressing them up too.

It was a bright and bubbly day filled with lots of laughter and treats, and many agreed that it brought the team even closer together, which is saying a lot because they already feel like family! Music was played throughout the day, and everyone danced and sang as they got involved in the celebrations. Family members of people living in the home also brought the team some wonderful presents to let them know how grateful they are of their hard work.



Lime Court

Lime Court held their Rainbow Party on Saturday, with lots of treats and decorations!

The people living in the home enjoyed afternoon tea served in china cups with some yummy rainbow cookies to fit the theme.

They played party music throughout the afternoon, which prompted lots of singing and dancing and created a lovely party atmosphere.

One of the residents, Michael, had a swing at the rainbow piñata and successfully smashed it, which made everyone very excited! The piñata opened to reveal lots of chocolate goodies, which were shared amongst everyone.

The dining room was decorated with balloons and rainbow bunting, with the dining tables set up in rainbow colours. Everyone sat down to enjoy a wonderful spread, put on by their cook Emma. It was a wonderful day!





St Fillans

St Fillans Care Home decided to stretch out their rainbow party, turning it into a week-long celebration featuring games and competitions!

Games were played throughout the week by both team members and the people living at the home. Everyone was very competitive, and the scores ended up being incredibly close. In the end, it came down to the last game: the team planking competition. The team member who could hold the longest plank would take home the winning points.

After some very impressive attempts, the prize went to Kirsty from Castle Suite, who held the plank for 4 minutes and 40 seconds! This made Castle the winners of the week, well done!

Sweyne Court

Sweyne Court Care Home decided to take their rainbow party outside, with so many team members contributing to make it as special as possible.

Vikki put together a wonderful barbeque, complete with a rainbow cake. Matilda, Sophie, Erin, and Sheelagh helped all the residents who wanted to join, gathering blankets and helping them outside. Kim volunteered to help, Taylor assisted even after their shift was over, and Sue held the fort.

Residents really enjoyed the food and were very excited by the live entertainer that they had perform. The team also put together a rainbow arch made of paper flowers, which everyone loved posing for photos in front of, especially Bobby the cat!



London

Park Avenue



Queens Oak

The team at Queens Oak put a lot of planning into their rainbow party as they wanted every single detail to be perfect! They brightened up the garden with bright and colourful decorations, creating a bold and summery atmosphere. Then they gathered everyone outside to enjoy a delicious barbeque that was lovingly prepared by their team.

Both the team and the people living at the home enjoyed the fresh air while they danced to music performed by entertainer Jimmy Steen. Then they played 'Name that tune' and cracked open their rainbow piñata, which proved to be fun for all!

The party was so good that many people didn't want to go back inside at the end! So, they sat for a while longer and had a chat about the activities, with everyone agreeing that the day was beautiful, and insisting that the team organise another barbeque as soon as possible!



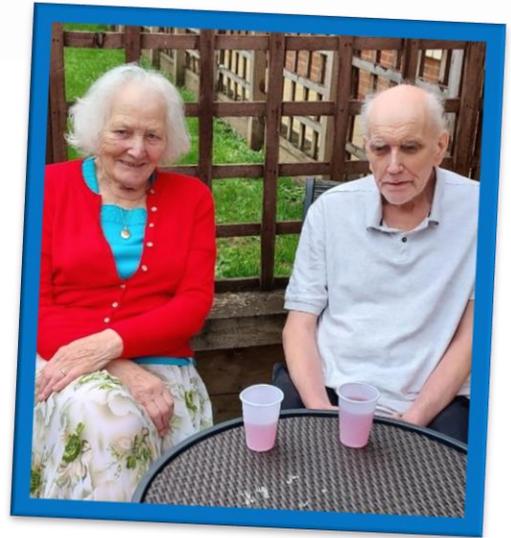
Milton Keynes



The Willows

The Willows Care Home also opted to hold their rainbow party outside, decorating the garden and organising a delicious barbeque!

There were smiles all round as everybody tucked into the food that was lovingly prepared by the team.



Water Hall

