



The Excelcare Family Christmas Light Switch-on

Thursday 2nd December at 4pm



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Happy Holidays!






The annual Excelcare Christmas Light Switch-on took place on Thursday 2nd December at 4pm. This magical moment was celebrated by homes across the family, with many local groups, schools and members of the community in attendance at each of our homes, as they enjoyed some festive treats and marvelled at the moment our lights were switched on!

Read on to find out how homes across the Excelcare family celebrated, and to see each home with their lights shining bright for Christmas 2021!



Cambridge

Aliwal Manor

Aliwal Manor Care Home in Whittlesey didn't hold back with the decorations. They have a blow-up Santa on the roof waving to passers-by and the Mayor was also in attendance to welcome members of the local community to the light switch on. Festive drinks and treats were supplied, and the home's tiny tablet device was playing out Christmas songs for people to sing along to! It was a wonderful way to start the festive season!



Brook House

Residents at Brook House enjoyed getting their home ready for the Christmas light switch on. They said it had been worth the wait and loved how festive the home looked, especially at night with the lights shining bright for everyone to see!



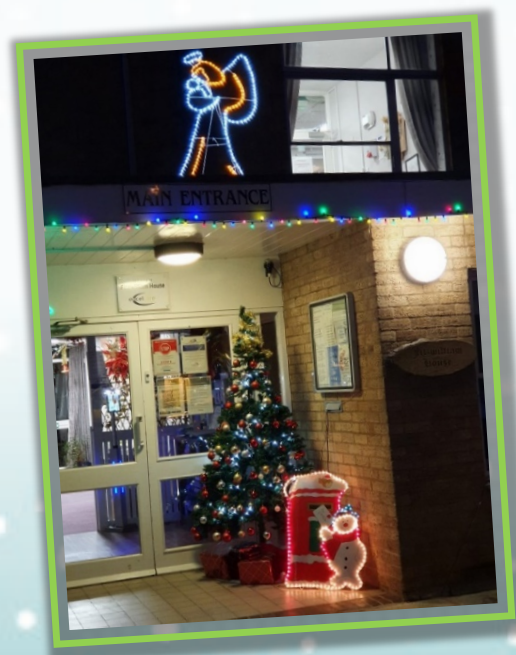


Buchan House

Once 4pm had struck and the lights at Buchan House were switched on, David, who lives at the home, led the Christmas sing along starting with 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'. Residents had wrapped up warm for the occasion and family members were in attendance to celebrate the switching on together.

Etheldred House

The light switch-on at Etheldred House was a momentous occasion, as everyone living and working at the home took part in the countdown and let off a huge cheer and clap when the home was lit up. There were fairy lights dressing the home as well as Santa and Reindeer decorations!



Fitzwilliam House

Fitzwilliam team members and residents gathered for the count down to the Christmas Lights to be switched on. Everyone had been working very hard to decorate the entirety of the home, so they hosted separate switch-ons outside the front of the home and in the garden.

Glennfield

Residents, relatives and team members gathered outside Glennfield to watch their Christmas light switch-on. Everyone cheered when the home was illuminated with festive decorations and began singing along to Christmas songs that played in the background. Mince pies and hot chocolates were then shared to end the festive celebration in style!



Hunters Down

The Mayor of Huntingdon was invited to switch on the lights at Hunters Down. He received a welcome surprise when he walked into the reception area and saw the wonderful Christmas display of Santa's workshop and his elves. The mayor was shocked to see two of the elves moving, but on closer inspection, saw it was a resident and a team member who had decided to dress up and blend in!

Primrose Croft

Derek, who lives at Primrose Croft used to play the part of Father Christmas for the local children where he lived, so he was very happy when he was asked to dress up as Father Christmas again and lead the count down to the light switch-on. Residents watched outside the windows as Derek did the countdown and the lights outside were switched on.





Rheola

Residents and team members gathered outside to watch the Christmas Lights shine. Afterwards, they all went inside to sing the Cambridgeshire Excelcare Christmas song that they had helped to write in the previous weeks.

St Georges Court

The team and the people living at St Georges Court enjoyed their Christmas light switch-on inside to keep out of the cold. Residents looked at the lights through their windows and listened to Christmas songs in their rooms.



Essex

Ashlyn





Lime Court

Lime Court joined in with the 'Excelcare Family Light Switch-on' on Thursday 2nd December. Team members, friends and family members gathered outside and counted down for the light switch-on. Due to the cold temperatures everyone inside the home could watch from the windows. They then enjoyed a warm mince pie with a glass of mulled wine or baileys.



Okeley

Residents gathered and dressed in their warmest attire to witness the light switch on at Okeley Care Home. Candy Cane lights bordered the driveway and other festive decorations adorned the entrance to the home. Mulled wine was served, and carols were sung, making it a festive occasion enjoyed by all.

St Fillans

The Excelcare Christmas light switch-on took place at St Fillans along with a Christmas bazaar. In the weeks leading up to the event, residents made Christmas arts and crafts to sell at the bazaar. The evening started off with entertainment from



Netty who got everyone in the Christmas spirit. St Fillans also had a visit from Santa to see residents throughout the evening. The switch on was a great success with many relatives and members from the community joining the big light up. All money raised from sales at the event went to the resident's comfort fund.



Sweyne Court

The team at Sweyne Court Care Home worked with the people living there throughout November to get the home looking festive. They had a big task ahead of them, decorating six Christmas trees and adorning the home with lights and other decorations they had left over from last year and donations they had received from the community. Steve came along to play some Christmas music for the occasion and a selection of mince pies had been laid out for people to help themselves too.



Ahead of the switch on, Len dressed as Santa Claus whilst everyone else got into their warmest clothes to join the Christmas countdown. Everyone was honoured to be joined by Mike Davies, the Chairman of the Rayleigh Town Museum on this special occasion. Mulled Wine was served, and the evening ended with tuneful singing of popular Christmas carols.



London



Park Avenue

Thursday marked the official light switch-on at Park Avenue Care Home and it was certainly a festive event all round. The elves had been busy all week transforming Park Avenue into a mini-Winter Wonderland for the residents, families and team members. The home was lucky enough to have a live tree donated that was used in the front garden and decorated with lights and decorations.

There was an amazing turn out of families at the event. Hot chocolate and mince pies were served, and Christmas carols were sung to celebrate the start of the festivities. The lights will continue to glisten throughout the month of December at Park Avenue to raise the festive spirit in the local community.



Westport



Milton Keynes

Castlemead Court

Everyone at Castlemead enjoyed a magical evening and it was clear to see that lots of hard work went into such a spectacular event – they even had a visit from ‘Santa’ on his Harley Davidson!

“Many thanks to all those in the local community!” Said Home Manager, Tracy, “It was truly very special to see everyone smiling tonight!”



Dovecote Manor



The Willows



Neath House



Support Office

The team at Support Office in Bromley gathered outside in their warm coats to join in with the family switch-on. Support Office had been beautifully decorated by Fatma of Cupid Creative, who had created a wonderful Christmas themed display that donned the pillars of the Ertosun House building. There were smiles on everyone's faces as they counted down from 10, cheering as the lights were turned on at 4pm.

