

Whittard of Chelsea Donation Helps OSJCT Care Homes Make Time for Tea



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Tea and coffee retailer Whittard of Chelsea is helping to raise the spirits of care home residents who are missing visits from family and friends while access to homes is restricted.

The company, which has its headquarters in Witney, is donating special packs of tea and biscuits to all 68 care homes and 14 extra care housing schemes run by The Orders of St John Care Trust (OSJCT) to help homes and schemes host afternoon tea treats for residents.



OSJCT, which has its operational headquarters in Witney, runs homes in Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Lincolnshire, and Wiltshire, caring for more than 3,500 people.

Thanks to the Whittard donation, residents will get the chance to try a variety of different teas including classic blends such as English Breakfast and Earl Grey to unique flavours like Mango & Bergamot green tea and Afternoon Tea.

Whittard will also provide homes with guides on how to make the perfect brew.

Extra packs of tea and biscuits will also be provided for carers when they get the opportunity to take a break.

Kerry Dearden, Deputy Chief Executive of OSJCT, said: "We are so grateful for this very generous gesture from Whittard of Chelsea. Teams in homes are working incredibly hard during very challenging times to ensure that residents are kept as engaged and busy as possible while visitor access is restricted.

"Special afternoon tea sessions are a perfect way of giving our residents something to look forward to, and a great reminder to enjoy small moments of pleasure."

Nathan Smith, CEO of Whittard of Chelsea, said of the donation: "It is our pleasure to support The Orders of St John Care Trust during this challenging time. Hopefully, some great tea and biscuits will help to raise the spirits of both the residents who are unable to see loved ones, and the staff who are doing such a fantastic job across the country."

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About the Trust

The Orders of St John Care Trust (OSJCT) provides reputable trusted care, support and housing to residents and tenants across 72 homes and 16 accommodation schemes across Lincolnshire, Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, West Sussex and Suffolk.

OSJCT delivers high quality dedicated person-centred care for the elderly including dementia, intermediate, respite, day care, and specialised nursing.

Unique training and development helps colleagues to understand how best to support residents to achieve an active and fulfilling life.



As a not-for-profit charitable Trust financial surplus is reinvested for the benefit of the residents.

The Trust employs approximately 4,000 staff and assists more than 3,500 residents. The quality of its service has been accredited by the National Care Forum, through its "Quality First" framework. It also works closely with Dementia UK and was among the first care providers to employ its own specialist Admiral Nurses. www.osjct.co.uk

About Whittard of Chelsea

The Finest Tea, Coffee & Hot Chocolate since 1886

When Walter Whittard launched his first London shop in 1886, his philosophy was simple: buy the best. It's a philosophy that's stayed close to Whittard's heart since then, driving their belief in quality, heritage and innovation. Today their world-class range of fine tea, coffee and hot chocolate satisfies every curiosity and taste – from classic English Breakfast tea to creative hot chocolate flavours and unique tea and coffee blends.

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