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EASTER APPEAL COLLECTION

Spellman Care Concludes Easter Appeal with Heartwarming Donation to Airedale Hospital (continued)
...received.

The initiative aimed to bring a touch of seasonal joy to the wards, providing comfort to patients during their recovery. By surpassing previous donation goals, the appeal ensures that the spirit of Easter reaches as many people as possible throughout the hospital. Spellman Care would like to extend its deepest gratitude to everyone who visited the drop-off points and contributed to the appeal's success. It is through this collective community spirit that such a positive impact can be made for those in need of a little extra cheer this spring.



Share Your Stories: Join the Spellman Spotlight!

At Spellman Care, we believe every resident and family member has a unique story to tell. Our newsletter is a reflection of our vibrant community, and we want your voices to be at the very heart of it.

Whether you are a budding poet, a keen storyteller, or someone with a fascinating memory to

recount, we invite you to contribute to the Spellman Spotlight. We are looking for a wide variety of submissions, from poems and short stories to life reflections, photos of your latest artwork, or even a favourite family recipe.

If you have a piece you would like to see featured in an upcoming edition, please send your contributions or ideas to hello@spellmancare.co.uk. We cannot wait to see what you create and to share your wonderful work with the entire community!

SPELLMAN SPOTLIGHT

6th April, 2026

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The Craven Nursing Home Team Following Their 'Good' CQC Rating

CRAVEN NURSING HOME CELEBRATES EXCELLENT CQC REPORT

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Craven Nursing Home is proud to announce the publication of its latest Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection report following visits to the home on 20th and 23rd January 2026. The report describes a “positive, learning-focused culture with high standards of care and consistently good outcomes for people”...
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FEEDBACK

CQC



Craven Nursing Home Celebrates Excellent CQC Report (continued)...

As a family business established in 1990, Spellman Care’s founding aim was to build a modern, luxurious environment that felt like a “home from home”. After joining the family in 2004, Craven Nursing Home quickly became a highly regarded home of choice for many locals. Nestled in its own grounds within the

picturesque market town of Skipton, the home features 64 light, spacious rooms, all equipped with an en suite lavatory. Backing onto the stunning Leeds and Liverpool Canal, the home offers tranquil views and an annual summer trip on an accessible canal boat.

The inspection findings highlight that “people experienced caring and compassionate support” and consistently described staff as “kind, patient and respectful”. Residents told inspectors they felt safe, well-cared for, and “consistently treated with kindness and respect,” with several people stating, “I couldn’t have picked a better place”. Relatives repeatedly referred to the home as “fabulous,” praising the welcoming atmosphere and clean environment. One individual beautifully described the staff by saying, “like sticks of seaside rock - kindness runs right through them”.

Steven Spellman, Director at Spellman Care, said: “Over the last 35 years, our family’s commitment has been to provide the very best care for our residents, whatever their needs. We are passionately dedicated to providing an outstanding quality of care and accommodation which enriches the lives of our residents.”... (Continued on page 3)

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EASTER APPEAL CONCLUSION

Spellman Care Concludes Easter Appeal with Heartwarming Donation to Airedale Hospital

Following a month of incredible generosity, Spellman Care is delighted to announce the successful conclusion of its 2026 Easter Appeal. This morning, a boot-full of Easter eggs, crafts, and activity sets was officially handed over to the Airedale Hospital & Community Charity.



The appeal, which ran across all four Spellman Care homes—Craven Nursing Home in Skipton, Ghyll Royd Care Home in Guiseley, Springbank Care Home in Silsden, and Steeton Court Nursing Home in Steeton—saw an overwhelming response from the local community. Residents, relatives, and staff members worked together to collect a vast array of treats to ensure that those spending their Easter in hospital receive something special.

The donation was hand-delivered by Spellman Care’s Peter and Kirstie, who met with Katie Lister, Head of Communications at Airedale, to transfer the collection.

During the handover, Katie Lister commented on how amazing it was for so many eggs to be collected across the various Spellman Care homes. She noted how the donations will make a significant difference to patients of all ages, particularly for those who unfortunately may not receive visitors over the Easter period.

On behalf of the patients at Airedale, Katie passed on her sincere thanks to Spellman Care’s residents, relatives, staff, and the wider community for their kindness and all of the donations... (Continued on page 12)

LEADNING CARE

NEW INITIATIVES

'The Best Care Home': Families and Community Praise Innovative Dementia Exhibition at Springbank (continued)

... “and the best care home.” Others noted that they “thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and appreciated the effort put into organising the event,” and described the presentation as “very moving” and “thoroughly enjoyable.”

While the original images remain private to protect the dignity of the residents, the exhibition featured several powerful scenes that illustrated the deep connection between past and present. One piece featured a lifelong fan as they appear today, seated alongside their younger self in the stands at Keighley Cougars. Another depicted a resident watching from the sidelines as their past self played a match on the football pitch.

The collection also included poignant professional tributes, such as a resident—as they appeared in the past—treating their present-day self as an NHS nurse at Harrogate Hospital. In another evocative scene, a lady looked into a mirror to see her past self: a fashionable woman balancing the demands of work, family, and style. The exhibition further captured moments of lifelong learning and industry, showing a resident sitting in a classroom being taught by their younger self, and another gazing through a window into the past to watch themselves at work in a wartime munitions factory.

The exhibition also focused on reconnecting residents with their personal histories and former friends. A representative from the local football club attended to spend the afternoon reminiscing with a resident over historical club photographs, sharing stories from their time as former teammates.

April Howie, Deputy Manager at Springbank Care Home commented “This project has been a deeply moving journey for everyone involved. By merging the present with the past, we aren’t just creating art; we are creating a powerful tool for empathy that reminds us all of the incredible lives our residents have led.”

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CQC INSPECTION

Craven Nursing Home Celebrates Excellent CQC Report (continued)...

It is wonderful to see the CQC report reflect this, noting that our environment is clean, welcoming, and homely, with personalised bedrooms and well-maintained communal spaces”.

Leadership at the home was described as “strong,” with staff and relatives praising the visibility and effectiveness of managers. Registered Manager Stephanie Bowers was hailed as a “capable, compassionate and inclusive leader” who is “highly visible” and “consistently praised”. Governance arrangements were found to be “robust,” with “exceptionally strong governance” leading to “clear and sustained improvements”. The home also demonstrated “strong clinical oversight,” “robust auditing,” and “proactive partnership working with the pharmacy and GP” to ensure safe care that met individual needs.

Philippa Young, Group Operations Manager, commented: “We are extremely proud of our highly skilled team of Carers, Nurses, and Managers who are renowned for providing a consistent and high-quality standard of care. The report highlights our stable staff team, positive teamwork, and the fact that staff feel supported by leaders. We remain committed to our comprehensive wellbeing programme, including the Wellbeing & Development Hub and Star Awards, to ensure our workforce feels valued and listened to. We strongly believe that if we support our team, they are best equipped to provide our residents with homely and heartfelt care”.

Within the report, residents at Craven Nursing Home expressed that they have “genuine choice and control over daily life,” from choosing what to wear to deciding how to spend their day. One resident noted, “If I want a lie in I can... if I fancy a walk along the canal there is always a member of staff to take me”. The home is well integrated into the local community through regular outings on the “Spellman Express” minibus to garden centres and parks, alongside initiatives like the “Adopt a GrandFriend” scheme and annual summer fetes. (Continued on Page 4)...

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CQC INSPECTION

Craven Nursing Home Celebrates Excellent CQC Report (continued)..., Stephanie Bowers, Home Manager at Craven Nursing Home, added: “Our ‘My Voice, My Choice’ initiative ensures that all voices are heard and acted upon. I am delighted that the CQC recognised our varied programme of activities, including baking, themed events, and meaningful one-to-one trips. Whether it is our ‘Country of the Day’ celebrations or being the second care group nationally to receive Veteran Friendly Framework accreditation, we strive to celebrate diversity and empower every resident to live a full and active life”.

The service was found to be “responsive to people’s needs,” with “care plans that were detailed and person-centred”. Visiting professionals reported “strong partnership working” and stated they had “no concerns about the service,” noting that staff provided “clear handovers and acted on guidance promptly”. Mealtimes were described as “relaxed and well supported,” with people consistently telling inspectors the food was “lovely” and that there was “always a choice,” even including custom-made omelettes to suit personal preferences.

Overall, the report confirms that Craven Nursing Home provides “safe care that met people’s individual needs” delivered by a “stable staff team which ensured consistency” and a “strong commitment to improvement”. Craven Nursing Home is incredibly proud of this report and the dedication of the entire team. We actively encourage members of the public to read the full report online themselves online.



LEADING CARE

NEW INITIATIVES

‘The Best Care Home’: Families and Community Praise Innovative Dementia Exhibition at Springbank

Springbank Care Home is delighted to announce the spectacular success of its recent ‘Through Our Eyes’ exhibition, which brought together residents, families, and the local community for a moving celebration of life and history. The project used technology to merge current



portraits of residents living with dementia into photographs from their past, creating evocative scenes that highlight the vibrant person behind the diagnosis.

The event featured stunning composite artwork that placed residents as they are in 2026 directly into historical settings, celebrating their lifelong journeys and cherished hobbies. The atmosphere was further enhanced by the cheerful tunes of Richard and Honey, one of the home’s much loved visiting singer and dog duos, who performed hits ranging from “Blue Skies” to the Beatles. Following the exhibition’s success, these meaningful photographs will now go on to be given to families and displayed in residents’ rooms where appropriate.

A significant highlight of the exhibition was the presence of multiple generations of families to read about their loved one and view their composite portrait. One relative shared their experience:

“It was so lovely to see mum and her friends in their younger days. It’s such a great idea to show how these people were once young and so interesting and very hard working.” (Continued on Page 10)...

PARTNERSHIPS

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Spellman Care Partners with University of Leeds to Revolutionise Nutrition Through 3D Printed Food (continued)

...ensure that texture-modified meals are as visually appetising as they are safe. However, being involved in the development of 3D printing technology represents an exciting leap forward.

Philippa Young, Spellman Care's Operations Manager, commented:

“It has been a privilege for our homes to be involved so early in the project's development. By sharing our frontline expertise, we are helping to ensure the final results are perfectly tailored to the unique needs of the care industry. We are committed to embracing innovation that enhances the quality of life for our residents.”

Our Head Chefs—Luke Moorhouse, Craig McCarthy, Trevor Aebi, and Eve Kelk—also shared their enthusiasm for the project in a joint statement:

“While we take great pride in the presentation of our current IDDSI meals, the potential for 3D printing to provide consistent, nutrient-dense, and highly realistic food shapes is incredibly exciting. It was invaluable to have our questions answered regarding the technology and to provide direct feedback on what would and wouldn't work within a real-world care home environment. This ensures the tech is practical, not just innovative.”

This partnership follows a long tradition of Spellman Care remaining at the forefront of the care industry. By championing new technologies and research, the group continues to set new standards for person-centred support. This latest involvement in nutritional science follows the success of other forward-thinking initiatives, such as the ‘Through Our Eyes’ dementia project at Springbank Care Home, which provided unique insights into the lived experiences of those with dementia.

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INFECTION CONTROL INSPECTION

Steeton Court Nursing Home Achieves Phenomenal 99.78% Score in Local Authority Infection Prevention and Control Inspection

Steeton Court Nursing Home is incredibly proud to announce that, following a recent rigorous inspection by the local authority's Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Team, the home has achieved a phenomenal score of 99.78%.



This outstanding result is a formal recognition of the home's unwavering commitment to safety and excellence. With a rich history spanning over 35 years, Steeton Court has always prioritised a warm, family feel, and this score reflects the meticulous care taken to keep that environment safe and protected for every resident.

This brilliant achievement is a true testament to the hard work and dedication of the wonderful Housekeeping Team. Their commitment ensures that the home remains consistently clean, safe, and tidy, providing a secure foundation for the highly caring and supportive atmosphere Steeton Court is known for.

Caroline Cowland, Home Manager at Steeton Court, expressed her pride in the result: “Achieving a 99.78% score from the Infection Prevention and Control Team is an incredible milestone for all of us. This result isn't just a number on a report; it represents the peace of mind we provide to our residents and their families. I am immensely proud of the entire staff, but particularly our housekeeping team, for their relentless pursuit of excellence. Their hard work is the backbone of the safety and comfort we provide here at Steeton Court, maintaining the high standards we've held dear for over three and a half decades.”... (Continued on Page 6)

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INFECTION CONTROL INSPECTION

Steeton Court Nursing Home Achieves Phenomenal 99.78% Score in Local Authority Infection Prevention and Control Inspection

The housekeeping team at Steeton Court operates from robust cleaning schedules that meet and exceed local authority standards. This proactive approach ensures that while the home remains clinical in its safety, it never loses the lived-in, comfortable and homely feel that the residents and their families value so highly.

Geraldine Price, Head Housekeeper, added: “My team and I are absolutely delighted with this result. We take our responsibilities very seriously because we know that a clean home is a safe home. Every member of the housekeeping team works with such heart and attention to detail and seeing that dedication recognised with such a high score is a wonderful feeling. We are committed to maintaining these standards every single day for our residents, who are like family to us.”

Steeton Court continues to work closely with the local IPC Team to ensure that their prevention and control measures remain at the highest possible level, ensuring the home remains a benchmark for quality care in the region.



Spellman Care Partners with University of Leeds to Revolutionise Nutrition Through 3D Printed Food

Spellman Care is proud to announce its participation in a pioneering study led by the University of Leeds and PRINTFOODS UK, exploring the future of 3D printed food to support elderly nutrition. This innovative project focuses...
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Spellman Care Partners with University of Leeds to Revolutionise Nutrition Through 3D Printed Food (continued)

...on enhancing the dining experience for residents living on an IDDSI (International Dysphagia Diet Standardisation Initiative) texture-modified diet, ensuring that safety and nutrition go hand-in-hand with dignity and enjoyment.

The collaboration began with a series of in-depth, semi-structured interviews conducted by Steffen from the University of Leeds. Each of Spellman Care’s homes took part individually, with the Head Chef from each site joined by a colleague with specialised nursing or care knowledge. These sessions provided a platform for our teams to offer practical feedback on kitchen operations and how 3D printing technology could be integrated into a busy care environment to benefit residents.

For those with swallowing difficulties (dysphagia), traditional texture-modified foods, often served as mashes or purees, can sometimes lose their visual appeal and nutritional density. Steffen, from the University of Leeds, highlighted the importance of this research: “Imagine reaching the final chapter of your life, where every meal feels like punishment – shapeless, tasteless, and stripped of dignity. This is the daily reality for thousands of older British adults who are on texture-modified foods (TMFs) because they suffer from swallowing difficulties.

Texture modified means that foods are mashes or purees that reduce choking risk, but they are not always visually appealing and adding water reduces the nutritional density – malnutrition is a really big problem that affects 50% of people in care homes! In total, 1.3 million people aged 65+ are at risk of malnutrition. We are developing 3D-printed foods that can make food safe, nutritious and joyful again.”

At Spellman Care, our kitchen teams are already dedicated to high standards of food presentation. Our chefs currently utilise moulds and expert piping techniques to... (continued on page 8)