

COMMUNITY

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Airedale Seniors Collective
Continues Inspiring Community
Journey with Flourishing Skills-
Share Gathering at Silsden
Methodist Church (Ctd)
...Volunteers can make a meaningful impact in several key ways, including assisting with setting up tables and event spaces, preparing and serving refreshments, sharing a warm chat with guests, and helping to spread the word across local

communities.

Looking ahead, organisers are keen to ensure that every future gathering remains firmly shaped by the local people it serves. Members of the community are invited to share their feedback, venue recommendations, and ideas for what they would like to experience next, whether that is another interactive skills workshop, a nostalgic classic movie afternoon, or a fresh new concept.

Anyone interested in making a difference as a volunteer, submitting suggestions, or learning more about upcoming events is warmly encouraged to contact the team by email at info@airedaleseniors.co.uk.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As our community group grows, we are looking for friendly volunteers to help support our regular events for local older people.

> How you can help: <



Setting up tables and event spaces



Making and serving teas and coffees



Chatting and socialising with guests



Helping spread the word in the local area

Spellman Care

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5th October, 2026

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TRIUMPH AT KEIGHLEY & AIREDALE BUSINESS

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Independent family-run care provider Spellman Care is celebrating after being named Health and Wellbeing Business of the Year at the Keighley and Airedale Business Awards, a black-tie ceremony at Victoria Hall in Keighley on Friday night.

The evening brought together businesses from... (Ctd Pg 2)

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The Team Arriving at the Awards

Triumph at Keighley & Airedale Business (Ctd)

...across the region to celebrate community excellence, hosted by popular TV weather presenter Paul Hudson.

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In her remarks, Philippa dedicated the award to every team member, noting how it recognises the innate kindness and small, everyday actions carried out for residents; those quiet gestures that can sometimes go unnoticed, but together create truly person-led care. She remarked that when caring for residents, the little things truly are the big things.

The award also recognised Spellman Care's community initiatives, particularly the launch of the Airedale Seniors Collective, a mobile project tackling loneliness across the Aire Valley through local gatherings, which welcomed around 50 local seniors at its first meeting alone.

Following the ceremony, team members caught up with local MP Robbie Moore and Paul Hudson to discuss ongoing projects like the Seniors Collective and extend an... (Ctd Pg 3)

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...swapping tips and hobbies ranging from crochet and jewellery making to practical DIY and IT support. The event offered something for everyone, combining everyday guidance with artistic expression and plenty of warm conversation.



Adding to the festive environment, talented vocalist May delivered a fantastic live musical performance that had guests singing along and enjoying the entertainment throughout the afternoon.

Community partnerships were once again at the heart of the event, with the collective handing over the microphone to several fantastic local businesses and support groups dedicated to enhancing the lives of older citizens. Guests had the opportunity to discover valuable services from fresh food delivery provider Olive & Green, ready meal specialists Wiltshire Farm Foods, Keighley Lions Club, Keighley Dementia Advice Community Group, Carelink Befriending Scheme, and The Thursday Club.

As the Airedale Seniors Collective continues its rapid growth, organisers are issuing an appeal for friendly, warm-hearted volunteers to help support and sustain these vital regular events. The collective relies on community support to make a genuine difference, and local people are invited to lend a hand whether they have an hour a week to spare or can assist on an ad-hoc basis. Volunteering with the group offers a deeply rewarding opportunity to give back, forge new friendships, and be an integral part of something truly special in the local area... (Ctd Pg 8)

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Building on the tremendous triumph of their June launch, the vibrant community initiative returned for a heartwarming second event filled with creative workshops, uplifting entertainment, and crucial local support.

The Airedale Seniors Collective has celebrated another resounding success following its second official gathering, bringing together older residents, passionate local organisations, and neighbours from across the Aire Valley for a joyful skills-share afternoon at Silsden Methodist Church. The event proved to be a wonderful celebration of community spirit, creativity, and connection, reinforcing the collective's core mission to brighten lives, combat social isolation, and provide a welcoming, supportive space for local seniors.

This latest gathering follows on from the collective's magnificent launch event in June at Sutton Village Hall, where guests enjoyed their very first glimpse of what the initiative has to offer. That memorable summer debut featured uplifting live music from singer Shane, a wide variety of stallholders offering advice and guidance, and a bustling atmosphere that set the stage for the group's future. Driven entirely by feedback from that inaugural event, the second gathering was specifically tailored around a request from an attendee who suggested an afternoon focused on sharing talents and learning together.

The atmosphere at Silsden Methodist Church was electric as attendees immersed themselves in a rich variety of hands-on activities... (Ctd Pg 7)

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Triumph at Keighley & Airedale Business (Ctd)

...invitation for them to join future events.

Steven Spellman, Director of Spellman Care, expressed his pride in the achievement:

“Winning Health and Wellbeing Business of the Year is a fantastic testament to the hard work, empathy, and dedication



The Team with Robbie Moore MP

our staff bring to work every single day. Since our story began when Steeton Court opened in 1990, our mission has always been to provide safe, warm, and deeply welcoming environments where older individuals are cherished as unique people with rich life histories. Championing person-led care empowers our residents to guide their daily routines within a genuine home-from-home setting. I am immensely proud of our entire team across all four homes for making this recognition possible.”

The Keighley and Airedale Business Award victory comes in the same month as several other prestigious accolades for Spellman Care.

Spellman Care has secured two finalist nominations at the Bradford Cares Excellence Awards in the Wellbeing and Activities Initiative of the Year category, recognising both the ‘Adopt a Grandfriend’ partnership (featured on BBC Radio Leeds) and the Airedale Seniors Collective, which was recently featured on the Skills for Care website as part of their ‘Good News Friday’ feature. Winners will be announced on 5th November at the Cedar Court Hotel, Bradford.

Spellman Care was also named Best Family-Run Care Home Group – Yorkshire at the Acquisition International Family... (Ctd Pg 4)

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The Team with Partner & Fellow Winner, Oona

Triumph at Keighley & Airedale Business (Ctd)

...Business Awards, celebrating their local legacy and high-quality care.

National recognition continues with three team members reaching the finals of the Social Care Leadership Awards. Operations Manager Philippa Young has been shortlisted in the Executive Care Home Leader

(Small to Medium) category, Craven Nursing Home Manager Steph Bowers in the Clinical Nurse Manager category, and Marketing Manager Peter Chadwick in the Digital Innovator Award category. The national winners will be announced on 13th October at the London Marriott Hotel Grosvenor Square.

COMMUNITY APPEAL FOR DISCREET AND DIGNIFIED CLOTHES PROTECTORS

Springbank Care Home in Silsden is inviting local crafters, sewers, and community members to get involved in a creative new initiative by crafting handmade clothes protectors for residents.

Designed as a stylish, discreet, and dignified alternative to traditional clothes... (Ctd Pg 5)



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COMMUNITY APPEAL FOR DISCREET AND DIGNIFIED CLOTHES PROTECTORS (Ctd)

...protectors, the homemade alternatives allow residents to enjoy meals and drinks comfortably and with peace of mind, in a more comfortable and dignified way. By upcycling pre-loved garments such as colourful blouses, floral tops, and patterned shirts, these protectors blend seamlessly into a resident's outfit, appearing just like everyday clothing while offering full practical protection.

Each protector is created using the front panel of a garment, keeping features like collars, necklines, and buttoned fronts intact, and is lined with a soft, washable fabric backing. They rest comfortably over the shoulders and chest and fasten neatly around the back of the neck using quick, gentle fastenings such as Velcro strips or press studs, making them easy and comfortable to put on and remove.

The appeal follows a generous donation from Wendy Brown, who became the first person to support the initiative by creating and donating a fantastic collection of handmade clothes protectors to Springbank residents. Her upcycled creations feature vibrant floral blouses, bright pink and turquoise garments, and a stylish black-and-white daisy print design complete with a rounded collar.

Lisa Pickles, Home Manager at Springbank Care Home, said: "We are so grateful to Wendy for her wonderful donation, which has already made such a positive difference for our residents. Preserving dignity and independence during mealtimes is so important, and these beautiful clothes protectors allow residents to enjoy their meals comfortably without compromising on personal style. We would love to welcome more donations from kind-hearted members of our local community who enjoy sewing or upcycling."

Members of the community who would like to create some clothes from blouses, patterned shirts, or soft washable backing fabrics, are invited to contact the home or drop donations off at reception.