

The Old Downs Residential Care Home residents create impressive display for Nellsar Crafty Crown Competition



As part of the coronation celebrations at The Old Downs Residential Care Home, we entered a Nellsar-wide competition to design and make an eye-catching coronation crown.

Heading up the competition, **Nellsar's Recreation and Well-Being Manager Viv Stead commented:** "The idea was to involve our residents in making something beautiful and memorable to display in their Home or garden that could be enjoyed by everyone for the coronation."

What started out as an activity for our residents for the coronation in actual fact held the interest of everyone – Carers, Kitchen Staff, Maintenance, House Keeping, Laundry, Activities and Resident Liaison too! Everyone expressed an interest.

Our residents loved this activity, screwing pieces of tissue paper and sticking them onto a board that Leigh from our Maintenance team purchased and cut and painted ready for inspiration to commence.

Our residents all had their different ways of sticking the tissue; one of our residents folded little pieces of paper, another person ripped big pieces and then screwed and stuck, but it worked!

The crowns drew a lot of attention due the jewels being used in their decoration. The crowns were neatly put on the table after completion and were soon being worn by a few residents and staff. The orb was made out of a new ballcock that Leigh in maintenance supplied and the sceptre was made out of a Star Wars light sabre purchased from a charity shop.

This was a fantastic activity and our residents wowed at their work. It can be kept on the wall for all our families to see how hard everyone worked to bring it all together for the coronation.



Although we weren't crowned amongst the winners, we had **so much fun creating our wonderful display** which made a great centrepiece for our coronation celebrations.

The judges commented: 'A beautiful display and a whole-home approach with everybody getting involved. A truly royal affair, with the king's emblem crafted in gold and blue tissue paper. The orb was made by their maintenance team from a ballcock no less! Residents loved the activity and posing proudly for photos.'

Congratulations again to everyone at The Old Downs involved in creating our fantastic entry for the competition.

[Check out the winning entries and all the runners up!](#)