



## **HRH The Duchess of Cornwall sees Meals on Wheels and Luncheon Clubs in action**

Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall yesterday paid a special visit to a luncheon club to meet with service users and spread some festive cheer!

Hosted by the NACC, The Duchess joined over 60 service users at the luncheon club at the Jubilee Centre, St Albans, as they enjoyed their Christmas party. She took the time to talk with the service users about what the luncheon club means to them and about the impact it has on their quality of life. She was also introduced to the NACC national chair, Neel Radia.

The Royal visit is part of the The Duchess' work to raise awareness of social isolation and loneliness in the community and helps to highlight the difference that luncheon clubs and meals on wheels can make to older people living independently in their own homes. A luncheon club is a lifeline for many, giving people the opportunity to regularly socialise outside of their homes in a warm environment and benefit from a nutritious, delicious meal and wellbeing and safety advice.

As well as joining the festivities at the luncheon club, Her Royal Highness witnessed the meals on wheels provision of Hertfordshire Community Meals, a social enterprise which also runs the luncheon club at the Jubilee Centre.

Neel Radia, National Chair, NACC, comments: "We are thrilled and honoured that Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall has given her valuable support and time to this vital cause.

"The Royal visit was a wonderful tonic for the service users in St Albans. They were thrilled to be joined by the extra-special guest and the atmosphere was electric – it was a joy to be part of the incredible event."

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Notes to Editors:

### **The NACC**

The National Association of Care Catering (NACC) is a progressive organisation representing professionals providing catering to the care industry. They are recognised by Local Authorities, independent providers, the

charitable sector and Government departments as a prime source of information and opinion on all aspects of catering within the care sector and whose primary aim is to improve standards.

The NACC works with a number of partners to:

- Promote and enrich the standard of catering within the care sector, whether that catering be provided by Social Care Departments or other Caring Agencies
- Provide a forum for debate among individuals, companies and organisations of all kinds involved in catering for the care sector
- Facilitate the exchange of information, experience and expertise
- Promote the development of professional standards among those involved in catering for the care sector
- Commission research into matters relating to catering for the care sector
- Publish guidelines, policy papers and authoritative statements on all aspects of catering for the care sector

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