

CREATIVE PACK FOR CARE HOMES

VE DAY WITH HILL CARE

ABOUT THE PACK

Over the last few years, 64 Million Artists have enjoyed working with [Hill Care Homes](#) and seeing the amazing creativity of its residents and staff! Now, many of the Hill Care Homes are 'Veteran Friendly' and are part of the Veteran Friendly Framework.

The Veteran Friendly Framework (VFF) supports providers in identifying veterans and their partners in order to meet their wellbeing needs effectively. VFF helps to address social isolation and signposts statutory and charitable services. Implementing the Framework also helps to create a culture of understanding for the people and the families who have been affected by their experiences.

Staff and residents at Hill Care, and local service providers, have designed some creative challenges to mark 80 years since VE Day. On the 8th May 1945, World War II in Europe officially ended. Many people celebrated with street parties! Do you know of any stories of street parties - or can you remember any yourself?

Today, these creative prompts help us to reflect and remember the past, but also to celebrate how creativity can bring us together in community.

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WHAT IS A CREATIVE PROMPT?

A creative prompt is an invitation to inspire creative action - to try something new, connect with yourself and those around you in different ways, and to have fun.

HOW TO USE THE PACK

There is no wrong or right way to take part in the creative prompts. You could read them and see where your imagination takes you, spend 5 minutes, or 5 hours bringing a creation to life. Try them individually or with someone else - start a creative conversation!

CREATIVE PROMPTS

To mark VE day 80 the Veteran Friendly Framework team are challenging care homes and their Veterans to **sing a favourite 1940's song, bake a 'vinegar cake', hold a WW2 quiz...the sky is the limit!**

"Pick one challenge or enjoy doing them all and let's see the #VFF family showing the world how creative we are."

FROM: The Veteran Friendly Framework Team



How many new words can you make out of the letters in SALTburn ARMED FORCES AND VETERAN BREAKFAST CLUB.

FROM: Pearl Cawley of Saltburn Armed Forces and Veteran Breakfast Club. Pearl served in the British Army in the early 60's and was a WRAC (Women's Royal Army Corps).



CREATIVE PROMPTS

Write a short song about what VE Day 80 means to you, you never know we may add it to our repertoire...

FROM: The Singing Veterans

Jimmy Willis and Jon Hutchinson, AKA, Jim and Jon, The Singing Veterans, both 62 years old, originally from Eston, now living in Redcar. Friends since the age of 4 and Veterans. Between them they spent almost 50 years in the Armed Forces. Jim and Jon settled down in Redcar, living the dream with family and friends and partaking in a little bit of Singing, in an attempt to bring a bit of cheer into people's lives.



CREATIVE PROMPTS

Name as many ranks in the Army, Navy and Air Force as you can, maybe you have a story that you can share about someone you know who served, and was promoted to one of these ranks.

FROM: Veterans for Veterans in Care – John Hambling and Bob Adamson

As a charity, Veterans for Veterans in Care strives to locate veterans in residential care homes, assisted living and sheltered accommodation, who we refer to as the "Forgotten Army". Once located we engage with them, and get them integrated into the veteran community through breakfast clubs, events and introducing them to other veteran groups. We also support family members, friends and carers who want to engage with veterans not just in care homes but throughout our community by helping them understand more about our "Forgotten Army".



CREATIVE PROMPTS

Find something to make a parachute and attach it to an egg, see if you can drop it from a height without it cracking.

FROM: Judith Pearson and Joyce Tibbett, Armed Forces Champions at Hazelgrove Court Care Home

An Armed Forces Champion is a named member of staff or resident within our organisation who acts as the first point of contact for new veterans coming into our home. They are role models who provide a listening ear.



CREATIVE PROMPTS

Pick one and get creative:

- Create a Victory Garden in a pot. Plant herbs, flowers or vegetables in small pots to recreate the spirit of "Dig for Victory"
- Make a poppy field of memories, draw or cut out a poppy and write a memory that is dear to you, maybe you could do this with friends and family.
- Write a postcard to someone as if you were writing it in 1945. Perhaps you could even send it to a loved one.


FROM: Hill Care Homes

The homes are: Deangate, Hazelgrove Court, Aden Mount, Aden View, Sycamore Hall, Beeches, Holmewood, Brookview, Waverley Lodge, Beechwood, Queens Meadow, Bannatyne Lodge, Whiston Hall.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART!

Looking for more creative prompt ideas?

Discover more free creative resources! Our annual campaign The January Challenge is 31 days of creative prompts to set your mind on an adventure and brighten up the coldest, darkest month of the year. We worked with Hill Care in 2023 and boom saloon in 2024 to bring Came Home Packs to life - including all 31 creative prompts of the campaign.

- [Download the 2024 Care Homes Pack](#)
 - [Download the 2025 Care Homes Pack](#)
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About 64 Million Artists

You are creative, and you can make change. At 64 Million Artists, we're here to give you the tools to do just that. Whether that's with over 360,000 people getting creative daily throughout January, with leaders tackling climate change and gender inequality, or by inspiring workplaces to courageously support their people. The time to get creative is now.



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