

## NEWS STORY

### SCARBOROUGH RETIREMENT COMMUNITY WEAR IT PURPLE FOR EPILEPSY

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Residents and staff from Jazz Court retirement service in Eastfield, Scarborough, have raised over £160 for Epilepsy Society's Purple Day.

Residents at Jazz Court, part of Sanctuary Retirement Living, have their own apartments with communal facilities and onsite care and support. Celebrating Purple Day was planned by Wellbeing and Inclusion Assistant Yasmin Cox, after her son was diagnosed with the condition.

Purple Day is normally held on 26 March,

to get people talking about epilepsy, raise awareness and raise funds. However, as this year's Purple Day coincided with the beginning of lockdown, many residents were shielding in their apartments and their regular calendar of activities and events was put on hold.

Since then, as restrictions have been lifted but social distancing is still in place, the Jazz Court team have been finding new ways to hold activities safely, including celebrating Purple Day a few months later and in a slightly different

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way than originally planned.

To mark the occasion, staff wore purple t-shirts and baked purple cakes, and the retirement service was decorated with purple bunting. Rather than residents getting together in the communal lounge, staff took trolleys loaded with purple sweet treats and hot drinks around the building, bringing the event directly to residents' doors, so that everyone could take part and have fun whilst still feeling safe.

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of Jazz Court residents and staff, they successfully raised over £160. Yasmin said: "I am overwhelmed by the support shown by the residents and the rest of the Jazz Court team, it really means a lot that they wanted to support a charity that is so close to my heart."