



IMPACT REPORT

New Belvedere House residents enjoy a summer barbecue hosted by VA Patron, the Dowager Viscountess Rothermere. Photograph © Glyn Strong/Veterans Aid

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PATRON'S MESSAGE

It has been a very busy year for Veterans Aids in so many different ways - not only do they continue to look after so many veterans in crisis, changing lives every day, but I am also delighted to see the transformation of New Belvedere House becoming a reality.

There has been tremendous work behind the scenes fundraising for the development of the hostel and I am so grateful to all the staff who have worked tirelessly to make this happen. I truly believe that when the hostel is finished, it will be a world leader in the veterans community and a beacon of hope to so many.

I would like to thank all the donors and supporters who have made it possible - especially Bloomberg and Habitat for Humanity, whose unique contribution helped the Old Rectory phase to be completed on time.

The wonderful carol concert at the Guards Chapel in December was a highlight of the year and we were honoured that HRH The Duke of Edinburgh was able to be with us. I am enormously grateful to all those who helped make this special carol service such a success.

Finally, I am so proud to see how VA is making a difference and that the Centre for Social Justice has commended it as a 'model' to others. For me, Veterans Aid is not only a leader in its field, but a charity whose warmth, dedication and commitment to the people it serves makes it truly unique.

My heartfelt thanks to you all for your continued support, which is so very much appreciated.

The Dowager Viscountess Rothermere
Patron, Veterans Aid

