

**Press Release**  
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**Lavender gardens residents have carol concert treat from pupils**



Residents of Lavender Gardens were treated to a carol concert by children of Deri View Primary today.

The pupils from year three to six are all in the school choir and made a special visit to the extra care scheme to spread some Christmas cheer to its residents.

This is a continuation of the relationship started between Lavender Gardens and Deri View Primary when the school was invited to suggest a name for the extra care scheme which opened in September 2009.

Kate Pope-Makowski, Manager of Lavender Gardens said "This was a real treat for both staff and residents at Lavender Gardens. We want to get the local community involved as much as possible and what better time of year than at Christmas. We will certainly be inviting the children again."

Headteacher of Deri View Primary, Maggie Teague said "We were over the moon to receive our invitation to sing to the residents. The children were looking forward to it too. We have a close relationship with Lavender Gardens, as part of our community and hopefully, we will be doing more together in future."

Carol Kaseleht, a resident of Lavender Gardens said “I thoroughly enjoyed the concert today. It was lovely to see the children and for them to take the time out to come to sing to us shows the true spirit of Christmas.”

Lavender Gardens is an extra care scheme which provides accommodation to people over 55 who need care and support to help them continue to live independently. The scheme has 21 modern one and two-bedroom apartments, all equipped with the latest emergency alarm support technology plus a communal lounge, hairdressers, visitor accommodations, new lift, scooter store and offices for on-site support staff.

Melin Homes built the £1 million development in partnership with Monmouthshire County Council and they work together running the scheme. Melin Homes provides the homes, tenancies and management of Lavender Gardens and the Council manages and delivers care packages to residents.

For further information and to register your interest in applying for a home at Lavender Gardens, please contact Andrew Burford, Abergavenny Community Care Team on 01873 735900.

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**Notes to editors:**

Shared facilities include a communal lounge, hairdressing salon, laundry, scooter store and visitor accommodation.

Support workers are available on site to deliver individual care packages for residents.

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**Photo caption:**

- Pupils from Deri View Primary sing to residents of Lavender Gardens Extra Care Scheme.
- Residents of Lavender Gardens Extra Care Scheme enjoy the carol concert.

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