

<u>Compass' Steamplicity team caters for</u> <u>Worthing Town Cryers Christmas lunch</u>

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Compass Group UK & Ireland's Steamplicity team, has hosted a thank you Christmas lunch for the 'Worthing Town Cryers', an Alzheimer's Society Dementia Voice group based in Worthing, West Sussex.

Fourteen people attended the festive event, held on 7^{th} December – where they were served delicious Steamplicity meals.

The Worthing Town Cryers is made up of members who are doing their best to live well with dementia and have a willingness to discuss the condition openly. They meet regularly to talk, raise awareness and inform people what it is really like to live with the condition within their communities, plus work together to create improvements.

2022 will be the fifth year that the Steamplicity team has hosted this celebration – having had to take a break from the annual event due to the pandemic – the tradition is now back in place. Attendees were served Steamplicity meals, which uses an innovative cooking system, to cook fresh and raw ingredients in minutes.

The two-course meal consisted of succulent roast turkey, served with sage and onion stuffing, pork sausage, roast potatoes, root vegetable mash, Brussels sprouts and gravy. Each guest was also treated to a box of chocolates.

Tim Wilkins from Alzheimer's Society who facilitates the Worthing Town Cryers, commented: "The Worthing Town Cryers aim to provide help and information around the needs of people with dementia across the Worthing district and are very much part of Worthing's Dementia Friendly Community. It's been great to work with the Steamplicity team as we both strive to support and aid people with dementia.



"The event was a wonderful celebration of the year gone by and after a few years of not being able to host the Christmas party, it was fantastic to be together again. Thank you to the Steamplicity team for hosting us all."

Greg Harrison, MD – Steamplicity, commented: "This is a cause that is very close to our hearts and the close relationship we have with the Worthing Town Cryers helps us to gather information, feedback and understanding around those living with dementia. This work is invaluable and has allowed us to make changes which benefit the service we deliver for those with dementia. We are proud to work side by side with the Worthing Town Cryers and thrilled that we could all come together today to acknowledge the work of these amazing people."

The Worthing Town Cryers and Steamplicity have been partners for several years. The group offers key insights and feedback as to how Steamplicity can continuously improve and introduce various initiatives aimed at supporting the overall mealtime experience for those living with dementia. The partnership was originally brought together through the Alzheimer's Society, who Compass Group UK & Ireland's Healthcare team have continually fundraised for since 2015, recently expanding the relationship across more of its retail division.