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Seasons eatings...Christmas lunch brings festive cheer to Holyhead residents

Christmas cheer came early to Holyhead yesterday, as elderly residents and nursery children sat down to enjoy a festive lunch, thanks to a donation from Horizon Nuclear Power.

The Lunch Club Fundraising Group has been providing a free Christmas lunch for local pensioners for the last 14 years at the Gwelfor Community Centre, but due to the increase of other community projects, the team of volunteers were expecting more guests this year from the Gwelfor Lunch Club and Morolo Mens Sheds group.

The volunteers applied to Horizon's Community Investment Scheme for funding support to enable the Christmas lunch to take place this year. The application was successful and more than 80 elderly people tucked into a turkey dinner and sang along to carols.

This year the group were joined by children from the Meithrinfa Morlo Nursery, who have been visiting local care homes to carry out intergenerational work with residents. They also enjoyed the Christmas lunch, which was served by local volunteers, including Councillor Robert Llewelyn Jones – Champion for Older People at Isle of Anglesey County Council – and staff from Horizon.

Veronica Huband, Secretary of the Lunch Club Fundraising Group, said: "Many of the older people who attend our group face multiple disadvantages, such as illness or disability, the loss of a loved one, loneliness and social isolation. The lunch club has been a great way to bring the community together over a cooked meal in a welcoming environment and celebrate Christmas with friends.

"We'd like to thank the Horizon team for their kind donation and helping us out on the day. We wouldn't have been able to host the Christmas lunch without the funding support, so we're incredibly grateful."

Gwen Parry-Jones, Executive Director, Operational Development at Horizon Nuclear Power

said: “Christmas is a time for giving and so we were delighted to be able to bring some festive cheer to the Gwelfor Lunch Club. The volunteers work tirelessly to bring the community together and provide much needed support to some of the most vulnerable in society, so we were very pleased to help them celebrate Christmas.”

For more information about the Community Investment Scheme and how to apply, visit www.horizonnuclearpower.com/community-support.

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Notes to editors:

- Horizon Nuclear Power was formed in 2009 to develop new nuclear power stations in the UK. It was acquired by Hitachi, Ltd. in November 2012. The company is developing plans to build at least 5,800MW of new nuclear power generation plant at Wylfa on the Isle of Anglesey and Oldbury-on-Severn in South Gloucestershire. Its power station sites will employ up to 850 people each once operational with construction workforces of up to 9,000.
- Horizon’s development on Anglesey will represent a multibillion-pound investment in North Wales, creating high-quality, long term employment opportunities and unlocking lasting economic and social benefits for the region.