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Wiltshire veterans club puts down roots with allotment donation


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The Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Club (AFVBC)

The Salisbury and Amesbury division of the Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Club (AFVBC), based in **Salisbury**, in **Wiltshire**, has received a donation from local housebuilder, Annington.

The additional funds will be put towards creating a community allotment and means that the club can purchase a walk-in growing cage ahead of seed-sowing this spring.

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The allotment is the charity's latest initiative, enabling its members to socialise while nurturing plants and vegetables. The growing cage is designed for fruit and vegetable gardens and will offer protection from wildlife and the elements.



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Louise Saunders, sales and marketing manager at Annington, commented: "Annington understands the importance of fostering healthy relationships and being part of a community; participating in an activity together, like gardening, allows the veterans to have a common goal to work towards and talk about.

"We hope this donation will not only provide healthy food but will contribute to their overall well-being."

Andy Heath, the lead admin for the Salisbury and Amesbury AFVBC, said:
“The growing cage will allow us to expand our vegetable and fruit collection.

“Spending time outside in nature helps people feel connected and at peace;
this is essential to those members who feel adrift after leaving the military.
Thank you to Annington for this thoughtful donation.”