

If you go down to Belleville today, you're sure of a big surprise

Residents at an Edinburgh care home enjoyed a teddy bear takeover as they reminisced about childhood memories during a picnic.

[Mansfield Care's](#) Belleville Lodge invited its residents to bring along their own teddy bears and soft toys for an afternoon of fun.

Along with the teddy takeover was an array of homemade cakes and tea as the residents discussed their favourite toys they, and their children, used to play with when they were younger.

While teddies were the most popular guests at the picnic, a toy dog and a knitted black cat called 'Snuffles' were also in attendance.

Belleville Lodge Matron, Margaret Russell, said: "There were lots of smiles and everyone enjoyed holding and touching the soft toys and passing them around for a cuddle.

"One of the highlights of the day that made everyone happy was to see all the teddies and soft toys lined up together for a portrait photo.

"We all joined in to sing along to "The Teddy Bears' Picnic" and everyone, both staff and residents, agreed that we'd had a lovely afternoon."

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