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### **Yorkshire Care Residents Bake Prize-Winning Christmas Cake**

Two residents at a West Yorkshire care service have whisked, rolled and drizzled their way to victory in a Christmas baking competition.

The two individuals supported at Beacon House, a specialist residential service in Bradford for individuals with learning disabilities and autism, won first prize in the Cygnet Christmas Cake Off 2025.

The competition saw service users and residents from across the country unleash their baking skills in a bid to produce the most impressive edible Christmas designs.

Entries were judged on originality of design, artistic ability and service user engagement.

Paul Helliwell-Kenny, Home Manager at the Cygnet Social Care service, submitted Beacon House's entry.

He said: "Our residents were involved in weighing and mixing the ingredients as well as pouring the batter into the tins. Once the cake was baked, they then helped to make and pipe the buttercream icing. With help from our Support Worker Olajumoke for the fiddly bits, our residents then created the fondant decorations, including the presents, candy canes, snowman, baubles and Santa."

Judges were impressed by the ambitious scale of the bake and commended the skill demonstrated by the residents in piping the challenging shape.

After hearing they had won first prize of £250, Paul praised the individuals supported at the Cygnet Social Care service, adding: "Our residents did a fantastic job and the cake is stunning. We are very proud of all of their hard work and the hard work of Olajumoke.

"They had so much fun making it! It has meant so much to them, when I told them they had won they were absolutely over the moon and you could see how proud they were of this achievement. Discussions have started on what to spend the prize money on - it's currently between a smoothie or ice cream maker."