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### **Tillery Valley staff rewarded for long service**

A number of staff at award-winning food production company, Tillery Valley, have been rewarded for their long-term commitment to the firm. Individuals completing 20 years of service with the Abertillery-based company were treated to a full day and overnight stay in London to celebrate their loyalty.

Angela Morris, Julie Kimber, David Kavanagh and Gary Landon Jones enjoyed a river cruise along the Thames, a flight on the London Eye, a tour and dinner at Madame Tussauds and an overnight stay in Marble Arch.

Julie Kimber, 57, from Abertillery works in the filling hall at Tillery Valley's production plant. She said: "No other firms which I know of treat their employees so well. We are all valued for the work we do and the day in London to celebrate our service was a wonderful opportunity."

Mr Landon-Jones, a 40 year old shift manager, originally from Bognor Regis, began his employment with Tillery Valley in 1991. He said: "We had a fantastic day and we were all made to feel very at ease. It is great to feel part of a company that really cares about its employees."

Site Director at Tillery Valley, Phil Hall said: "We feel it is important to show just how much we value and appreciate all the hard work, dedication, and loyalty of our long-serving employees. Our business success relies on the talented individuals who provide our customers and clients with exceptional service every day.

"We pride ourselves on looking after our employees and recognising those who show dedication and loyalty to the business. We take great pleasure in celebrating this commitment."

Tillery Valley provides meals to the public sector across the UK, delivering daily to schools, hospitals and local authorities. The organisation also provides a 'meals on wheels' service and a bespoke service for the care home sector. Tillery Valley's advanced production plant in Abertillery has the capacity to produce one million meals a week, and the site employs 350 people from the local area.