

Down Lodge

Residential Home for the care of the elderly

Aims and Objectives

To provide a caring and comfortable environment in which all residents will be able to maximise their individual potential. Where each person will benefit from personal choice and group contact, and enjoy the remainder of their years in peace and dignity.

Location: for residents

The home is conveniently situated approximately 200 yards from the market square in Wokingham. This short comfortable walk provides safe and easy access to the shopping area and many facilities which the town affords. Facilities include churches of all denominations, a town library, public parks and gardens, local clubs and organisations, village type shops and main supermarkets, post office etc. All this activity yet the home stands in a quiet residential area.

Care and Safety

Down Lodge conforms to the latest Berkshire fire and safety regulations. A modern assistance call panel is situated adjacent to the central call station to ensure prompt attention to resident requirements. The modern smoke detection system is supported by strategically located fire extinguishers. The building is served by emergency fire escapes at both ends of the building on the first floor.

Accommodation

Down Lodge is a spacious well maintained detached house with bright airy rooms. Double glazed sliding patio doors from the lounge provide easy access to our large south facing conservatory and garden. Each resident has their own bedroom except where the residents choice is to share with another with similar interests.

All rooms are double glazed, fully carpeted and centrally heated with individually adjusted thermostatic control for personal comfort. A number of en-suite bedrooms are available with the remaining bedrooms having their own vanity unit. A specialist medical bath is also available for luxury and convenience. Additionally all rooms have a coloured television provided and are suitably furnished, though residents do have the choice to personalise their rooms with familiar and cherished belongings.

The bright comfortable sitting room provides a private and relaxed area for reading and pursuing interests and activities. It houses a wide selection of specially selected easy-read books which is complimented by the regular visiting library. Individual dining requirements in respect of diet and preference are accommodated, and residents may choose to eat communally in the dining room or in the privacy of their own room. The comfortably furnished television and radio lounge also houses the friendliest of energetic sing-alongs.

Catering

All meals are prepared by our own cooks daily in our own kitchen. A varied and balanced menu is provided using only choice meat and fish supplemented by fresh vegetables and fruit. Meals provided are breakfast mid-morning beverages, lunch, afternoon tea, and a friendly goodnight drink. Every effort is made to cater for individual preferences and diets.

Care and Attention

Down Lodge provides full 24 hour resident care. Our staff are selected for their caring, friendly and courteous qualities as well as their experience and dedication. All employees are required to respond to the particular needs and interests of each resident as well as encourage the resident to participate in a variety of activities.

All staff have been checked via the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB)

Extent of Care

As well as permanent residents the home will cater for short stay and respite care requirements. Key workers are allocated to short and long term residents alike so that individual progress is monitored alongside the level of care provided.

Facilities

Residents are free to come and go as they choose though every attention is paid to their safety and security. Every attempt is made to accommodate personal independence and requirements.

The following extra facilities are provided:

- Electrical Chair Life
- All inclusive Laundry Wash Service
- Visiting Priest/Chaplain
- Mobile Library
- Television In Every Room
- Shopping Expeditions
- Flexible Visiting Times
- Private Car Parking
- Mobile Telephone
- Organised Entertainment
- Visiting Chiropodist
- Visiting Hairdresser
- Newspaper and Periodicals

Terms

Day to day costs including meals, heat, light, cleaning and laundry are included in quoted room rates.

Personal extras for such as hairdressing, chiropody, newspapers, toiletries and dry cleaning are chargeable at cost.

Room charges vary accordingly to the room and the degree of specialist care needed by a resident guest. Each resident will have the opportunity to stay at Down Lodge for 4 weeks before being asked to sign a residency contract.

This gives both the proprietors and resident time to decide on the suitability for a long term stay. Once a contract has been signed the agreement shall continue until the death of the resident or by the written notice given by either part four weeks before the intended date of termination.

Location: for visitors

The town of Wokingham is very accessible, positioned between the M3 and M4 motorways.

Direct public transport, bus and train, is available from Reading centre.

Wokingham railway station is but a brisk stroll away.

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