

WELCOME TO BRACKLEY FIELDS!

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PHILOSOPHY

The principal aim of Brackley Fields Country House is to provide an environment where residents are able to benefit from a fulfilling relaxed and secure lifestyle.

Residents have the opportunity to control as much of their lives as they are able, or would wish. An important feature in this respect is our commitment to ensure that Brackley Fields is equipped and maintained to provide comfortable, secure and safe accommodation, which residents are pleased to call their "Home". A key feature is that residents are encouraged to make their own decisions as to the style of their living so that we can offer person centered care.

This is a family run home and encourages close contact between the staff, residents and their families. Staff turnover is very low; the directors and senior staff have been in post since 1995.

SERVICE USER'S GUIDE

In addition to this brochure, there is available a Service User's Guide that gives much greater detail. It also incorporates our Statement of Purpose. A copy is available upon request or the Home's copy can be read when visiting.

STYLE

We offer a full range of care to suit clients' needs. As well as residential care and respite care, we also offer day care which gives family carers a break and is a convenient way of introducing clients to long term care. Many permanent residents use the facility much as a residential hotel where they come and go as they wish.

We encourage families and friends not only to visit but also to take out residents: Weekends are popular for this and some even stay away overnight. The home appears very informal and we are proud that we are known for not being 'an institution'. Visitors are welcome at any time but we ask that meal times are avoided.

FACILITIES

Free Wi-Fi is available.

A wide variety of both indoor and outdoor pursuits is undertaken in which residents are encouraged to participate.

A Residents' Fund exists to help defray the cost of entertainment and travel. Revenue for the fund is generated from fund-raising activities and private donations to support events like boat trips, shows, and imported entertainment.

We are involved in the local community which encourages pastoral visitors. Numerous indoor events take place, such as professional concerts, exercise sessions, choral singing and board games from bridge through Scrabble to bingo co-ordinated by our own dedicated Activities Organisers morning and afternoon 5 days a week.

ACCOMMODATION

The main house was built in about 1875 as a country farmhouse but was converted in 1985 to become a retirement home. The property has since been extended and provides accommodation for 34 residents:

- 32 single en-suite/single rooms and 1 twin room.
- All rooms have TV points, call bells and most have telephone points; all those in the new wing (2007) have installed phone lines and ceiling fans and individually controlled under floor heating.
- Access to the first floor is by shaft lift or attendant operated stair lift. The bungalow extension, where all rooms are en-suite is reserved for more independent residents.
- Public rooms comprise a large hall/library, 3 sitting rooms, a modern dining room and a conservatory.
- The grounds that surround the house are level to make walking easier and there is much to interest gardeners.

DIETS

Our qualified Catering Staff freshly prepare all our food. Home cooking and baking is a popular speciality at Brackley Fields. For lunch, a fortnightly variety menu is standard but we do cater for preferences, whilst High Tea has a multi-choice menu. Special diets are catered for at no extra cost.

STAFF TRAINING

- All staff undergo mandatory training in food hygiene, health & safety, first aid, movement and handling, hygiene and insight training in dementia.
- Our Training Co-ordinator conducts mandatory induction training for all new care staff to ensure high standards of care.
- A personal development programme in line with the Government's initiative in the Qualification Credit Framework is also undertaken.
- A number of staff are trained to NVQ Level 3 in healthcare and the Deputy Manager is qualified to level 4 and also holds the Registered Manager's Award.

PETS

Residents may bring their own small pets but we ask them to look after them. There are a number of pets already resident here therefore each case must be assessed individually.

FURNITURE

Although rooms are fully furnished, we do encourage residents to bring their own furniture and belongings to help them feel at home. However, the new wing is bespoke furnished and only items additional to the inventory should be brought.

SERVICES

- A full machine laundry service is provided at no extra cost.
- Hairdressing, chiropody and physiotherapy are available on the premises at nominal cost.
- NHS chiropody, dental and medical services are also available free of charge at the Brackley Health Centre nearby.

TRANSPORT

There is ample secure car parking for residents' and visitors' cars. The management on behalf of residents can oversee the scheduled maintenance of vehicles, MOTs, car tax and insurance matters at no charge, if necessary. We are on the Banbury - Brackley bus route and the bus stop is at the entrance to the Home.

Where residents need to move around the local area, this is done by the home at no extra charge.

FINANCE

Fees are agreed after initial assessment and are set at Single room and Single en-suite rates. Weekly fees range from £650 to £700 and up to £800 for clients with mild dementia

Fees are paid in advance, normally by standing order, following a successful first month's trial period.

The funding of care that involves state intervention is complicated but can be discussed when visiting. Where funds are close to the threshold of state involvement, advice is available from Council Social Service departments and local NHS PCTs/CCGs if Continuing Health Care (CHC) funding is appropriate.

We offer a free of charge service to operate individual cash accounts to pay for incidental costs such as chiropody, newspapers etc. The accounting process is very transparent with statements and receipts being sent to nominated family members for attention.