

Newsletter

Amesbury Extra Care

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Archers Gate, Amesbury will be the home to a new extra care living facility. The development is targeted at those over the age of 55 who are seeking independent living with option on-site care if/when needed.

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Welcome to the first edition of our Amesbury Extra Care progress newsletter. We will be circulating copies of this newsletter every two months so that you can find out how things are progressing and how you can be involved in the development.

Wiltshire Council has recognised the ageing population in Wiltshire and as a result has set out a strategy to ensure that there is suitable accommodation to meet everyone's needs.

As such, Wiltshire Council has taken on the development of two extra care schemes which will be built and managed by Wiltshire Council. The affordable housing offers an alternative to the similar private retirement facilities that are on offer throughout the county.

The development is on the Archers Gate site and located adjacent to the Amesbury Archer School and Sports Facility.

You have been sent this Newsletter because you have expressed an interest in Amesbury extra care housing or you live in the vicinity.

What is Extra Care?

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Extra Care is an affordable housing or retirement living option for singles or couples who want to maintain their independence but would benefit from the care that is available on site.

You will be considered suitable for Extra Care even if you have no immediate care needs, but are at risk of social isolation or planning for future care needs. The benefit of Extra Care is that the care is tailored to suit each individual's needs at any given time.

The accommodation itself provides self-contained apartments with communal facilities such as restaurant, lounge and group activities on site should you choose to engage in these.

What is available at the Amesbury Extra Care scheme?

We are in the process of building 60 units of accommodation 40 x 2 bed apartments and 20 x 1 bed apartments. We are intending to make 40 of the apartments available as affordable rent and 20 apartments available to purchase on a shared ownership basis.

Progress update

The work started on site in January 2017 and we are already seeing the building take shape, with apartment shells completed and corridors completed enabling you to imagine how the building is going to feel as you walk around.



Proposed view of the scheme.



Layout of the ground floor entrance and communal areas (shown in blue) with the apartments shown surrounding the courtyard area.

How do I get an apartment?

You will need to apply to join the Homes 4 Wiltshire housing register if you wanted to rent or part buy one of the apartments. You can do this online at www.homes4wiltshire.co.uk or you can call the team on **0300 456 0105**.

If you are in receipt of care or support your care provider or support worker will also be able to assist you in the application process.

Needham House in Devizes

To give you an idea of what the extra care scheme will offer once completed please find below pictures of the recently completed Devizes extra care scheme 'Needham House'. The development was also completed by Mi-Space, albeit the architecture is somewhat different from an external appearance the internal finishing will be much the same:



Panoramic picture of the courtyard area at Needham House



Communal assisted bathroom



Show flat – patio area



Show flat – master bedroom



Show flat – bathroom



Show flat – kitchen/diner

What's next?

In the coming months we will be working with the local community to name the scheme.

Further down the line we will be looking to find someone to run the restaurant/café facilities. The intention of this facility is to provide a café to the residents and local community. The location of the facility is ideal for attracting a variety of local members of the public, such as family members watching sports in the nearby sports pavilion, for parents who have just dropped their children off at school and who are seeking a catch up over a coffee or for those living on the local estate who want to enjoy a home cooked lunch/tea. If you know of someone qualified in catering, running a small business out of their home but looking to expand their talents for something slightly bigger then please let them know to keep their eyes peeled for the upcoming opportunity.

We will also hold an open morning at Needham House in Devizes to enable those interested in this type of accommodation to visit Needham House to see the benefits on offer in living in this type of environment with an opportunity to ask any questions. Dates to be confirmed.

Contact details

We will send regular newsletters to update on progress to everyone who has expressed an interest in the scheme. If you would like to be on the mailing list or know someone who is interested please contact **Laura Young** on **01249 706551, 07810 830859** or by emailing **laura.young@wiltshire.gov.uk** alternatively you can contact the customer services team on 0300 456 0100 for more information.