

## Darlison Court

Ashfield District Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and Ashfield Homes - working in partnership

### What is Darlison Court?

Darlison Court is a brand new apartment complex for older adults located in central Hucknall. As well as sheltered living accommodation, it will provide 10 Extra Care apartments supported by a 24/7 onsite care team.

Due to open in March 2016, Darlison Court is being built and funded by Ashfield District Council, with support from Nottinghamshire County Council. It will be managed by Ashfield Homes.

There will be 39 one and two bedroom apartments as well as purpose built communal facilities including lounges and dining spaces.

Darlison Court is in an ideal location for access to Hucknall town centre, and will be surrounded by communal gardens. The apartments are being built to a very high standard, ensuring they are spacious and accessible for older adults. Each apartment will be fitted with a call system, providing residents with the reassurance of being able to seek assistance if needed. The apartments are also designed to be energy-efficient, helping to keep bills low.



In addition to high quality housing the communal facilities within Darlison Court will provide residents with social opportunities, which will help to create a lively community.

Of the 39 apartments, 29 will be sheltered living accommodation. The remaining 10 apartments will be Extra Care housing. This means that residents of those apartments will have the additional reassurance of support from the onsite care staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to provide help with personal care.

### Applying for the 29 sheltered living apartments

The 29 sheltered living apartments will be advertised and let to applicants on Ashfield District Council's Homefinder Housing Register.

To be considered for one of the apartments applicants must be a minimum age of 60. Preference will be given to existing Ashfield District Council tenants who are moving from family sized accommodation. Applicants who live in the district and those with a strong connection to the district will also be prioritised over those with no local connection.

### Applying for the 10 Extra Care apartments

Extra Care housing is an extension of traditional supported housing, aimed at older adults who want to retain their independence but who might otherwise be at risk of requiring long-term residential care.

It allows people to live as independently as possible in their own home with the reassurance of support with personal care from the onsite care team as required.

The care team will be on site 24 hours a day, seven days a week to meet the care needs of residents during both the day and at night-time.

The focus is always on a person's needs and choices, with the care service tailored to provide help with personal care as required.

This exciting Extra Care scheme in Hucknall is part of the County Council's wider ambition to provide Extra Care accommodation in each Nottinghamshire district.

Extra Care housing is usually available to people aged 65 years and over, although in some exceptional circumstances, younger people may be considered.

The County Council's Older Adults Team will nominate people to live in the 10 Extra Care apartments within Darlison Court. To be nominated, a person will need to be assessed by the Council as being eligible for social care support and assessed as eligible for some degree of financial support towards the cost of their care.

The County Council's Extra Care housing schemes are offered as a real alternative to residential care. Therefore, it is expected that people referred by the County Council to live in the Extra Care accommodation will have reasonably high levels of care and support needs as well as a positive desire to retain or regain their independence.

## **How much will it cost to live at Darlison Court?**

### **Sheltered living apartments:**

Tenants of the 29 sheltered living apartments will pay a weekly rent to Ashfield Homes. There may also be a small service charge to cover the cost of your heating and communal facilities. Tenants on a low income can apply for housing benefit to help pay the weekly rent.

### **Extra Care apartments:**

Tenants of the 10 extra care apartments will pay the same weekly rent and service charge to Ashfield Homes.

You will also pay an additional amount to Nottinghamshire County Council for care and support costs. The amount will depend on individual circumstance and a financial assessment will be carried out to work out exactly how much you can afford to pay.

Further information about paying for care is available on the Council's website here:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/adult-social-care/paying-for-care>



## **How can I find out more?**

If you would like to know more about Darlison Court, or would like to express an interest in renting one of the apartments please contact Ashfield Homes:

Visit: Hucknall Property Shop, Watnall Road, Hucknall

Telephone: 0115 9568713

Email: [homefinder@ashfieldhomes.co.uk](mailto:homefinder@ashfieldhomes.co.uk)

If you would like to know more about Extra Care housing please visit:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/extracare>

Information about how to arrange for someone to be assessed for social care support is available at:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/adult-social-care/care-and-support-assessment>

To speak to someone about Extra Care Housing, or to arrange for an assessment, contact the County Council's Customer Service Centre on 0300 500 80 80. Lines are open Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm and Saturday from 8am to 12 noon.