

Poppy Fields – homes for older people

Mansfield District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council - working in partnership

What is Poppy Fields?

Poppy Fields is a brand new housing development for older people located in central Mansfield.

Due to officially open in March 2016, Poppy Fields is being built and funded by Mansfield District Council (MDC), with investment and support from Nottinghamshire County Council, and grant funding from the national Homes and Communities Agency.

Poppy Fields is ideally located for easy access to Mansfield Town centre and will provide 64 new homes, a mixture of bungalows, apartments, maisonettes, and two storey-houses. The scheme will also have a fantastic purpose built community centre at the heart of the site, which will include a communal lounge, dining space with a catering kitchen and an activities and reminiscent room.

Each new home is being built to a very high standard, ensuring they are spacious and accessible for older people, designed to meet the possible future needs e.g. level access showers, wheelchair turning circles, accessible kitchens etc. A call system is also provided within each property, ensuring residents have the reassurance of being able to seek assistance if needed. Of the 64 homes there will be:

- six homes as general older adults accommodation available for rent directly from MDC
- 10 shared ownership homes, available via a part rent/part buy scheme with MDC

- 48 Extra Care homes available to rent from MDC, whose tenants will have support from a 24/7 onsite care team



Applying to live in one of the 48 Extra Care homes

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

Extra Care housing enables people to live as independently as possible in their own home with the reassurance of support with personal care from a care team on site 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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.

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

To be considered for one of the 48 Extra Care Homes, an older person will need to be assessed by the County Council as being eligible for social care support and requiring Extra Care accommodation. They will also need to register on the District's HomeFinder Register and meet the District's eligibility for housing in Mansfield.



Applying for the six general older people's accommodation

The six general older people's homes on Poppy Fields will be advertised and let to applicants on MDC'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 MDC 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.

Buying a shared ownership home

To enquire about buying a shared ownership property, please contact David Blount, Estate Agents and Surveyors:

Telephone: 01623 422777

Website: www.davidblount.co.uk

How much will it cost to live at Poppy Fields?

General older adults' accommodation:

Tenants of the six general older people's accommodation will pay a weekly rent and service charge to MDC. Tenants on a low

income can apply for housing benefit to help pay the weekly rent.

Extra Care homes:

Tenants of the 48 Extra Care homes will pay a weekly rent and service charge to MDC.

Tenants of Extra Care Housing 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 by the County Council to work out exactly how much someone 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 Poppy Fields, or would like to express an interest in renting one of the homes please contact MDC:

The Civic Centre, Chesterfield Road South, Mansfield, NG19 7BH

Telephone: 01623 463463

Email: mdc@mansfield.gov.uk

To speak to someone about Extra Care Housing, or to arrange for an assessment, contact the County Council:

Nottinghamshire County Council Customer Service Centre: 0300 500 80 80.

Information about how to arrange for someone to be assessed for social care support is also available on the County Council's website at:

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

The website also has more background information about Extra Care in general if you would like to know more about this type of housing with care:

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