

## **The Abbeyfield Barnard Castle Society Ltd.**

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### **WHAT IS ABBEYFIELD?**

The Abbeyfield Society is a registered charity which provides family-style living for the elderly who are no longer able or willing to live alone, but who wish to lead an independent life. All Residents have either their own en-suite Bedsitting Room or self-contained Flat, in which they keep their own possessions.

**The Abbeyfield Barnard Castle Society** was established in 1967 as a non-profit making company. It is registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission. No member of the Society is remunerated for his/her services and he/she devotes a considerable amount of time to the service of the Society, so that costs are kept to a minimum.

Although completely independent, the Barnard Castle Society is affiliated to the National Abbeyfield Society. It fully supports the Society's purpose, which is to provide the elderly with their own homes within the security and companionship of small households, which can become focal points for goodwill and friendly contact within the community. There are more than 550 local Abbeyfield Societies in the U.K. (of which Barnard Castle is one) with over 1,000 Abbeyfield Houses caring for some 7,500 elderly people.

### **WHERE IS BARNARD CASTLE ABBEYFIELD?**

The Society has two Houses in Barnard Castle:-

**Abbeyfield House**, on the corner of Galgate and Montalbo Road, was previously a Doctor's home and surgery. It was purchased in 1967 and converted to provide 7 single en-suite Bedsitting Rooms and 4 single-person Flats. Residents in the Rooms are provided with lunch and tea in the Dining Room and have facilities to make breakfast etc. in their own Rooms. Each of the 4 Flats has a Living Room, Bedroom (or a Bedsitting Room), Kitchen and Bathroom, and Residents make their own meals.

**Corn Close House**, in Flatts Road, was previously a private dwelling then, later, a nursing home. It was purchased by the Society in 1998 and, after substantial repair and alteration, opened in July 1998. It provides 6 single en-suite Bedsitting Rooms and one 2-person Flat with Living Room, Bedroom and Bathroom. All Residents are provided with lunch and tea in the Dining Room and have facilities to make breakfast etc. in their own Rooms.

### **WHO RUNS ABBEYFIELD?**

The Society is run by its Executive Committee. It meets monthly and has 10-12 unpaid members with a wide variety of caring, professional and business experience. The Committee is responsible, with the Resident Housekeepers, for the day-to-day running of each House, the welfare and comfort of the Residents, the repair, maintenance and upkeep of the properties and all the other matters which arise. Members of the Committee maintain close contact with the Housekeepers and the Residents - they will not intrude on the Residents' privacy, but they are there to help whenever the need arises.

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## **WHAT IS PROVIDED?**

The Residents' own Rooms or Flats - to treat as they would their own homes; to come and go as they please; to have their friends and relatives to visit them, and to take part in whatever activities they wish, either within or outside of the House.

### **Abbeyfield House, Galgate, Flats.**

The weekly charge covers the rent of the Flat, central heating and hot water, Water Rates, Council Tax and all communal facilities, a Resident Housekeeper and staff. No meals are provided, and Residents are responsible for the electricity used in their Flats.

### **Abbeyfield House, Galgate, Rooms.**

#### **Corn Close House, Flatts Road. Rooms and Flat.**

The weekly charge covers the rent of the Room or Flat, central heating and hot water, Water Rates, Council Tax and all communal facilities, a Resident Housekeeper and staff, the fortnightly cleaning of the Room or Flat and the fortnightly laundering of bed linen. The two main meals of the day are provided in the Dining Room.

## **GENERAL.**

All Rooms and Flats are provided with a BT telephone outlet, and Residents are responsible for the cost of connection, installation and use of the line.

All Rooms and Flats have a call alarm system, and Residents are provided with personal alarms. Each of the Society's two Houses has a 'door entry' system controlled from each Room and Flat.

Residents do not require a TV licence.

Residents carpet and furnish their own Rooms or Flats (often, they are already carpeted).

Arrangements may be able to be made, at an extra charge, for personal laundry.

Charges are payable 4 weeks in advance by Standing Order. Charges are reviewed annually on 1st March.

The Society's two Houses provide very sheltered housing in 'supportive houses'. Without fail, a Housekeeper will be in each House overnight. During most of the day, there will be staff in the House, but not 24 hours a day. It must be understood that there are no nursing facilities or staff to look after Residents, if they are unable to look after themselves. If necessary, and with agreement, Residents can arrange to have extra help at their own expense. Even with such extra help, if Residents are unable to look after themselves, then, sadly, the Society must ask them to leave. If Residents have to be admitted to hospital, then their Rooms or Flats are kept for them on payment of the weekly charge less an amount in respect of food. Every care is taken to assure Residents who are going into hospital that they will not lose their Rooms or Flats.

It is, however, impossible to retain a Room or Flat when the Resident's Doctor indicates that the Resident will never be able to look after himself/herself again without constant medical or nursing care.

The Society reserves the right to give notice to any Resident whose continued presence, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, is adversely affecting the well-being of the other Residents, or the smooth running of the House. In such a case, a minimum of 4 weeks' notice will usually be given and, should any Resident wish to leave, the Society similarly requires 4 weeks' notice.

**For further information about the Society and the accommodation and care we offer, please contact the House Secretary: Mrs M Jenkins, 7 Queen Street Close, Barnard Castle, (07754205664) or Mrs Gail Coll, Administrator, The Abbeyfield Barnard Castle Society Ltd, Corn Close House, Flatts Road, Barnard Castle, Co Durham, DL12 8AB, Tel: 01833 695882**