



Willowcroft care home

*Live later
life well*

Residential, residential dementia and short-stay care in Derby

The care home with the *community spirit*

Located just a stone's throw from Derby city centre, Willowcroft blends the charm of its historic Spondon setting with modern, purpose-built facilities.

Built on the site of the old Anglers Arms pub, the home carries a rich legacy of the local community while offering residents a fresh, vibrant place to call home.

Wide, light-filled spaces and thoughtful design ensure every resident feels safe and at ease. Ground-floor rooms with private patios invite the outdoors in, while communal areas provide space for connection and relaxation.

With nearby Borrowash canal and easy access to local shops and cafes, our home is perfectly placed for outings, adventures, or simply enjoying the calm of nature. Here, every resident can experience the best of comfort, care, and community. Our residents are encouraged to personalise their space to reflect their personality and cherished memories.

Every detail is designed to ensure residents feel safe, supported, and part of a close-knit community.



Willowcroft is a special home with a dedicated team, where we firmly believe that the care home belongs to the residents and should feel like their own. We are deeply committed to person-centred care and our devoted team shares a common goal - ensuring the wellbeing of our residents.

Victoria Humphrey, Home Manager



Gardens for *all seasons*

Our gardens are designed for everyone to enjoy, featuring a sensory garden with raised beds and planters brimming with fragrant herbs and lavender. A stroll through this tranquil space is accompanied by the gentle hum of bees, adding to the peaceful atmosphere.

The shaded pagoda and patio seating provide peaceful spots to enjoy a cup of tea, while seasonal events like summer fairs and BBQs transform the gardens into a vibrant gathering place. Residents and their families come together for laughter, music, and good food, creating cherished memories.

For quieter moments, the gardens offer benches surrounded by greenery, perfect for enjoying the fresh air or reflecting on the day. From morning walks to sunny afternoons, Willowcroft's outdoor spaces are where connections and memories bloom.

A taste of *home*

Food at Willowcroft isn't just about nourishment - it's about comfort, flavour, and connection. Residents enjoy freshly prepared meals made with care, featuring hearty classics like Sunday roast or the much-loved traditional trifle dessert.

The chef works closely with residents to create menus that reflect their tastes. Leafy greens, curries, and traditional British favourites regularly feature, with residents often adding their own ideas to the menu. We also like to pack in an assortment of homemade cakes, including Victoria sponge, lemon drizzle, and chocolate fudge cake, much to everyone's delight.

Baking sessions are a highlight, with residents preparing their own sweet treats while sharing recipes and memories. Themed food events, such as international cuisine nights, bring a sense of adventure to mealtimes.



I cannot recommend Willowcroft highly enough. From the office staff to the carers, cleaners, kitchen staff and caretaker, you won't find a more devoted and helpful team.

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What you can expect at Willowcroft:

- Meals are freshly prepared by our in-house chef.
- Menus are designed around seasonal produce.
- Ingredients are sourced locally wherever possible.
- Drinks and snacks are on-hand 24 hours a day.

Take a look at our sample menu:

Lunch

Traditional roast pork
with apple sauce.

or

Goats' cheese, spinach
and tomato quiche.

*All served with seasonal potatoes
and roasted root vegetables.*

Watermelon sorbet.

Evening meal

Soup of the day, with a
selection of sandwiches.

or

Cheese and potato pie.

Lemon drizzle cake.







Support that *speaks for itself*

Our care is tailored to each resident's individual needs and preferences. Our residential and residential dementia home features 60 en-suite bedrooms, each equipped with extras such as mini-fridges and PIR motion sensors to enhance safety and comfort.

Communal spaces, including cosy lounges and the reminiscing room, provide opportunities for connection and reflection. The reminiscing room, designed like a traditional coffee shop, often sparks conversations and laughter as residents share stories from their past.

What truly sets us apart is our dedicated team, with many staff members having been with the home since it first opened, fostering a strong sense of trust and continuity. Regular resident meetings give everyone a voice in shaping their daily lives, from planning activities to choosing menu options.

It's about more than just care - it's about creating a home where residents feel valued, supported, and celebrated.



It really is a home-from-home. We know that Mum is happy and content, and we couldn't ask for her to be better looked after.

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Our commitments to you:

- You'll remain in control of your care and support. Always.
- You'll be supported by a caring, compassionate team.
- You'll benefit from proven and pioneering therapies.
- You'll be valued and respected in a like-minded community.
- You'll be free to make this home your own – inside and out.

Facilities

- Single furnished ensuite bedrooms.
- Award-winning music therapy.
- Comfortable lounges and communal areas.
- Secure landscaped gardens with patio areas.
- Hairdressing salon for care and pampering.
- Sensory garden (planned development).
- 24/7 nurse call system in every room.
- Dedicated chaplain for spiritual support.









Living later life well

When you think of a care home, what springs to mind?

Life at Willowcroft is as vibrant as its residents. Daily activities include arts and crafts, bingo, baking, and the much-loved rummy club. Created by residents, the rummy club brings people together for evenings filled with laughter and friendly competition.

Special outings to local pubs and attractions, like Derby County Football Club, add excitement to the calendar. Residents also enjoy visits from entertainers, including falconry displays and local musicians, making every week unique and engaging.

Our animal therapy visits are always a highlight, bringing plenty of smiles, cuddles, and wagging tails! Whether it's a gentle pup to stroke or chirping budgies to watch, these little moments never fail to bring joy and laughter to our residents. Alongside the animal magic, our chaplain plays a big role in building community - leading weekly services and having heartfelt one-to-one conversations for anyone who fancies a chat.



I had the experience of seeing this home when I went to visit my grandpa. He received wonderful care, they knew him well, his likes and dislikes and were very patient with him.

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Here *for you...*

Whether you're searching for yourself or a loved one, for short-stay, residential or residential dementia care, our team at Willowcroft will be here to help.

We understand that searching for a care home can be a confusing time for any family. So, we hope it's reassuring to know that our doors are always open. Our advice is always generous. Our residents are always eager to welcome a new character into the fold. And our charitable ethos will always guide everything we do.

We'll be ready to support. Whenever you need us:



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Proud to be part of MHA

For more than 80 years, families have been choosing MHA to support the needs and aspirations of their loved ones in later life.

People have been forging friendships through our community programmes. Fundraising to drive our charitable goals. And spreading the warmth, comfort and spirituality that you'll find across every MHA care home, community and development.

It's always for one reason, which will *a/ways* stay the same: helping older people to live later life well.



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