



## Needham House

Needham house is a Wiltshire Council owed Extra Care Scheme which has now been open 5 years, and we still have many of the original residents who moved in during that first year. There are 47 apartments, and all come with a level access wet room, 1 or 2 bedrooms, an open lounge kitchen area, and their own private balcony or patio.

All but 8 properties are rented through the Homes4Wiltshire scheme and the rest our shared ownership.

There are currently 60 residents at Needham, all with various levels of support. Some residents have 24hour live-in care, some have a number of visits each day, and some have no support and still have a very active social life outside of Needham.

For those who are not able to access the community as easily we have re started many of our activities, these include coffee mornings, scrabble, cribbage, knit and natter, quiz nights, bingo and of course the pool table which is very popular. We have also started to introduce theme nights, our most recent theme night was based around French cuisine, and include a 3 course meal, with table service, music, and theme decorations, many of our residents attended and we have had nothing but good reports and requests for more activities like this.

We have also started in recent months working closely with Devizes NHS Community teams, and they have been running clinics from Needham undertaking some basic health assessment and supporting people with their mental health, and we are in the process of getting their leg group here on a Thursday morning, along with the social coffee morning that comes with it.

Needham isn't just for the residents, our doors are open to everyone, and we have started to get a few visitors from the local community, they have started to come and joined in the cribbage and knit and natter groups, and were even invited to our Jubilee BBQ by our residents which we had the other weekend.

We hope that the more people who know about Needham House and what we are trying to do, will mean more people will visit and join in with are activities, and if we can help one person from the community by providing a safe and welcoming environment then its all worth it.

For more details, drop in and visit, or contact the Needham House Scheme Manager, Mon – Fri, 8.00am to 4.30pm, contact details below.

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