



Fitzwarren House care home

*Live later
life well*

Nursing, residential dementia and short-stay care in Swindon

An unmistakable *welcome*

Glastonbury Festival's founder, Michael Eavis, knows a thing or two about bringing people together to create new memories and savour new experiences. So, in a funny kind of way, he was a very fitting person to open our home back in 2005.

He's not the only famous influence at Fitzwarren House though – our Quentin Blake room is clear evidence of that. This cosy lounge space is adorned with ten signed prints, generously gifted by the famed artist to our home.

But despite our brushes with celebrities, it's the people who live and work at Fitzwarren House that create such a special environment in our home. Many of our team have devoted decades of their career to us, having been here when our doors first opened just over 20 years ago.

We think this is one of the reasons people find Fitzwarren House so instantly and unmistakably warm and welcoming. Because it's a genuine home. With a genuine sense of family.

Set in a quiet rural location in Swindon, our 64 bedded care home is designed as four close-knit communities of 16 people. Each has its own lounge, dining area and break-out spaces, with two of these areas dedicated to dementia care, and two for general nursing care.



I feel very lucky to be part of Fitzwarren House. We have an absolutely lovely team here, and they truly devote themselves to each resident. I love the fact that every visitor knows everyone by name... both staff and residents alike. Maybe it's a little thing, but I think it demonstrates the close and caring nature here.

Sue Smith, Home Manager



Calmness in the *countryside*

If you're someone who craves the hustle and bustle of urban environments, then Fitzwarren House might not be for you.

But for anyone who relishes the calm and quietude of rural living, you might just fall in love with this location. Occupying a peaceful location, our home enjoys views over Stanton Park, with its wheelchair-friendly paths, wood carved sculptures, and tea rooms. Our own private gateway into the park makes this a particularly special place to spend time enjoying the outdoors, either as part of regular exercise and activities, or to enjoy a gentle amble with visiting family and friends.

Surrounding the home itself are beautifully maintained lawns, dotted with maturing fruit trees that gradually bear more apples and pears as the years pass by. There's a charming courtyard that greets you with the heady scents of lavender, basil, parsley and sage – most of which find their way into the home, as either decorations or ingredients, depending on the changing demands of our seasonal menus.

A large balcony wraps around the front of our home, offering ample seating and generous planted troughs, pots and hanging baskets... many of which overflow with strawberries throughout the summer months.

Of course, our quiet location would never hinder those with the urge to explore. We've forged partnerships with trusted local taxi companies that specialise in accessible transport, whilst Swindon's train station is just a few miles away.

Just wait until the *rhubarb's ready*

Our chefs Caroline and Sunny have been at the heart of our home for more than a decade, shaping seasonal menus around the changing tastes and nutritional needs of our residents.

From the great British classics of steak and kidney pie or sausage and mash, to the weekly traditions of Sunday roast or fish and chips Friday, our kitchen offers an ever-evolving choice of meals and snacks, from the exotic to the expected.

May and June are the most long-awaited months. After all, this is when the rhubarb ripens. Occupying a raised bed in our main garden, Fitzwarren's enormous rhubarb plant returns dutifully each year, much to the delight of our residents and chefs.

This annual ritual has allowed us to perfect the home's signature crumble, a dish that has become a favourite fixture of our spring and summer menu, whether it's dolloped with ice cream or smothered in piping custard.

And we mustn't forget a special mention for Fitzwarren's fresh cakes and biscuits, often inspired by our chef's Polish heritage. It would be impossible to pick a favourite from the ever-evolving plates of warming bakes, but let's just say you should never leave our home unless you've sampled our famous buttery shortbread dipped in chocolate.



What you can expect at Fitzwarren House:

- 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 spacious home tends to offer a pleasant surprise when people first visit, both for the generosity of the spaces, the relaxing environment, and for the expansive windows that flood our home with light.

Offering a blend of dementia and nursing care, each of the 64 bedrooms across our four separate units comes with en-suite shower. There's an accessible bath within each 16-person unit too, along with lounges, dining areas and kitchenettes.

Many of our team have devoted decades of their career to Fitzwarren House, ensuring an ever-present sense of comfort and continuity of care. There's also the spiritual support that you can find in our chaplain, a regular presence in the home, offering a listening ear or calming voice for those of any faith or outlook.



We moved my mum into Fitzwarren House after a short stay in another home. The difference in her after just a week was nothing short of remarkable. The staff are incredible, I'm so glad we managed to be given a room and feel that Mum will have a lovely life there.

Family testimonial from carehome.co.uk



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

- Spacious en-suite bedrooms with call system.
- Dedicated chaplain for spiritual support or private reflections.
- Hairdressing salon for care and pampering.
- A choice of comfortable communal areas, including our very special 'Quentin Blake' lounge that is adorned with a collection of signed prints donated by the artist himself.
- Landscaped gardens with veranda and summer house.



Unlike

any other care home

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

A visiting herd of alpacas perhaps? A raucous musical rendition to welcome the weekend? Maybe it's an exercise class inspired by British Gymnastics? Or the tinkling soar of one of our home's three pianos? Whatever your expectations or preconceptions, it's safe to say you're likely to be pleasantly surprised.

Every day is different at Fitzwarren House. And we can thank our activities co-ordinators for the variety in daily life. Experts in exercising the body and mind, they blend both traditional and unexpected events and activities, which are inclusive to everyone in the home.

You'll receive a warm welcome from our furry friends too. There's Fitz and Warren, our aptly named black cat double act, who know just who to bat their eyelashes at to receive a treat or two. Then there's Trudy the border collie, whose status as an honorary team member grants her access throughout our homes and gardens, much to the approval of her adoring fans.





Your *Fitzwarren House*

Whether you're searching for yourself or a loved one, for short stays, nursing or residential dementia care, our team at MHA's Fitzwarren House care home 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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