

GET IN TOUCH

We want you to make the right decision for you, and we're here to provide all the answers, advice and guidance you need.

Come and see us

By far the best way to find out if Benson House is the home for you is to experience it for yourself.

Come and meet our residents, talk to our friendly team, and take a tour of our beautiful home.

Benson House, Churchfield Lane, Benson, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, OX10 6SH

Call or email

Our friendly team is on hand to answer your questions between 8am and 7pm weekdays, 9am and 4pm Saturdays and 10am and 3pm Sundays on

Freephone 0808 169 8656

or enquiries@caringhomes.org

Find out more

You can read about our Home Manager and their team plus see our latest news and events at

www.caringhomes.org/benson-house

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Caring Homes was founded by my eldest son, Paul, and myself three decades ago. It was important to us then, as it is now, that all of our homes reflect our company name and be a ‘caring home’ for each resident.



We are proud to introduce our beautiful purpose-built home, Benson House located in Benson village on the northern banks of the River Thames.

As a registered nurse, I have a passion for delivering person centred care for older people. I believe that every resident deserves, and should enjoy, the best possible quality of life.

That passion is instilled into every Caring Home where our teams are committed to supporting residents to continue to live their life to the full. That means more than providing great care; it’s about working with each resident and their family to truly understand them, their wishes, needs and dreams for the future, and striving to make those dreams come true.

Benson House, like all our homes, provides the latest in luxurious facilities, but it’s the highly skilled and dedicated teams of care workers, nurses, support staff, specialists and managers who make the difference. They consistently go above and beyond to deliver the best possible care to residents – a fact that is recognised in our resident and family testimonials.

Looking for a care home is an emotional and challenging time. We have decades of experience in supporting families to make the difficult decisions. We’re here for you, every step of the way, helping our residents to live the life they want, with independence, choice and dignity.

We look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful caring home, and will be on hand to answer your questions

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TAILOR YOUR OWN CARE PACKAGE

You can tailor your own care package to suit your individual needs and if you change your mind or your requirements change, then so can your care package.

Included in your weekly care fee:

Bedroom facilities

- 24 hr Nurse Call system in all communal areas and bedrooms
- 24 hr acoustic monitoring in all bedrooms
- Bedrooms with garden views (selected rooms)
- Integrated mini fridges (selected rooms)
- Integrated safes (selected rooms)
- Tea and coffee available in room
- Smart TV’s in all bedrooms

Dining

- Formal and relaxed dining as you desire
- Tray service available to every room
- Homemade cakes for special occasions
- Hotel grade kitchens
- Nutritionally balanced meals with locally sourced produce
- Innovative menus for residents with special dietary needs including dysphagia
- Seasonal menu options and personal meetings with our Head Chef
- Selected wines, beers, spirits and sherry at meal times – on request
- Private dining room for own use with your own menu

Getting around

- Lift to all floors

Housekeeping

- Housekeeping including window cleaning, laundry and ironing service

Keeping in touch

- Open door policy for visitors
- Free Wifi throughout the home
- Landline calls (UK) plus FaceTime and Skype services

Outdoor facilities

- Visitor car parking

Outdoor space to enjoy

- Al fresco dining
- Landscaped garden
- Raised beds in garden for planting / gardening

Personal care advice/support

- Palliative care and family support at end of life
- Personalised, individual care plans and a named nurse or key care worker
- Dedicated visiting GP Service
- Electronic, person-centred care planning
- Care and nutrition advice and support

Also included in your weekly care fee:

Rooms to enjoy

- Cinema room screening films/sporting events
- Lounge/communal area
- Newspapers and magazines in communal areas

- Quiet rooms
- Lounge drinks and snacks always available
- Bistro with drinks and snacks
- Dedicated activities room

- TV Lounge/Smart TV (communal areas)
- Hair/Beauty Salon

Things to do

- Religious services can be arranged
- Visiting Pet therapy
- Dedicated Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator
- Lounges with board games, newspapers, magazines and screening of films/sporting events

- Health and Fitness programme - Oomph!
- Planned activities schedule including visiting entertainers
- Planned excursions and days out to places of interest
- Entertain friends and family on special occasions

Special touches to consider (excluded from your weekly care fee)

- International telephone calls
- Private transport can be arranged
- Personal chaperone to medical appointments
- Occupational therapy, chiropody, physiotherapy
- Dry cleaning
- Floristry orders can be arranged
- Hairdressing (haircuts, barbering, colouring and perming)
- Manicures and pedicures
- Personal newspapers and magazines
- Premium branded wine, beer and spirits

There’s help and support every step of the way. So no matter which care package you choose, you’ll find your care plan and moving in is meticulously planned by our Home Manager.

Welcome to Benson House





MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Whether you are looking to connect with new friends or have specific care or nursing needs, we provide high quality residential, nursing and dementia care.

Knowledge and understanding are at the heart of the care we provide. We learn about your life, for example, your career, the places you've lived, and the people who are important to you.

We work with you to understand and capture your stories, your likes and dislikes, the things that make you unique. Then we use this knowledge and your care needs to shape your care plans. No detail is too small, right down to the number of pillows you like on your bed.

We understand that this is your home, and privacy and choice are fundamental to ensuring your dignity.

We will always ask permission to come into your room, and we'll always give you choices about what you'd like to do and how you'd like to do it.

Your specialist care teams

Many of our residents choose Benson House as they're looking for companionship and peace of mind. Our nurses and carers are experienced in caring for people with low level needs to the most complex of health needs. We work with a dedicated GP, consultants and specialists to plan and adapt care should your health needs change.

A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Benson House is a new, purpose-built care home located in the village of Benson.

As well as permanent and convalescent care we also offer respite and trial stays. We provide many different types of support and work with you to put together a care plan that is unique to your needs and requirements.

Our team are experienced in caring for people with the most complex of health needs including convalescent care, rehabilitation, health monitoring, wound management and the management of long term conditions.

Choosing the right type of care

- **Residential Care** – This involves offering support with some of the basic activities of daily life, such as bathing, shaving, oral care, dressing, assisting with mobility and diet management.
- **Nursing Care** – For health issues that need the ongoing attention of nurses, we provide 24-hour personal specialised nursing care led by our own registered nurses chosen for their care, compassion and experience.
- **Dementia Care** – There are many types of dementia, which affect each person in individual ways. Care includes helping to preserve their sense of identity and quality of life, in a residential or nursing setting.
- **Palliative Care** – This ensures individuals are as comfortable as possible, by managing pain and other symptoms not to mention psychological, social and spiritual support for everyone including family or carers.
- **Respite Care** – This may include helping a person to recuperate after an operation or illness, or caring for them while their regular carer takes a break.





Caring Homes has been commended for our commitment to training and has been honoured with the prestigious 'Princess Royal Training' Award for our Living in My World dementia training.



LIVING IN MY WORLD

There are now over 944,000 people living with a diagnosis of dementia within the United Kingdom and it is important to know you are not alone.

If you have recently been diagnosed with dementia, we understand this can be a difficult and emotional time. At Benson House we can help you to understand more about dementia and how to live as well as possible, including making plans for the future.

Award winning training

As well as their ongoing training in their particular field, every team member receives our unique 'Living in My World' dementia training. It highlights the importance of meaningful activities and a stimulating environment for people living with dementia, in addition to addressing clinical aspects of care.

Our training, 'Food in My World' provides our hospitality team and chefs with the skills and knowledge to stimulate senses and increase creativity in the cooking and presentation of food. This can provide a much improved dining experience for residents living with dementia and or dysphagia.

Helping residents live well with dementia

Our residents living with dementia have every opportunity to continue with the daily activities that were such a formative part of their lives, which make them feel happy and fulfilled.

Our communal rooms and ensuite bedrooms are designed in accordance with research published by Stirling University's Dementia Centre, an international centre of knowledge and expertise dedicated to improving lives of people with the condition.

With our assistance or together with family members, residents can prepare drinks, snacks and meals, carry out housework or set the table. Of course, residents are also encouraged to participate in all organised activities in the home too.

Throughout the home, memory aids promote maximum independence and confidence. Our dementia friendly design features include strong lighting coupled with the use of colour and contrast for safety and perception, plus clear signage with icons to help residents find their way around the home.

WHERE CARE AND COMFORT COMBINE

Benson House provides a luxurious, comfortable and homely setting which you will be proud to call home.

A room with a view

At Benson House there are 70 ensuite bedrooms with varying styles, sizes and aspects. Each bedroom is elegantly decorated and furnished whilst incorporating leading safety features.

Are you a keen gardener? Then a ground floor garden room may be ideal, with space for a chair or two, plus some potted plants.

How about an upstairs room with fabulous views over the beautiful landscaped gardens? There's sure to be a room that you'll love.

A space of your own

While every bedroom is fully furnished, you are encouraged to bring your own personal items to make your room feel more homely. Our maintenance team will be happy to hang a favourite picture or two, to add those important finishing touches.

Safety and comfort are our foremost concern, so all our rooms are fitted with a nurse call system and acoustic monitoring for your peace of mind. Our acoustic monitoring system means that residents can be checked and kept safe without being disturbed at night, improving sleep and wellbeing. During your visit to Benson House ask a member of our team how acoustic monitoring can benefit you.



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A LIFESTYLE YOU'LL LOVE

Moving into a care home is a new chapter in your life and we believe in enabling you to continue the hobbies you enjoy, rediscover forgotten interests, or try something new.

Tailored to you

We have a team of talented Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinators who will support you to be as active or sociable as you wish, meaning that there's plenty to do if you're keen to get involved. Taking guidance from you, they will plan varied and fulfilling activities to suit you personally.

Even simple daily tasks that may be important to you like tending to garden pots or serving tea, we recognise that everyone is unique and so are the daily activities that people choose to do at Benson House.

Enjoy our stunning facilities

Within the home, our bistro or lounges are a popular place to entertain visitors or meet friends for morning coffee or afternoon tea. We run regular Coffee Mornings too, which friends

and family are welcome to join.

Residents and visitors can also enjoy our lovely landscaped gardens providing a tranquil setting and accessible all year round.

Our hairdressers, beauticians and nail technicians are always be happy to pamper you in our onsite salon and help you to look your best, whatever the occasion.

Explore the local area

We're always keen to hear your feedback and ideas for activities so we can ensure that you're enjoying each day to the full. There is a Residents' Committee that meets regularly where you can put forward ideas. You can read feedback from our residents and relatives in our comments book in reception or online at www.caringhomes.org/benson-house

Typical activities include:

- Visiting musicians and entertainers
- Film screenings
- Afternoon tea
- Regular outings and events
- Arts and crafts
- Gardening
- Coffee mornings

A FEAST FOR THE SENSES

There's always a buzz around the home at meal times. In fact, good food and great times are what life at Benson House is all about.

Menus designed around you

Our catering and hospitality team have in-depth knowledge of nutrition and hydration and one of our Chefs will meet with you when you first join us, in order to get to know you and understand your dietary needs and personal preferences.

The catering and hospitality team sources seasonal and local produce and ensures that there are always plenty of tasty options to choose from. Special diets are easily catered for, including for residents who have difficulty swallowing, or need fortified meals.

As well as exemplary nutritional monitoring, our dedicated care team ensures our residents have regular drinks and their weight is noted. These are recorded in care plans where appropriate. You can view our menus when you visit us or read a typical menu online at www.caringhomes.org/benson-house.

Dine in style

The home offers different styles of dining, including formal or more relaxed spaces. You can also enjoy your meal in your room if you prefer.

Whether you're a three-meals-a-day person, or prefer to eat little and often, our menus and snack options provide complete flexibility. You can start the day with a cooked breakfast or cereal and juices, followed by lunch and dinner or a light meal and snack.

Time to celebrate

Baking is a big favourite at Benson House and afternoon tea always includes tasty homemade cakes. You're welcome to help yourself to soft drinks, tea and coffee from the serveries on each floor at any time, and there are always tempting treats on offer.

Homemade cake is always on the menu for residents' birthdays, and our catering team is very happy to provide delicious food for family get-togethers.



“I love to meet residents when they move in to understand their dietary needs and personal preferences. All of our residents are involved in the menu planning on an ongoing basis.”

Head Chef





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the ratio of staff to residents?

As everyone's needs vary, we will assess each individual and agree on the level of support and care required with each resident, family members, and healthcare professionals where appropriate.

Do I have to pay extra for entertainment?

No. The in-home entertainment, events and activities are based on the interests, preferences, and needs of residents. Therefore, we consider the range of lifestyle options available to be a part of their care planning in which good physical, cognitive, and social engagement can directly improve health and wellbeing.

Do you offer room service?

Yes we do and there is no tray charge for this service. Friends and family can join whenever you wish.

What are your visiting times?

Benson House operates an open door policy. Family and friends are always welcome and can see their relatives and loved ones as often as they wish.

Can I bring my pet?

Most pets are welcome to visit for the day by arrangement with the Home Manager.

Who decides on the menus?

Our Head Chef and the team have many years of cooking experience. They craft their nutritionally balanced menus using seasonal produce, and will be guided by the feedback provided to them from our residents during their monthly hospitality meetings and individual care plans.

What is a care pathway?

Care homes that provide a combination of residential, nursing and dementia care are said to offer a 'care pathway'. Homes that offer all three are described as offering a 'complete care pathway'. Essentially; having a care pathway can allow a resident to remain at the same home should their needs change, without having to relocate to another service.

Why do fees vary based on duration?

A premium is added to the cost of respite care or a short stay. These residents enjoy all the benefits on offer to those who call Benson House their permanent home.

UNDERSTANDING CARE FEES

Our range of fees are determined to ensure the safety of our residents and the comfortable running of their home.

Our fees are competitive, reviewed annually, and can vary based on individual care needs, size or aspect of room, and duration of stay.

Fees quoted are per week and include medications management, retained GP services, weight, hydration and nutrition monitoring, regular events, wellbeing support and care and nursing in line with assessed needs.

Fees are payable in advance prior to admission and comprise of up to one month's care fees and a refundable deposit.

Depending on an individual's needs some funding assistance may be available. When you visit the home please ask about the allowances and how we may help you request any funding entitlements.

Local Authority Care Fees

Available for a resident over 65 years of age who does not have the required funds to pay for their own care. These fee levels do not meet our requirements, however it is possible for other family members to 'bridge the gap' or 'top up' any shortfall, subject to assessment.

Attendance Allowance

This is also available for those over 65 years of age who have a physical or cognitive need and is provided at a lower or higher level, subject to assessment.

Funded Nursing Care

This is a contribution by the NHS towards the cost of nursing care for those in a care home. A flat rate is paid directly to the home and unlike many other care providers we deduct this amount in full from our monthly invoice.

Continuing Healthcare

This is arranged and funded by the NHS for people who are not residing in hospital and have been assessed as having a 'primary health need'. We recommend that making the decision on how to fund a care home placement is ideally done with the support of a professional advisor.

You can download our care fee guide at www.caringhomes.org/funding