

Elk View Court, Blackpool

Extra Care

supported housing



at a glance

Local authority Blackpool Council

Contractor Seddon

Architect Croft Goode Architects

Number of homes 48 one and two-bedroom apartments

Total costs £5.3m

Completion August 2010





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The scheme

The development at Bispham was Great Places' second Extra Care development in Blackpool to be completed following its sister scheme, Tulloch Court at Marton.

It was designed in consultation with stakeholders including the local authority's social services and local healthcare providers. Elk View Court received a grant from the Homes and Communities Agency for £3.9m.

The site

Elk View Court is on the site of a local authority sheltered housing scheme that was no longer suitable for modern needs. Great Places worked with Blackpool Borough Council to purchase the land for a nominal fee and develop the scheme.

Features

Careful consideration was given to the type of heating, width of corridors and space set aside for apartment interiors that needed to be large enough to accommodate wheelchairs. Stairs feature breakout areas on landings for residents to take a rest.

Elk View Court has a contemporary exterior and its interiors have the feel of an upmarket hotel. Interior design took in the specific needs of older people such as chair heights. The lift is large enough to accommodate a motorised scooter.

Communal facilities include a shop, sauna, spa suite, hairdressing, podiatry and lounges on each floor.