

Derwenddale Court, Blackhill

Independent Living for the Over 55s

Derwenddale Court, which opened in 1981 is a scheme of 19 single and 13 double flats. The scheme is in Blackhill, a village with plenty of local shops and a Post Office within walking distances of Derwenddale Court. There are local buses on the doorstep that take you to Consett (where you can then get a bus to Durham, Newcastle, The Metro Centre and any destination in Derwentside). A local yellow bus takes you to Shotley Bridge Hospital which is good if you have appointments.

Consett, only five minutes away by bus, has plenty of shops and services including a large supermarket and many other shops and service. Along the street there are doctor's surgeries, chemists, pubs, shops and an indoor market. Market day for the outside market is a Saturday. It is roughly eight miles to Stanley where there are plenty of shops and services.

The court has recently had work to refurbish kitchens, bathrooms, windows and new alarm. The court has a large conservatory and communal lounge with a TV and VCR and a music centre for entertainment. There is a laundry room and communal wet room downstairs with shower, both accessible to wheelchair users. A fob style door entry with automatic main door, CCTV linked into your own television and phone door entry in each flat give added security. A guest-room for family and friends who are visiting means that you are able to house visitors. Also there is a lift in the court to the first floor.

The residents regularly enjoy a game of bingo, usually twice a week and occasionally have clothes and gifts parties. A book club visits the court once a month bringing a selection of gifts for sale at reasonable prices and the scheme also has regular visits from a mobile library and Rington's Tea. You can also have your milk and daily paper delivered to your doorstep and several local shops will also deliver hot meals.



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