

HOW TO APPLY FOR RESIDENCY

satisfied yourself that we can offer you the type of accommodation you need and the kind of life with which you can be content, all you need do is telephone one of the following numbers:

01981 510263 – Secretary, House Committee

and ask for an application form to be sent to you. This will land on your doormat within a few days together with some additional information. When you have completed the form please send it to:

The Secretary
House Committee
Ainslie House
4 St John Street
Hereford
HR1 2NB

Your application will then be discussed at the earliest meeting of the House Committee (normally held on the first Tuesday of each month) and you will be contacted shortly afterwards.

If you would like to come and see what we offer and to inspect the communal rooms and generally savour the atmosphere, perhaps meet some of our residents as well as our staff, then please telephone our Resident Housekeeper on the above number and arrange a date and time. For a small charge you are also welcome to have lunch with our residents if you wish.

This is what our Residents say.....

“Warmth and excellent food!”

“At Ainslie House our privacy is respected”.

“We have such a variety of splendid meals here”.

“A home from home!”

“Such good cooking and help”.



St John Street from the Cathedral Close

Website: www.abbeyfield.com

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Ainslie House
4 St John Street, Hereford

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Ainslie House

street in the centre of Hereford, adjacent to the beautiful medieval Cathedral with its tranquil Close. It is also within easy reach of the shops in High Town, a pedestrian precinct, and of such facilities as the Public Library, doctors' surgeries, bus stops, taxi ranks etc.



Dating from Georgian times Ainslie House is a listed building which, in 1986 was sympathetically converted from offices to provide a number of en suite bed-sitting rooms for residents, a top-floor flat for the Resident Housekeeper and a room for the Deputy Housekeeper which doubles as a guest bedroom for visitors. There is a comfortable dining room leading to a sitting area which has french doors opening onto a pleasant secluded garden.



All bedsitting rooms are unfurnished and residents are therefore able to bring with them their favourite pieces from home. Each room is provided with a wash hand basin and facilities for preparing breakfast, snacks, morning coffee, afternoon tea etc., but the two main meals of the day – lunch and tea – are served in the dining room at 12.30 and 5.15 respectively.



Throughout the House we have installed an alarm system. Every room, hall, passageway, bathroom and all public rooms contain a pull-cord by which to summon the Resident Housekeeper or her deputy, or another member of staff whenever it is used in an emergency. When the day staff go off duty the main switch, located in the kitchen, is put through to the central alarm system in the Herefordshire Housing's operations room, and someone will always answer an emergency call from anyone at Ainslie House at any time of the day or night.

It is possible for residents to bring with them a small domestic pet which they don't wish to leave behind, provided it is acceptable to the other residents and the Staff and that it is cared for solely by its owner.



Ainslie House is named after the founder of The Abbeyfield SSAFA Hereford Society, Mrs Alice Ainslie, OBE, who served with the WRNS during World War II and subsequently with SSAFA for nearly thirty years. Through her welfare work with SSAFA she identified a need for this type of accommodation in Hereford, and her courage, foresight and sheer hard work culminated in the establishment of our Society.

The **Abbeyfield** Society
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The Abbeyfield movement is a national charitable organisation consisting of some 700 societies with over a thousand houses throughout the United Kingdom. SSAFA Forces Help (formerly the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association) joined with the Abbeyfield Society to provide three such houses in this country, and we take pride in the fact that one of those three is established in Hereford.

Ainslie House is here to provide very sheltered housing in addition to companionship with independence for lonely elderly people who are still active and who do not want to commit themselves to an old people's home or nursing home. This provision is given in return for a modest sum and Benefit is available to those who are eligible.

The House is run with the help of a small, dedicated team of professional people, led by our Resident Housekeeper, and the Society is administered by two committees of volunteers, all of whom are equally dedicated and committed to the welfare of our residents.