

Wellwood House

Ringland, Newport



Wellwood House is an innovative specialist housing scheme for older people run by Linc-Cymru Association and developed in partnership with Newport City Council.

On first inspection, the accommodation resembles a hotel at the luxury end of the market – a welcoming and airy foyer; plush lounge and open dining room. Carpeted throughout, facilities include a shop, launderette, library and hair and beauty salon.

Yet Wellwood House, based at Ringland, Newport, also includes 40 flats or apartments – 37 for one person and three for two people. Each flat has its own front door and the 43 tenants can be as independent as they choose within a lively, welcoming and secure community.

Opened just over two years ago (May 2002), Wellwood House has a staff of more than thirty, including a manager; care workers, domestic and catering staff. There is currently a waiting list of more than 100 people – although that will be reduced because of another similar Linc-Cymru scheme being developed at Bettws in Newport, which is full before it is even built.

The tenants of Wellwood House each have an individual care plan to cater for their particular needs. For instance, tenants who have a disability or are recovering from illness will be helped with their personal care.