

Delight Court, Dipton

Independent Living for the Over 55s

Delight Court, built in 1981 is on the site of the Delight Pit. There is a stone marking the pithead opposite the car park. The court has some picturesque views over the Derwent Valley. There are 31 self-contained flats within the court and a guest-room for the use of tenants' families.

Delight Court is just off the main Consett to Newcastle road in the village of Dipton. The main bus route to Stanley, roughly four miles away, Consett, Durham, Newcastle and the Metro Centre is easy to get to. The village itself has a Doctors surgery, chemist, post office, supermarket, hairdressers and a fish and chip shop. The local community centre hosts over 60s entertainment.

Tenants hold coffee mornings twice a week and a regular lunch club as well as playing Bingo in the lounge. The tenants organise trips out when the weather is suitable as well as Christmas celebrations.

Within the court there is a communal lounge leading on to a new conservatory which has new tables and chairs and carpets. The lounge has a large flat screen TV on the wall for the use of tenants. The communal kitchen has modern fittings. There is a new laundry room and communal wet room with showers accessible to wheelchairs. On the upper floor there is a pleasant computer room with two computers so anyone interested can go surfing on the internet. Outside the court there is a well maintained garden area to the front, looked after by a tenant and gives a beautiful display of flowers in the summer.

The whole court has recently had a rewire and a new warden call alarm fitted to each flat linked to Care Connect, a 24-hour cover service. Also there is a lift in the court.

A hairdresser visits the court every week and a mobile library bus every three weeks.



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