

# Stanley Court, Stanley

*Independent Living for the Over 55s*

Stanley Court, opened in 1975 has 15 single flats and 15 double flats. We are in East Stanley in the middle of the Stanley Hall estate. It is a short walk on the flat to Stanley town centre. There are bus-stops within a short walking distance on the main road to both Stanley and the main shopping areas of Newcastle, Sunderland, the Metro Centre, Chester-le-Street and Durham. Taxicabs are available from here. Beamish Museum is three quarters of a mile away as is Causey Arch so any visitors to tenants have plenty to see. It has a stunning view to the front of the Court.

We have a large communal lounge which leads on to the conservatory and doors to the patio area. In the lounge there is a wide-screen T.V. with theatre surround sound and a Nintendo Wii for those who like a game of tennis, golf or ten pin bowling. Computers in the lounge mean you can e-mail your family anywhere in the world or just access the Internet. The communal laundry houses two industrial washing machines and two dryers. There are communal flat floor wetrooms both upstairs and down. As part of Derwentside Homes modernisation of the scheme a mobility scooter store will soon be built.

You can access the first floor easily by stairs or lift. At the main entrance, a fob works the new automatic door which has CCTV which interlinks with the televisions in flats so you can see who is at the door. Each flat has the warden call and 24 hour emergency alarm monitored by Care Connect.

Within the court there is a good mix of both male and female tenants. Living in sheltered accommodation gives both added security and a sense of belonging to a community that you can access if when you want to. A few tenants still have their own cars and we also have some still working. Stanley Court has recently gone through an upgrade which has seen improvements to kitchens and bathrooms, a rewire, new windows, new improved alarm and a beautiful large conservatory which is facing the best view in Stanley.

We hold coffee mornings and bingo two nights a week. In warmer weather, we have trips out, various social evenings. Tenants are active over the Christmas period in organising social events. Outside the court there is an Age Concern office that also holds regular activities.

Should you want a newspaper, a local shop delivers daily. You may prefer to go for a walk to the paper shop which is within A quarter mile as is a fish and chip shop and a good unisex hairdresser 50 yards from the court.

When the support officer is off duty the alarm goes through to control who will then send a mobile warden to you if needed so you have help available 24 hours a day. There is also a hot meal delivery service available if you wish to use it. A mobile library bus is here every three weeks and the access bus will pick up here if needed. Your Housing Support Officer can contact most services for you.



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