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### What is Meadowfield House?

At Tees Valley Housing, we want to provide homes that meet tenants' needs.

We have worked in partnership with Stockton Council to develop an extra care housing scheme in Thornaby which gives older people a new way of living independently for as long as possible.

Meadowfield House offers a new way of providing support in the privacy of a home of your own with a range of facilities on the premises including an on-site care service.

Security and privacy have been prioritised and on-site care and support is available throughout the day and night from an experienced team of care workers and supported housing officer.

### What are the features?

This newly built scheme is made up of 42 two bedroom self-contained apartments. All of the apartments are wheelchair accessible and four have been specially designed for disabled people.

All the apartments have level access showers and are carpeted. There are extensive communal facilities including a guest room for visitors, a restaurant, a communal lounge, hairdressing facilities, a laundry room and a landscaped garden.

The scheme is situated on Thorntree Road, within easy reach of the town centre and is close to local amenities including shops, bus stops, GP surgeries and places of worship.

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### Who can apply?

To apply, you must be aged 55 or over or living with a partner who is 55 or over and need help with their daily living tasks and/or their personal care.

In exceptional circumstances, applicants below this age will be considered. Once you have applied, your care and housing needs will be assessed to determine whether you are eligible for the scheme.

Priority will be given to people living in the borough of Stockton but if you do not live in the borough, you should normally be able to demonstrate a strong connection to the area, such as living there previously or having immediate family living locally.

### I am managing on my own, but my health is not good and I want to move. Would this scheme be suitable for me?

Yes, the scheme will have a mixture of able and less able tenants. However, you must meet the eligibility criteria. To find out if you meet the criteria, the council will assess your care needs. The council will also carry out a financial assessment to determine whether you will have to pay the cost of your care.

### I already live in ordinary sheltered housing. How is this scheme different?

The main different between sheltered housing and extra care housing is that members of care and support staff are on the premises every day. There are also social activities and other services arranged by the scheme leader or the care team.

### My husband is very unwell and we get a lot of help from our family and friends. Could we move in together?

Yes, you and your husband can stay together. Your family and friends can continue to help as before if they want to, with the added support of the care staff, provided that you or your husband has care needs identified by the council under the assessment process. If you haven't already been assessed, this can be arranged as part of the process of applying to the scheme.

# You will have your own apartment and enjoy all your usual activities



## My doctor has said I should go into a home. What are the advantages of extra care housing over a care home?

You will have your own apartment, control over your finances, privacy and choice, although you will be encouraged to mix with the other tenants. The care staff will support you in looking after yourself for as long as possible and you can keep up your usual routines and activities in the local area.

## What happens if my health gets worse while I am living in extra care housing?

It is expected that your needs will reduce or increase at times and you may need your support plan adjusting to take this into account. We aim to support you to stay living in the same place; however, it is always possible that your needs might become too great to be met in this scheme. If this was to happen, your needs would have to be reassessed in consultation with you, your family and social services.

## Who is in charge?

The scheme is owned and managed by Tees Valley Housing and the care is provided by an approved and registered care provider on behalf of Stockton Council.

The 42 apartments for rent at the scheme will be jointly allocated by Tees Valley Housing and Stockton Council. Information about how this is done is available from Tees Valley Housing.

Tenants living in Meadowfield House will be regularly consulted about how the scheme is running and any services they receive.

## Can I afford extra care?

You will pay rent and service charges under a tenancy agreement with Tees Valley Housing and pay for the usual things like council tax, gas, electricity and water as with any other home.

Some of these charges will be part of what you pay to Tees Valley Housing and some will be billed separately. You may be eligible for benefits to help with some of these costs as well as help to pay the costs of care and support depending upon your financial circumstances.



## Who can I contact?

To find out more, please contact Stockton Council's first contact team on 01642 527764 or Tees Valley Housing's customer services on 08000 461600 or [supphousingadmin@fabrickgroup.co.uk](mailto:supphousingadmin@fabrickgroup.co.uk)  
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