

Appleby Blue

A New Almshouse for Southwark



ABOUT US

United St Saviour's Charity (USTSC) has been working with the community of Southwark for nearly 500 years. We manage and develop amazing and genuinely affordable homes for older people from Southwark through our almshouses, providing a caring and friendly environment with support when residents need it. We also own a number of historic properties in Southwark and using the income from these we provide grants to local charities to help create strong, inclusive and equal communities.



ABOUT APPLEBY BLUE

A building designed for today's older generation

We are building a new almshouse that has been designed for today's generation of older people who are looking for an active life in the heart of London. The architecture takes the best aspects of traditional almshouses and historic Southwark buildings. The homes are built around a beautiful, peaceful courtyard but there are spaces everywhere for people to meet up and chat to others informally and watch the world go by.

More than just a home!

Our almshouse will be a place where everyone feels part of their community. Quality of life for our residents is our highest priority and we will encourage everyone to make friends and take part in a range of activities to keep people active and healthy – literally on their own doorstep. A purpose-built 'community kitchen' will bring people together around cooking and socialising, and the gardens, courtyard, and range of stunning community spaces will host events and projects to keep our residents involved in life around them.

Why is it different?

Living at Appleby Blue will be so much more than traditional sheltered housing. As well as all the security of having on-site staff and shared facilities we are looking for residents who will embrace the positive lifestyle activities and services that will be on offer. Of course, residents will always have the quiet comfort of their own homes to go back to, but we also want our residents to enjoy the wealth of community facilities and services that the building will offer, and perhaps take up new hobbies or re-discover things they enjoyed doing when they were younger.

A place in the community

Located opposite the Age UK centre in Bermondsey, our new almshouse will provide a brand new community resource for everyone. The interesting and adaptable spaces will bring people from all generations together to give back and learn from each other, to respect different backgrounds and abilities. We hope to build a small, caring community within the neighbourhood of Bermondsey.



57 Beautiful and genuinely affordable homes for Southwark residents over the age of 60, ready to live in Winter 2021/22. To find out more visit our website and complete our 'expression of interest' form: www.ustsc.org.uk



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HOMES IN APPLEBY BLUE

The almshouse will consist of 57 affordable self-contained spacious apartments designed specifically for people over the age of 60 to live independently for as long as possible. All homes and facilities have been designed to the highest standards to suit the needs of residents through all their life stages and emerging health conditions.

In addition to the availability of the charity's onsite team, every home is able to be fitted with the most modern wifi-enabled assisted living technology that can be added to when needed e.g. emergency pull-cords (as standard), falls sensors, room temperature monitoring, giving residents and their relatives the security of knowing their parent and loved one are safe and looking after themselves.

Typically, the flats will benefit from large, airy lounges with good views on to the street, fully fitted kitchens and well-designed accessible shower rooms. With plenty of storage space and efficient methods of heating, these homes really are fit for the 21st Century.

Facilities

In addition to the stunning and busy community spaces, Appleby Blue will provide some beautiful 'resident only' spaces including a private 24 hour lounge, a 'spa room', hairdressing facilities and a splendid roof garden to grow fruit and vegetables, or simply relax.

Staff

There will be on site staff with specialist skills in older person's living, helping residents navigate the health and state benefits systems, supporting them to live independently and safely, building friendships and animating the community spaces with activities that will keep everyone active, healthy and contributing to their community.

We also want Appleby Blue to set a new benchmark for over 60's social housing. We want to be able to learn from others, and will be encouraging health researchers to become part of what we do at Appleby Blue. We think our residents will be proud of influencing a new wave of older person's home building and will know that Appleby Blue is the best!



Who can apply?

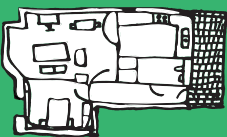
Eligible applicants will be a single person or couple, both over the age of 60. Couples could include lifelong companions, siblings or parents with a child over 60 years. These households would qualify for a 2 bedroom apartment. Eligible applicants will have lived in Southwark for at least the last 3 years. As a charity, USTSC can only help those in the greatest need of housing. Eligible applicants will typically have a low income or limited capital, live in Council, Social or Private rented housing. Homeowners and those with significant assets will usually not qualify.

"More than just a home!"



BECOMING A RESIDENT

Residents living in Appleby Blue will particularly suit those people who are living in Southwark Council housing, or other social housing, where their home might be too big, too expensive, or an area where they feel lonely or isolated. Southwark Council will be able to fill half of the new homes with those who approach them; the other half will be residents who have applied directly to United St Saviour's Charity via their existing landlord or independently. We expect that lots of people will be interested in Appleby Blue and there is a chance that we will be oversubscribed. Offers will be made to applicants with the highest level of housing need as assessed by United St Saviour's Charity.



51 x 1 bedroom flats & 6 x 2 bedroom flats available