

# SHELTERED HOUSING

# Enabling older people to live independently with support

## What is Sheltered Housing?

- A group of flats which provide a safe and secure environment for older people
- Our schemes have a Scheme Manager who provides housing related support to tenants by:
  - o Arranging services such as help from social services or a district nurse if these are needed
  - o Keeping in contact with social workers and doctors when problems occur
  - o Making sure that people are claiming all the benefits they are entitled to
- Every home has the benefit of telecare services, currently an emergency alarm system with pull cords, which are linked to a control centre when the Scheme Manager is off site.
- All the flats are self contained with their own kitchen and bathroom. Mostly they are one bedroom flats, but there are also some large studio flats
- Most schemes have shared or communal facilities such as a lounge, laundry and guest room

#### Who can move to Sheltered Housing?

- People over 60 years old. We will consider people under 60 where there are special circumstances that make sheltered housing suitable for them
- Mount Green tenants who want a transfer
- People referred by the Local Authority

#### Will I lose my Independence?

- No. Most people find that a move to Sheltered Housing increases their independence as they receive the support and advice they need
- All tenants have an assured tenancy like any other Mount Green tenant. There are no rules and regulations other than the responsibilities contained in the tenancy agreement

### Will my flat be Suitable?

- All flats in Sheltered Housing schemes are designed for the needs of older people and we can, subject to funding provide minor adaptations such as provision of handrails or visual alert doorbells.
- Mount Green can also help residents apply for grants to carry out major adaptations to homes to meet their needs. Examples of major adaptations include installing a shower or provision of a stair lift.

#### **Paying for Sheltered Housing**

In addition to the net rent you will be charged a service charge to cover for example the cost of building repair, maintenance & gardening. We also charge a support charge for the provision of a community alarm and housing related support services by the Scheme Manager. The support charge may be eligible for Supporting People grant depending on your financial status.

#### The Schemes:

Church Close St Johns Close
Milford Leatherhead
Surrey, GU8 5HQ Surrey, KT22 8UN

Graham House Greylees
Edenside Road Filmer Grove
Great Bookham Godalming
Surrey, KT23 3HL Surrey, GU7 3AB

HighwoodBeecholmeBeech DriveHigh BeechesReigateBanstead

Surrey, RH2 0QU Surrey, SM7 1NP

Downside Orchard Park Road Woking Surrey, GU22 7DJ

#### How do I Apply?

• Our waiting lists are currently closed for 1 bedroom properties however we may be able to assist you with studio accommodation.

If you are interested in a studio flat please do contact the Supported Housing Manager at;

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Email: reception@mountgreen.org.uk