



## Who we are:

A registered charity under the Royal patronage of HRH The Prince of Wales, formed to provide residential care for elderly people within the security and companionship of a small family household, without losing independence or privacy.



## **CUNNINGHAM HOUSE**

**Abbeyfield Pirbright & District Society**

## Where we are:

Located in Pirbright, Surrey, close to the village green, which has its own duck pond and village hall with many clubs and activities. Cunningham House has residents' parking and is only a short walk from the doctor's surgery.

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## Residents' accommodation offers:

- Nine single bed-sitting rooms on the ground floor
- Kitchenette
- WC and wash basin en-suite
- Wheelchair access
- Own keys to room and front door
- Bath/shower facilities for each wing of three rooms
- Carpeting throughout the House

Each of our residents brings with them their own furniture, pictures, curtains and treasured possessions to personalise their rooms.



Residents are free to come and go as they please and to have friends and family to visit at any time.

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## Care provided:

Our resident housekeeper lives in a flat on the first floor and provides a supportive environment and home for the residents. She provides a midday and evening meal which residents take together in the dining room. A deputy housekeeper comes in to cook twice a week on the housekeeper's days off.



Our housekeeper is responsible for the general well-being of the residents in her care. In the event of minor illness the housekeeper will, at her own discretion, take meals to the resident's room.

No nursing care is provided.

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## Residents' responsibilities:

Residents, together with their sponsors, look after their own rooms and must make arrangements for their laundry. A cleaning service for all residents' WCs is provided one day per week without charge. They are also responsible for insuring personal possessions.

The small patio gardens are the responsibility of each resident and we have found these are generally well tended and give great pleasure.

## The Abbeyfield Society

The Society offers its residents a considerable measure of independence, which enables the elderly to continue to enjoy their hobbies and pastimes, whilst at the same time also providing help and safety to those less fit or able. Outings and other activities are arranged but are never obligatory.

Residents meet regularly with the House Committee Chairman for general discussion and feedback. As a registered Social Landlord we have a complaints procedure for the protection of residents' interests.

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## Additional support

Every resident has a sponsor (usually a close relative) who can be contacted in case of emergency. If residents have to go to hospital at any time, they can still keep their rooms and come back to convalesce at any time.



Cunningham House has close links with the Wey Valley Extra Care Houses in Farnham and, if a resident eventually needs more help than can be provided in our supportive house, an application to move can be made.

We continue caring for our residents as long as possible. Those whose care needs increase are able to make arrangements for a private carer, relative or friend to help them whilst remaining living at Cunningham House.

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## Charges/Fees

Charges/Fees are reviewed annually by the Society with the aim of retaining a financially self supportive house with provision for repairs and further developments.

As the management of the house is by volunteers, charges to residents are modest and, because of Income Support & Housing Benefit, no one needs to be precluded by lack of means. Our monthly charge covers everything except the resident's telephone installation.

**Current charge: £1,240.00 pcm from Jan 19**

### How to apply:

There are no strict age limits though, in practice, the majority of our residents are 75 or over. Most residents come from the local area but some have moved from elsewhere to be near relatives. Couples are welcomed if we have vacancies available. There are no double rooms.

If at sometime you or one of your relatives might be interested in becoming a resident, come and see us, stay for a meal and you may feel that you want to join us!

### Contact us at:

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