

Harbour House

In 1964, Eileen Morland, a well-known local Quaker, formed the West Bay Housing Society to provide elderly people with purpose built accommodation and care in a friendly environment. Harbour House, the fulfilment of her vision, is managed by the Housing Society.

Harbour House is registered by the National Care Standards Commission and is visited by their Inspector twice a year. We pride ourselves on offering a stimulating, comfortable and homely atmosphere.

This introductory leaflet tells you something about Harbour House: where it is located, what accommodation and facilities it offers, and how living here offers residents a happy combination of security and independence.

The location

Harbour House overlooks West Bay Harbour. It enjoys a sunny, sheltered position beside the old boat green. A number of small shops and the bus stop are close by, and West Bay Church is in easy walking distance. For those residents who are Quakers, the local Friends' Meeting House is just two miles away in Bridport, the nearest town. Transport to Meeting for worship is arranged each Sunday.

The apartments

Harbour House has 28 single and 2 double unfurnished apartments for permanent residents. All apartments have fitted carpets.

Each apartment has a small entrance lobby, a bed-sitting room measuring about 11ft x 16ft, and a fully fitted bathroom. All apartments have their own television, telephone points, and a kitchenette (incorporating sink, storage, and small worktop). Most also have a balcony overlooking the harbour. Refrigerated storage is available to all residents on each floor.



A lift provides easy access to apartments on the first and second floor.

On the ground floor there is a Guest Room- a furnished bed-sitting room with bathroom offering respite care and accommodation for short-stay guests. A Hospitality tray and TV are also provided.

The general amenities

Harbour House is heated throughout.

There is a large comfortable lounge, and a small quiet room that also serves as our library.

All meals are provided in the dining room, and vegetarian and special diets are catered for.

There is a public telephone in the main entrance hall.

Outside the house we have pleasant gardens and a large water feature. A croquet lawn is also available.

A home of your own

If you come to live at Harbour House, the apartment will be your home and you may furnish it as you wish.

New residents bring basic items of furniture such as a single bed or divan with castors; a small dressing table or book-case; a bedside table and lamp; two or three chairs; a table or desk; and their own bedding (preferably poly/cotton), sheets and towels etc.

Most people also like to bring the personal possessions that make the apartment uniquely their own home: for example, a little crockery, some favourite ornaments and pictures, an electric kettle, a toaster. For the bathroom, a mirror, a chair or stool, and a small cabinet, are useful.

All the independence you want

For your security and peace of mind, Harbour House staff are on duty day and night should you need them, so you will be safe and cared for all the time.

However, it is equally important that you should not sacrifice your independence. You are free to go away whenever and wherever you wish. And visitors may come and see you at any time. If you give us a little notice, they will be welcome to join you for meals in the dining room, or to stay for a night or two in our guest room, if it is available.

Life at Harbour House

Daily life at Harbour House offers a choice of enjoyable activities, both out of doors and indoors.

Out-of-doors activities include gardening if you enjoy it (you could have a small plot of your own to look after); croquet in the summer; and a gentle stroll to the seafront, the local shops and the harbour. A swimming group is well supported and accompanied by a member of care staff.

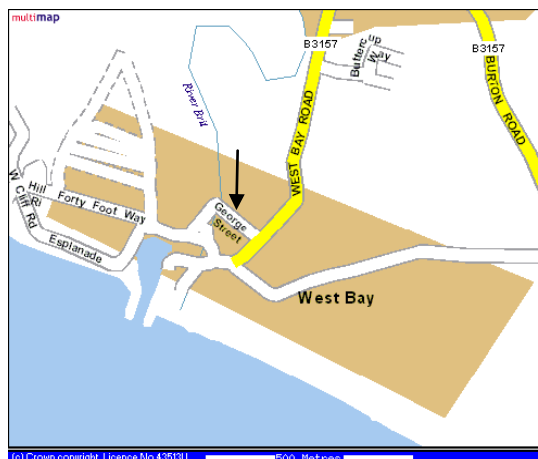
There is also a variety of things to do indoors, including the discussion and music groups, art classes, exercise sessions, bridge, or Scrabble and other board games. Some residents like flower arranging. And our neighbours at the Women's Institute offer classes to cater for many interests.

There is a very active Residents Committee.

You will see from this short description that at Harbour House you would have the time and freedom to do whatever you might choose from one day to the next, and that life here would be relaxed, secure and utterly peaceful.



If you would like to discuss the possibility of coming to stay at Harbour House, please telephone or write to the Secretary.



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