

Thank you so much for your interest in Colinton Cottage Homes. We hope that you have found this information helpful especially in relation to waiting times for housing and our criteria for allocation. If you decide you would like to apply, please do contact us for an application form.

As well as the official information, we wanted to also make the information in this brochure reflect thoughts from our current tenants and they have shared with us some of the things they had to adjust to.....

- ◆ Many of the single cottages can only accommodate a single bed so be aware of needing to change from a double bed to a single bed.
- ◆ There are shared communal laundry facilities with allocated days/times.
- ◆ The Cottage Homes operate a no pets' policy.

Tenants said these were a small price to pay for living in the Cottage Homes, and the many positives include

- ◆ Maintaining the feeling of real independence with own front door
- ◆ Beautiful grounds kept immaculate by our Gardner/Handyman

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- ◆ The sense of "community and good neighbours"
- ◆ Social contact through regular events organised by the Tenants Social Committee
- ◆ A feeling of security and 24hr access to the inbuilt Hanover alarm support system.

Sadly some people may in time experience serious health problems that may affect their ability to continue living well and safely independent at the Cottage Homes.

Should this happen, the Manager will discuss this with you and offer help and guidance re the next stage of care; however it is hoped that this will not be something for you to deal with.

Thank you.

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Thank you for your enquiry about Colinton Cottage Homes.

We have prepared this information brochure about the Cottage Homes to tell you a little about them and to help you decide if you wish to proceed with a housing application.

Colinton Cottage Homes offer a “unique” retirement environment. Founded in 1889 by William Small, Colinton Cottage Homes are owned and managed by the Aged Christian Friend Society of Scotland which is a registered charity in Scotland no SC016247.

An active Board of Directors meet once a quarter to oversee the business of the charity whilst our experienced Housing Manager and part time Assistant Manager are on site each day Monday - Friday from 8am - 4pm and are responsible for the day to day management of the Cottage Homes.

They liaise between the Tenants and Directors and are available to offer support in an emergency situation and to “signpost” you to external support services / agencies as required.

We currently have 41 Cottages to let: 10 doubles and 31 singles.

Each property is self-contained, has its own character and is easily managed with the aim of providing independent retirement living.

We have both ground and first floor cottages and it is important to ensure that if you are offered a cottage that it should meet both your physical and emotional needs. For most people moving to the cottages means quite a “downsizing” experience and this must be taken into account.

Please note that The Cottage Homes are not a care facility and due to space limitations, our houses are unable to be adapted to accommodate large items of care equipment nor to sleep additional overnight carers.

There is usually a large waiting list for our cottages and turnover of tenants is low and so applicants should be aware that the waiting period for accommodation may be several years.

We strive to be transparent and fair when allocating cottages and all completed applications will be matched against our criteria.

All tenants must first of all be:

- ◆ Aged 65 years or over,
- ◆ Living in Scotland
- ◆ Capable of independent living

Then in line with our charity’s aims, we give priority to any applicant who may be facing

- ◆ Homelessness
- ◆ Personal financial hardship
- ◆ Social isolation
- ◆ Living in an environment that is harming safety and wellbeing.

It is therefore essential that you give us full and accurate details of why you are applying for a cottage so that needs can be assessed properly.

If you decide to make an application, the Manager will then contact you to

- ◆ Arrange a home visit to
- ◆ Go over your application
- ◆ Arrange an informal visit to the Cottage Homes.
- ◆ Confirm if criteria are fulfilled and allocation of a place on waiting list

Once a tenancy is offered, you will be required to provide contact details of family/friends in order that they can be contacted in an emergency to give support. This information is shared with Hanover Alarm Service.