

# Castle Court, Annfield Plain

*Independent Living for the Over 55s*

Derwentside Homes manages Castle Court, Annfield Plain for its owners Durham County Council. The court, built in 1983 has 30 flats; 16 single and 14 double equipped with one bedroom, kitchen, living room and bathroom.

Annfield Plain is a village between Stanley, two-and-a-half miles to the North-East, and Consett, five miles to the West.

There are plenty buses that run through Annfield Plain to Stanley, Durham, Newcastle and the Metro Centre; all easy to get to. The court is central to all the local shops and services in Annfield Plain. Across the road from the court there is a large supermarket, chemist and post office, fresh bakers and plenty of shops and eating places that will deliver into the court. There is also a local cricket club, schools, and three doctor's surgeries, and there are three local churches. Along the road in Catchgate there is also a local library.

The whole court has recently had a rewire and a new warden call alarm fitted to each flat linked to Care Connect, a 24-hour cover service. There is a laundry room and communal wet room upstairs with shower, both accessible to wheelchair users. Also there is a lift in the court.

Within the court there is a communal lounge leading out on to a forecourt which tenants use in the summer. In the lounge there are tables, chairs and a computer for all tenants to use. So anyone interested can go surfing on the internet. You can use the communal kitchen, for example if you wanted to have a birthday party with your friends and family you are welcome to use this.

Coffee mornings take place twice a week and Age Concern come into the court to do light, seated armchair exercises and residents play Bingo in the lounge. The scheme organises trips out when the weather is suitable as well as for Christmas celebrations. A hairdresser visits the court every week and a mobile library bus every three weeks.



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