

Mayor of Reading officially re-opens Charles Clore Court sheltered housing scheme

Unwrapping the newly renovated Charles Clore Court, A2 Housing Group were delighted to have the Mayor of Reading Borough Council, Bet Tickner, re-open the Extra Care Scheme in Reading. Following a speech by Mary Chaplin, the Chairperson of the former A2 Care and Support Board, the Mayor unveiled a commemorative plaque, before guests were taken on a short tour of the building, including a flat adapted to meet disabled needs. Residents enjoyed carol singing by a Dickensian-themed quartet, followed by a festive buffet lunch for all.



The scheme, in Appleford Road, originally comprised 63 bedsits which were small, and in need of updating. The decision was taken to undertake a comprehensive re-development programme to provide for Extra Care needs and increase space for the residents. Moreover, we were keen to incorporate carefully-designed living arrangements which utilise the latest assistive technology, for safe independent living for people in their retirement years.



At a total build cost of £2.7million, the scheme today contains 39 one or two bed flats and 4 studio bedsits. Furthermore, there are 4 disabled homes which have adjustable kitchen units which can be moved up or down depending on individual requirements. All bathrooms are walk in wetrooms for greater convenience. All rooms have an emergency cord which if pulled goes through directly to handheld terminals so staff can deal with any emergencies which may arise.



Commented A2 Chief Executive Designate John Knevett, "We are delighted to be joined by so many guests and residents today to celebrate the re-opening of Charles Clore Court. This Extra Care scheme enables our residents to live full and independent lives, enjoying the latest in assistive technology. Additionally, residents and their families benefit from a heightened sense of flexibility as they can constantly adjust their care packages to take account of changing needs and circumstances.

We are proud to have worked with Reading Borough Council on such a challenging project, and very much hope that the new and improved scheme illustrates our commitment to assisting the Borough in meeting local needs."

