

Walthamstow and Chingford Almshouse Charity

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In order to apply for accommodation, could you please complete the “**Application Form**” and also the “**Authorization to Doctor**” form which you can find on our website <http://wcac.org.uk>. When you have completed both forms, please send them to the office.

Meanwhile, here is some information about the accommodation we offer.

The almshouse flats are to a high standard providing self contained warden assisted accommodation, with fully fitted kitchens including an electric oven and hob, fridge freezer and washing machine. The majority of flats have a level access shower room. An emergency call system is provided which is linked to either the call centre or warden on duty, 24 hours a day. Flats are single or two person one bedroom properties. There are two flats which have two bedrooms which will generally be available to residents requiring a carer. A guest room at Collard Court is available to family and friends of residents for short stays at a reasonable cost. All residents have access to a communal room with facilities for making light refreshments and for social activities. The Communal rooms are provided with computer, printer and internet access for residents’ use.

Warden Support

We have a team of wardens who are able to assist residents with matters such as form filling, accessing social care and dealing with repairs. Wardens cannot provide personal care to residents (*such as help with washing or dressing*) but can help them apply for a care package if required. Wardens will also work with residents to help generate a positive community spirit and neighbourliness at the almshouses.

Socials

A range of activities are organised by wardens and residents. These include social events such as coffee mornings, luncheon club, quizzes, trips out and film clubs. A weekly keep fit session is held at Collard Court. In addition residents may be able to access support with learning computer skills. A weekly minibus service is available to take residents to and from a local supermarket.

Gardens

All four almshouse sites have attractive communal gardens and keen gardeners may request a small patch of garden to cultivate.

Applicants must generally be over 55 years of age and have lived in Walthamstow or Chingford for at least a year prior to their appointment, or have lived in Walthamstow or Chingford for at least five consecutive years at any time.

Applications will be considered from individuals or couples with limited financial means and in need of warden assisted housing. In exceptional circumstances we can consider applications from people living outside of the area of benefit (Walthamstow and Chingford), for example to enable a person to move to be closer to a supportive family or friend.

Eligible applicants will be invited to view the vacant property prior to being visited in their home by two charity Trustees. The applications are reviewed by the Grants and Accommodation Committee, which will look at various factors, including housing, social and financial need, and whether the applicant(s) would benefit from warden supported housing.

Eligible applicants who are not successful for a particular vacancy, have their details held on file and will be contacted as vacancies arise.

Liz Abbott
Clerk to the Directors