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Caring for older people since 1587



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Seckford Almshouses

Set within their own grounds on the edge of Woodbridge, Seckford Almshouses offer beautifully adapted accommodation and high-quality care for older people.

- Extra Care Housing (double and single) if you want to live independently, but have carers on hand 24 hours a day
- Residential Care in Jubilee House, if you would like your own room, home-cooked meals and daily care provided

History

Seckford Almshouses have an unbroken tradition of providing accommodation, care and support to older people since the 16th Century.

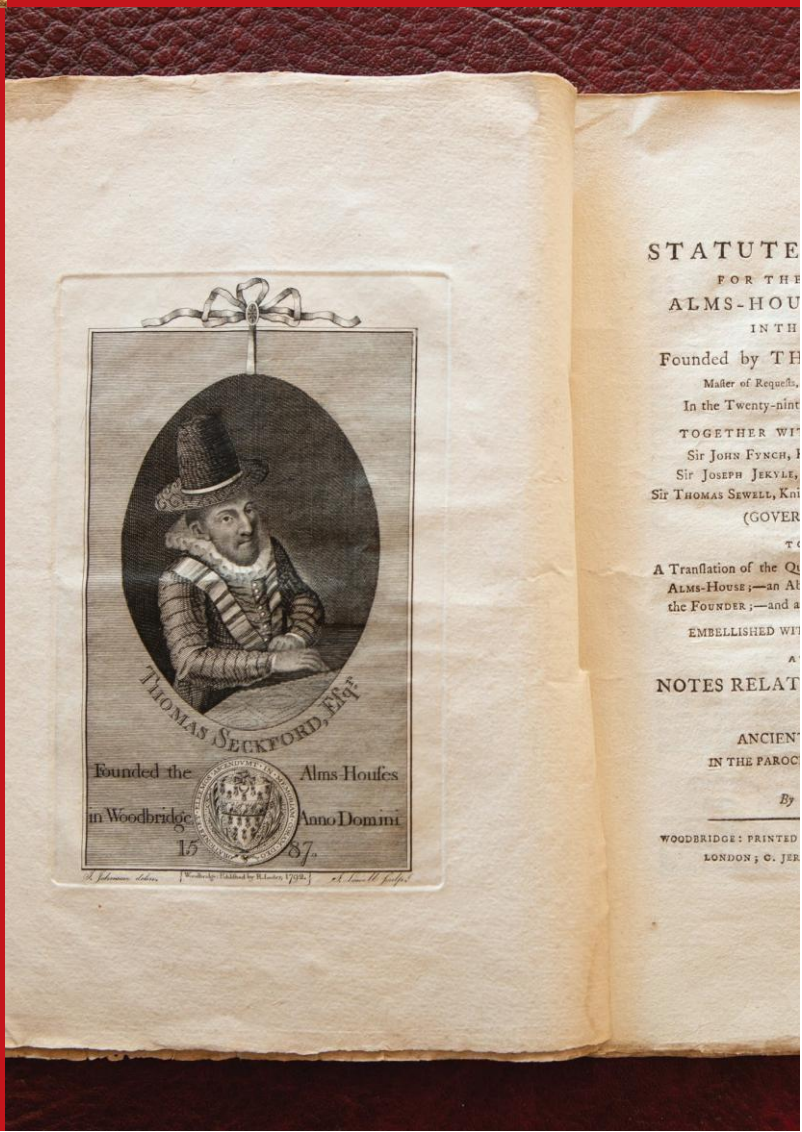
In 1587, Queen Elizabeth I granted Thomas Seckford permission to build almshouses in Woodbridge to "relieve need and distress" amongst older people. The first Seckford Almshouse consisted of rooms of "brick and stone" to house thirteen local men.

In 1834, the Seckford Hospital was built, although it was always an almshouse, never a hospital. Today, it comprises two residential wings, a Chapel and a red-brick cloister.

In 1977, a residential home was added and, in 2005, the Seckford Almshouses were beautifully converted into self-contained apartments.

In 2016, a further six bedrooms were created in Jubilee House, bringing the total number of rooms to 26.

In 2019, the title 'Seckford Care' was introduced, to encompass the full range of services that we provide.





Extra Care Housing

Our apartments are ideal, if you wish to lead an independent lifestyle, but would like the security of knowing that carers are on hand day and night.

Our apartments are spacious and unfurnished, so you can bring your own belongings and make your apartment your home.

Arranged over three floors, with easy access by ramps and lifts, there are apartments for single occupancy, as well as doubles.

What is provided in each apartment:

- Kitchens - with fridge, freezer, electric oven, hob and microwave
- Bathrooms - with toilet, basin and shower
- Bedroom/s, lounges and hallways are carpeted
- A call bell in each room (answered by our own staff)

Support to you:

The option of nutritious and delicious meals-on-wheels, cooked in our own kitchen.

If you wish, you can take part in a range of activities and meet up with friends in our sitting rooms, dining rooms, library, gardens, on-site chapel, shop and hairdressing salon.

To be eligible you'll be over the age of 50, have daily care needs and have lived within a 40-mile radius of Woodbridge.

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Our 26 single rooms are fully-furnished and include a call bell, television and telephone points.

To personalise your room and make it your home, we would encourage you to bring in pictures, photographs and other familiar items.

All the rooms have an en-suite toilet and basin and some also have showers. Well-equipped bathrooms are available nearby.

Every day, you'll be offered a choice of tasty, home-cooked meals, served in the dining room or in your room, if you prefer.

A range of activities is on offer and staff can help you to book our visiting chiropodist, hairdresser, physiotherapist, dentist, local doctors and clergy, and arrange visits to our on-site Chapel.

To be eligible for Jubilee House, you'll be over the age of 65, need daily care and have lived within a 40-mile radius of Woodbridge.

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Residential Care in Jubilee House

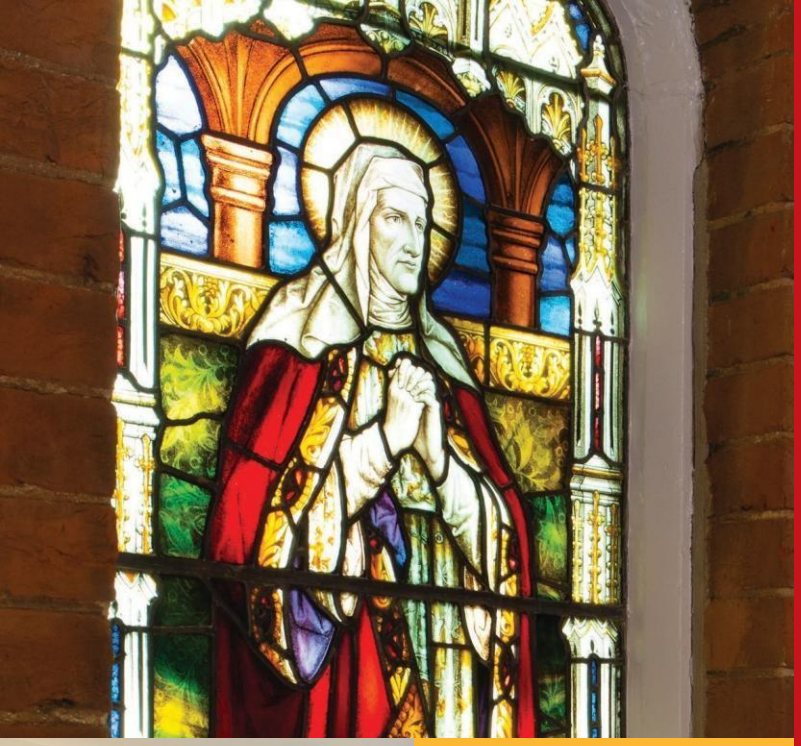
Jubilee House provides homely accommodation and high-quality care, if you wish to retain your independence and enjoy the company of others, without the responsibility of running a household, shopping, cooking and laundry.

In the safety and comfort of Jubilee House, our friendly, professional staff will help you to live as independently as possible, whilst ensuring that you receive the individual care that you require.

You can choose to spend your time in the comfort of your private room or enjoy the company of others in the sitting room and convivial dining room.

Jubilee House is light and airy, with easy access by ramps and lifts to other parts of the Seckford Almshouses, enabling you to meet up with people living in our apartments in the Almshouses and to use all the facilities there.





Beautiful Interiors and Grounds

All these facilities are for everyone to use and enjoy, whether they live in one of the apartments or have a room in Jubilee House:

- On-site Chapel
- Grounds and gardens
- Comfortable sitting rooms
- Vaulted walkways
- Courtyard
- Chapel cloister
- Historic features
- Well-stocked library
- Dining room













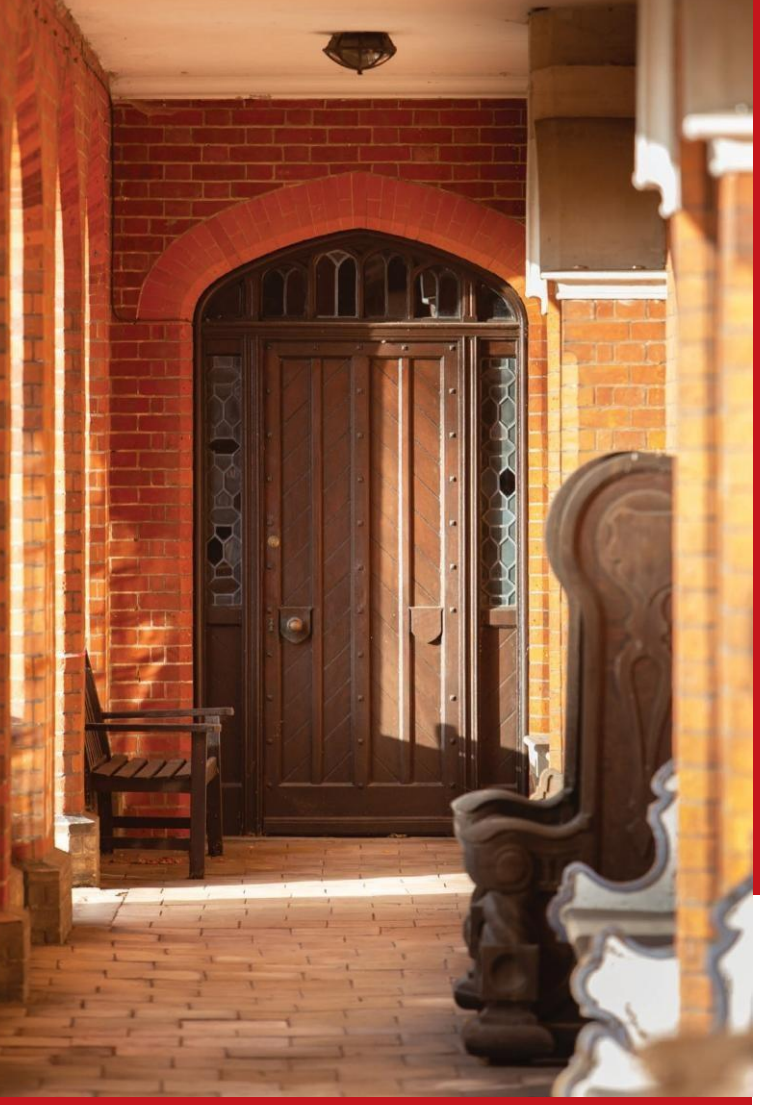
Activities

There is always something going on at Seckford Care and our team of activity care workers are continually adding to what is on offer, which currently includes:

- Knitting, flower arranging classes, singing
- Poetry, photography, art and book clubs
- Lectures, book reviews, board games, quizzes
- Exercise classes, outdoor walks, outings, shopping trips, religious services
- Special lunches and afternoon tea

Plus, there are often services and concerts in the chapel





Please come and visit - you will be very welcome

When you see this unique place, you'll get a feel for the special atmosphere, for who we are and the care and support we provide within this magnificent setting.

We'll be happy to show you around, answer your questions and provide you with all the information that you need.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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What it means

The icons we have used have significant meanings:

The Tudor Rose implies the historic roots of the organisation. We aim to highlight the length of the tradition here, which harks back to the original almshouses that Thomas Seckford provided back in 1587.

The black-dot salt and pepper pots are called 'ermines' and are associated with royalty and nobility, so key to Seckford Care; however, the reason that they are so significant is that they symbolise dignity - which is a key quality that we strive to uphold.

The shells are called 'escallops' and these are associated with travel and pilgrimages. These featured on Thomas Seckford's original Coat of Arms. Woodbridge town has incorporated them in recognition of his origins and support of the town.

All of these elements, we feel, are key to life here at Seckford Care, so we hope that we have created a new look to reflect the quality of care that we are committed to provide.

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