

This sheet gives general information on various matters and locations relating to private sheltered housing or housing suitable for the elderly.

Details of grants for the maintenance or improvement of property occupied by the elderly or disabled, or grants for the building of extensions to properties for the occupation of elderly or disabled persons, may be obtained from local Councils or from the Care & Repair Service of the Bailey Housing Association. An Age Concern Information Sheet No. 11 is available for details of Social Housing for the elderly within the area where property may be available for rent or exchange, or for purchase under Shared Ownership or Right to Buy Schemes. See also Age Concern Facts Sheets No.2 – Retirement Housing for Sale, No.6 – Finding Help at Home, No.12 – Raising Capital from your Home, No.13 – Financial Help for Older Home Owners for Repairs & Adaptations, and No.33 – Feeling Safer in your own Home. Details of current KCC Registered Residential & Nursing Homes are listed in a separate Kent County Council Book, and a further list is contained within the Commercial Care Homes Directory, which together with Age Concern Fact Sheets on various matters relating to Residential & Nursing Homes, are all available to view from the Age Concern office.

**The Disabled Persons Accommodation Agency (DPAA)** 312 High St, Rochester, Kent, ME1 1BT, 01634 819922, exist to help frail elderly or disabled persons find places to live which meet their needs.

**The Elderly Accommodation Counsel, (EAC)** 3rd Floor, 89 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7TP. 020 7820 1343, can also provide detailed information and advice together with lists of housing available for rent or purchase throughout the Country.

**Shelter, Kent Housing Aid**, Bull Yard, High Street, Ashford, Kent.TN24 8SN, 01233 610669 will advise on queries or problems on housing.

**Sheltered Housing Services Limited** Freepost Lon 3108, London, W5 1BR will provide information to you for one year from their National Register of lists of Retirement Housing & Homes, including Sheltered Housing.

**Advice Information & Mediation Service**, will provide specialist advice or assistance on Private or Rented Housing. Tel. 020 7383 2006

**Property suitable for the elderly** is available for Private Purchase at the following local locations. Inclusion does not constitute a recommendation from Age Concern and as the facilities available at each location can vary and change in time, your own enquiries and inspections are advised. This list is not intended to be comprehensive. Waiting lists may be in operation at some locations.

**Inglewood, The Spinney, Northview, Swanley.** Self-contained Studio or One-Bed Flats in medium size block of 42 units, located one mile from the Swanley Town Centre, 200 yards from Sports/Swimming Centre, 100 yards from Newbarn Park, involving some inclines. Nearest Shop & Post Office one mile. Communal Lounge, Guest Suite, Door entry system with individual bell for each flat, Resident Warden – lives on site - on duty Monday to Friday 9.00 to 5.20 with on call system all other times. All flats have emergency alarm, Operated by Raglan Housing Association, normally several available for sale. Warden 01322 613934.

**Bramblefield Estate, Bramblefield Close, Hartley.** Medium size private estate of modern brick built self-contained 1 & 2 bed Maisonnets and Bungalows, area involves inclines. Sold at below market value on licence to the elderly for the lifetime of the occupant, following which the property is returned to the owners for the licence price paid originally. Nice clean estate, all units double-glazed with electric central heating. Estate adjacent to Longfield Railway Station and Bus stops, about 150 yards from Longfield Shopping Centre. Dartford Town Centre and Bluewater Shopping Centre approx. 5 miles. Age Concern Day Centre on estate. Considerable waiting list, particularly for 2-bed properties. Site owned and managed by Billings Estates Ltd, telephone Leslie or Angela on 01474 708624.

**South Downs, South Darent, Near Dartford.** A quiet rural private 17-acre estate of 153 self-contained flats and bungalows, area involves inclines. Dartford 4 miles, Swanley 4 miles, on the edge of South Darent Village with limited shops and post office. Properties decorated & carpeted, sold on 94-year lease to over 55 years of age, medical assessment and certain restrictions apply to the initial and any subsequent sale. As several different schemes operate on the buying and selling of these properties telephoning for a brochure is suggested. Site owned and managed by Welfare Dwellings Management Ltd with office on site. Nurse on call 24 hours for emergencies, twice weekly medical surgery on site, Estate Maintenance system in operation, allotment areas available on site, Emergency Alarms fitted in all bungalows and in halls of flats, Pets allowed but must be kept on lead. Public buses into estate every half an hour, Age Concern buses into estate for shopping and OAP Clubs several times per week. Active Social Centre with bar, restaurant, TV lounge, Billiard room and social area. Non-denominational church, mobile library, small shop, launderette and guest room. Tel. 01322 864279 / 01322 862494

**Kennett Court, Sycamore Road, Swanley.** A modern built block of 74 private self contained flats, available for purchase only to persons 60 years plus. Swanley Town Centre quarter mile, Dartford 5 miles, Asda Supermarket 150 yards, Rail Station half mile, on bus route. Communal lounge, Guest suite, Laundry facilities, Free parking, small Pets allowed at management discretion, Resident Manager on site - on duty 9.00 to 5.00 Monday to Friday, with on call system at other times, emergency alarm system fitted in each flat, Door entry system with CCTV, Built by McCarthy & Stone, Managed by Peverall Management Services, Tel. Resident Manager on 01322 615760

**Age Concern** can offer general advice in regard to facilities available in the local area. We may also be able to assist with the supply

and delivery of furniture and household effects from our Charity Shop. We can refer you to reliable and trustworthy low cost charitable organisations or tradesmen for House or Garden maintenance and most other work.