

History

The Trust was founded with a bequest from Major John Herbert Clark Devenish and the first bungalows were completed in 1962. The Trust does not depend on public appeals and donations, and, as well as providing housing for its residents, supports other charities assisting ladies who would qualify to reside in The Homes.



Major Devenish, former Chairman of Devenish Brewery.

Location

Situated on high ground close to the delightful coastal Dorset town of Weymouth, The Home of Devenish has 23 bungalows and two maisonettes on three small estates. The properties are set in attractive maintained gardens and, with regular bus services, are all within easy reach of shops, beaches and waterside walks.

Weymouth is at the heart of the majestic Jurassic Coast. With its mild climate and absence of major motorways, Dorset has retained its quiet and peaceful lifestyle, while providing plenty to keep its residents active and engaged in local life.



Conditions of Residence

- The facilities are for the benefit of single women who qualify under the Trust.*
- Applicants must be in reasonably good health and capable of living independently.
- The accommodation is offered rent- and council tax-free but residents must pay their own telephone and electricity bills.
- The bungalows/maisonettes are unfurnished and it is assumed that each resident will supply her own furniture, etc.
- Family and friends are always welcome to stay for short periods but the second bedroom may not be used for letting or for a permanent visitor.
- We regret dogs and cats cannot be accommodated, owing to the communal nature of the area surrounding the homes.
- The Trust is responsible for maintenance, exterior and interior decoration, and maintaining the grounds and gardens.



“My children now know I am safe.”

[*See our website www.homeofdevenish.org.uk or contact us for full details. If you are not sure that your circumstances apply, please contact us. We would love to help if we can.]

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THE HOME OF DEVENISH

WEYMOUTH DORSET

Providing rent- and council tax-free homes for its residents since 1962.



The Home of Devenish is an independent registered charity providing free, unfurnished, independent accommodation for single Christian women who are widows of Church of England clergy or officers in HM Armed Forces, or who are themselves retired Church of England clergy or retired officers in HM Armed Forces.

We have 25 individual properties, spread over three sites, set in attractive gardens and within an easy bus ride of local amenities and the historic seaside town of Weymouth.

Our mission is to ease the worry of old age for our residents and provide them with the opportunity to live in independence for as long as possible.

View of Portland Harbour and Portland Island from one of our estates. Situated near the delightful coastal town of Weymouth, our homes are all within easy reach of shops, beaches and waterside walks.

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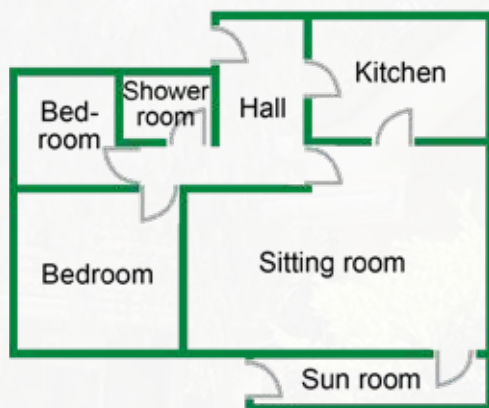
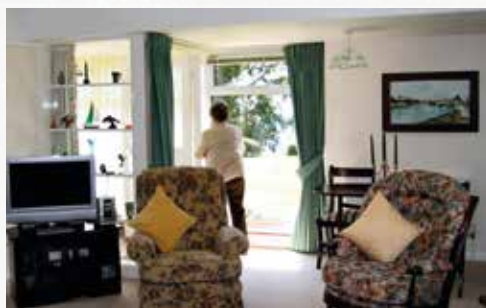
The Properties

Each property has two bedrooms, a kitchen, shower room, sitting room and small sun room.

Parking is available on two of the three estates.

As well as having no rent or council tax to pay, background heating, gardening, internal and external maintenance and repairs are also provided free-of-charge to residents.

Residents may live as they wish, have friends to stay for short periods, and pay only for their contents insurance,



Typical floor plan of our homes.

telephone, electricity, TV licence and for the repair of their own domestic equipment and furnishings.

“If something goes wrong, I don’t have to worry about it.”



Our Residents

A prospective resident is likely to have long experience of moving home by nature of clergy/ Forces life, but to move again later in life is not always an easy decision. The Trust helps in every way it can.

Evidence of health is required to confirm that the applicant is fit enough to live on her own. It is necessary to have a friend or relative who can assist in times of difficulty. There is no resident warden and the Trust does not provide nursing care or night-time assistance.* However, each resident is linked to a local telephone emergency service by push button phone and portable call button courtesy of the Trust.

[*Day-time help can be supplied on a private paying basis, or through Social Services or NHS if applicable. Long-term night-time assistance is not an option due to practical constraints.]



“I feel safe and secure here.”



Many of the residents create their own delightful patio displays.



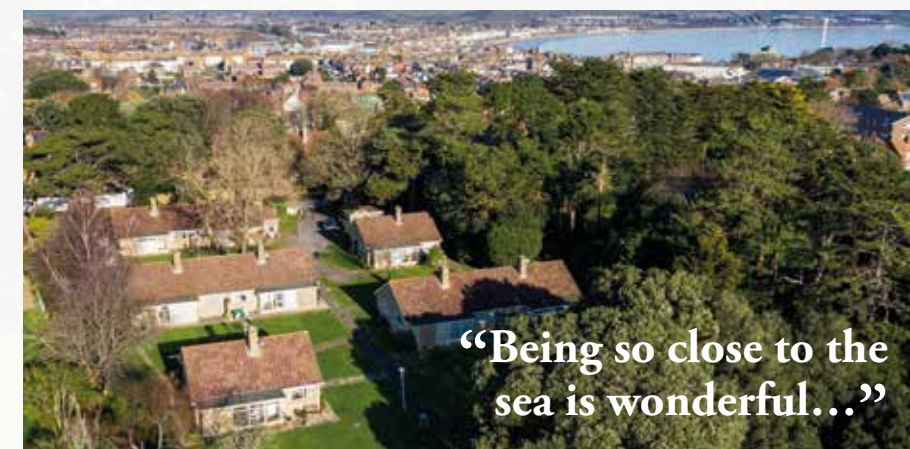
“There’s something for all interests.”



More than 100 women have lived in our houses since our foundation. They have ranged in age from 60 to 105.

All have enjoyed the sense of community and valued the peace and tranquillity of the estates and gardens – each making her new home her own.

If you would like to find out more, get in touch. We’d love to hear from you.



“Being so close to the sea is wonderful...”

View of Devenish Warren with Weymouth Bay in the distance.