



yes
to independence

Larchwood House

Bedford, Northamptonshire

Life-changing residential care
at the heart of the community

lifeways
yes to you



Welcome to Larchwood House

Larchwood House is a residential service where people with learning disabilities, autism and other complex needs are empowered to live as independently as possible, to become integral members of the community and to achieve their goals and aspirations through individual care pathways.

The detached house consists of five apartments, two living rooms and a laundry room.

Each apartment has a bedroom, an open-plan kitchen, dining room and living room, and a bathroom. People from the apartments have access to all communal spaces within the main house too.

Larchwood House also has an accessible garden with a patio, a decking area and a BBQ for people to enjoy the outdoors when the weather is good.

“At Larchwood House, there is a strong focus on person-centred support. The atmosphere within the house is really positive – it’s very varied and busy. The house itself is great and in a good area with amazing links into town. This really is a warm and friendly place to live.”

Manager, Larchwood House



We are ready to welcome someone new to join the people we support here. The upcoming vacancy is an individual apartment within a residential service. The apartment is located on the middle floor and has a bedroom, bathroom with a bath, and a kitchen dining area.

At Larchwood House, people choose how they spend their time. Trips to the coast are favourites. People are encouraged to cook for themselves on a daily basis, and also have a cooking day once a week where everyone eats together. The people we support also celebrate birthdays and other special occasions as a group.

Valued in your community

There is nothing more valuable than being an active part of the local community.

Larchwood House is in a residential area with cafés, pubs and a post office. Bedford is within walking distance and offers the Harpur Shopping Centre, a Vue Cinema, The Higgins Art Gallery and Museum, and Bedford Central Library.

For people who like to stay active, Trinity Arts and Leisure provides year-round access to exercise classes, a gym, sports courts and a swimming pool. People also enjoy walking in the local area - Bedford Park is a popular destination.

People also like to visit nearby Northampton which has attractions including the Grosvenor Shopping Centre, theatres, museums, art galleries, Ten Pin Northampton for bowling, Northampton Marina, and Delapre Abbey.

It's good to know...



We're close to Bedford which has a range of vibrant cafés, pubs, restaurants and high-street shops.



Tesco, Iceland, Lidl and Sainsbury's are all close by.



The GP surgery and NHS dentist are less than half a mile away.



There's a bus stop within a short walk, with regular routes into Bedford, Brickhill and Woodside.



The nearby train station is just eight minutes away by car, and has local and national services.



There is on-site parking available for people with cars. Colchester is just a thirty-minute drive.



yes
to friendships

“Since living at a Lifeways service I have become more confident and independent. I am able to make everyday decisions with the help from my team, who support me in a consistent way; this is very important to me. My self-esteem has grown with the support I receive and I couldn't be happier.”

Person supported by Lifeways

Five reasons to choose Lifeways

yes to stability.

Our stability speaks for itself. Since 1995 we've grown to become the UK's largest provider of supported living for adults. So when you're comparing providers, it's good to know that our steadfast support is founded on over 25 years of proven outcomes.

yes to reassurance.

Our size brings reassurance. It allows us to invest in our people and services. And it's the reason we've been able to open 900 new apartments in 65 communities since 2015. Everyone deserves unique support in a home they'll feel proud of – and that's exactly what we provide.

yes to local.

Our hearts are in our local communities. We're proud to support people in more than 1,000 locations across the UK. But we're even more proud that every service is run by trusted local teams, each providing neighbourly support that feels close to home.

yes to relationships.

Our people make all the difference. So we make sure everyone is valued and all of our support workers achieve the Care Certificate qualification. Over a quarter of our team have been with us for over five years and some have even been with us from the very beginning, helping to create rewarding relationships, improved outcomes and excellent continuity of care.

yes to quality.

Our purpose is to improve lives. It's as simple as that. We help almost 5,000 people to live with hope and independence, with every member of our team sharing the same commitment to quality in everything we do. We hire the best in the sector into our highly skilled and dedicated Quality team, who work to ensure our CQC ratings are something we can be proud of.



yes
to ambition

So what happens next?

It all starts with an informal chat with one of our specialist assessors. Together with each individual, they will build a clear understanding of their needs and preferences, making sure that they make the choice that is right for them.

They'll then be on hand to guide individuals, families and professionals through the referral and assessment processes, and won't stop until the kettle's on, and the move is complete.

Supporting people to live the life they choose.

At Lifeways, our focus is *you*. We want to become a trusted partner on your personal journey. Learning from the challenges you've already overcome, before tailoring our support to help you achieve more.

Why Lifeways?

We believe that anyone can achieve the extraordinary. And that's why Lifeways exists. To understand every individual and support each different dream. Creating homes to feel proud of and places where lives feel fulfilled.

Make a referral or arrange a visit

Learn more about independent living at Larchwood House, make a referral or arrange a visit by contacting Lifeways:

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