

THE ROYAL HOMES

Independent living for those
with a Forces connection.



SSAFA's Royal Wimbledon homes provide independent living in self-contained, affordable flats at Queen Alexandra's Court, Wimbledon, for those with a Forces connection.

The Royal Homes were originally created as Homes for Officers' Widows and Daughters following an appeal by Colonel Gildea in 1899 and are still managed today by SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity. Accommodation now is available to all members and former members of all ranks of the Armed Forces and their families; including those currently serving (regular and reserves) and veterans.

Our current residents are associated with the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force and Royal Marines. All our residents must be able to look after themselves and maintain their flats. The Royal Homes is an Almshouse, situated between Wimbledon town centre and Wimbledon Village with excellent transport links and amenities.

ELIGIBILITY

Anyone with an Armed Forces connection who have received a minimum one day's pay and are in need of housing can apply. This includes:

- All ranks and former members of Royal Navy, Royal Marines, British Army and Royal Air Force
- Volunteer Reserve Forces, including Royal Navy Reserve, Royal Marine Reserve, Army Reserve and Royal Air Forces Reserve
- Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets in a campaign afloat during hostilities
- Territorial Army
- Military Nursing services

A **'Housing Need'** is defined as someone who is:

- Homeless
- Threatened with impending homelessness
- Inadequately or inappropriately housed or in other housing need and are without the financial resources to make their own provision by renting in the private sector or buying their own home
- Seeking accommodation due to fleeing from domestic abuse



In addition, if one of the above has been met, the following eligible beneficiaries and dependents can apply:

- Wives and former wives
- Husbands and former husbands
- Widows and widowers
- Civil partners and former civil partners
- Partners who are, or were, in a long-term relationship with a beneficiary
- Children over 12 years old who are dependent on a SSAFA beneficiary
- Those who provide care for a SSAFA beneficiary

WHAT ACCOMMODATION IS AVAILABLE?

All accommodation is in self-contained flats (ranging in size from studios, to one and two bedrooms), each with separate entrances, fitted bathrooms and kitchens.

When residents first arrive, they are allocated suitably sized accommodation and may then add their name to a waiting list for larger flats. The flats are in beautiful mansion-style blocks around a garden square and surrounded by large, well maintained grounds.

The flats are unfurnished, however facilities such as ovens, hobs and built in cupboards are provided. All flats are supplied with central heating and hot water.



WHAT IS AVAILABLE COMMUNALLY?

The flats are located in ten separate blocks. Six blocks have lifts and four blocks do not.

Flats with two bedrooms are located in the blocks without lifts. There is a well-equipped common room which is used for both private and communal functions. There are also four guest rooms that residents may use for visitors at a nominal charge per night.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO LIVE AT THE ROYAL HOMES?

Our residents pay a nominal Service Maintenance Charge (SMC) for their accommodation to cover running costs, which includes a maintenance contribution. Residents are responsible for the cost of their own electricity, telephones, television licence and Council Tax in each flat.

APPLICATIONS AND ASSESSMENT

The charitable nature of the Royal Homes means that priority is given to those who are most in need of accommodation. All applications are considered individually, including the Service connection of any potential new residents and all prospective residents must be able to live independently. Please also note that pets are not allowed.

In order to apply for accommodation, the following documentation will be required (where applicable) to support the application:

- Service Details
- Birth certificates for those on the application
- Marriage certificate for those on the application
- Death certificate

- Divorce certificate
- 3 months of bank statements
- Benefit entitlement information
- Last landlord reference
- Personal reference
- Passports or the right to reside documents
- Financial records
- Medical Certificate confirming the applicant is fit and well and able to live independently

Once this documentation has been assessed, applicants will be invited to attend an interview and successful applicants will be placed on the accommodation register until a vacancy arises. For initial enquiries please contact us by phone, email or by visiting our website ssafa.org.uk/royalwimbledonhomes.



SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity, has been providing lifelong support to our Forces and their families since 1885. Last year our teams of volunteers and employees helped more than 82,000 people in need, from Second World War veterans to those who have served in more recent conflicts, and their families.

SSAFA understands that behind every uniform is a person. And we are here for that person – any time they need us, in any way they need us, for as long as they need us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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