

The Mortimer Society - *Huntington's & Physical Disability Care*

ABOUT US

The Mortimer Society is a registered charity in Kent that has been providing residential care for adults with disabilities from all over the country for more than twenty years.

The Society has two residential homes, Birling House in Snodland and Frindsbury House in Rochester.

We specialise in providing care for people with Huntington's disease, acquired brain injuries, Parkinson's disease and learning disabilities.

We create friendly, relaxing and supportive environments, which enable our residents to maintain their physical and mental health.

We assist those in our care to exercise choice, maximise their independence, develop interests and skills whilst feeling safe and cared for by people they know and trust.

We regard each person with physical or learning disabilities as unique and tailor our services to his or her assessed needs. Our main concern is good quality of life and we aim to provide a homelike environment, which respects independence and encourages individuality and personal growth.



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FRINDSBURY HOUSE

Frindsbury House provides care for people with a range of physical disabilities including Huntington's disease. It is a large detached house in its own grounds near the village of Wainscott, Rochester in Kent.

The existing house is built in Edwardian style and furnished to a high standard. It has well maintained and individual bedrooms both on the ground and first floor and there is a large lounge, a conservatory and a comfortable dining area.

The house is set in extensive well established grounds, which include mature trees a pond and flower gardens. There are two purpose built activity and craft rooms which are separate from the main house, where residents may choose to get involved in art and craft, computing, games and social events. There is a residents' kitchen which is used for the provision of supported independent living skills. the home has a Minibus with wheelchair access and a car for residents' outings.

Frindsbury House
42 Hollywood Lane
Wainscott
Nr. Rochester
Kent ME3 8AL

Tel No: 01634 719942



At present we are building a new annexe fully equipped for residents with physical disabilities. There will be 13 new ensuite bedrooms, a multi sensory room and a spacious sitting room with French Windows opening out onto the gardens.

This is an exciting project for The Society and we look forward to providing a home for more people with physical disabilities.

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BIRLING HOUSE

Birling House provides care for people with a range of physical disabilities.

The home was opened over 20 years ago and specialises in caring for people with Huntington's disease. The home is set in its own grounds in the Snodland conservation area and is quite close to the railway station.

The House is on two floors, with an attached annexe, purpose built for wheelchair users. There are four communal lounge areas, a dining room and visitors' room. All bathrooms and toilets are adapted for residents. Bedrooms are decorated and furnished to reflect individual tastes and include a TV point and call bell system. We have an Activities Suite including a Multi Sensory Room, kitchen and social room. We also have a large accessible garden which contains a greenhouse and sun room. The Home has two adapted mini buses and a car.

Birling House
89 High Street
Snodland
Kent ME6 5AN

Tel No: 01634 244689



Significant time and high importance is given to planning admissions to Birling House ensuring that they are both personal and well managed. Prospective residents and their families are treated with dignity and respect for the life-changing decisions they may be making. We place great emphasis on responding to the individual need for information, reassurance and support.

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ARRANGING A VISIT

We strongly recommend that a prospective resident visits the Home with a relative, friend or advocate. Ideally the person will visit the home for either a morning or a full day and may even choose to stay overnight so that they are more equipped to make a judgement about whether they would be happy to entrust us with their long term care.

Prospective residents are encouraged to talk to some of people using our service to gain their opinion of the home.

To arrange a visit to Birling House or Frindsbury House please contact:

Sue Matthews
Resident Services Manager

Telephone: 01634 244689



Nearly all of our residents are supported financially by their local council or a Primary Care Trust. Once the prospective resident and their family and friends have made their choice of a particular home then the care manager from the local authority will normally discuss the finances with their commissioners.

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LIFESTYLE CHOICES

The staff team is committed to providing high quality, sensitive support and look beyond the disability to the individual and their particular aspirations.

All our staff receive vocational training beyond the mandatory and essential level and in addition are given further training in our specialist areas including Huntington's disease.

We help our residents enjoy a broad range of interests and provide the support to live their life as they wish to live it. We have five vehicles which enable our residents to get out and about when they want to.

All the bedrooms are furnished to a high standard and are decorated to personal choice.

The catering staff produce a well-cooked and varied menu and individual preferences are fully catered for.



Our Aims are:

- To create friendly, safe and relaxing therapeutic environments
- To encourage residents to achieve their potential and retain their individuality and unique approach to life.
- To promote meaningful and enjoyable activities.
- To consistently offer a kind, caring and flexible approach to each resident.

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NEWS AND INFORMATION

Goodbye to Richard

Our Chief Executive, Richard Dinkeldein retired just before Christmas after six years with the Mortimer Society. During this time Richard led the Society with commitment, dedication and kindness through a period of expansion; almost doubling the size of Frindsbury House to provide 15 new ensuite rooms and creating a long awaited extension at Birling House.

Our New Chief Executive

Paul Studd, who was previously our Finance and Administration Manager, has now been appointed Chief Executive and is looking forward to building on Richard's legacy.

New Extension at Birling House

The extension at Birling House which will include a large function room for all our residents is on course to be completed early in February 2011.

Board of Trustees

Mrs Anne Douse resigned from the Board of Trustees in November due to increasing pressures of work. Anne has been a trustee for some years and during this time the Society has benefited from her expertise and advice.

We welcome Mrs Barbara Dubois who joined the Board of Trustees in December and look forward to working with her in the future.



Relative Support Group

We continue to hold relative support groups at Birling House. Unfortunately the last meeting, which was being led by Fiona Sturrock the regional HDA advisor, coincided with an evening of motorway gridlock and few people were able to attend.

We are going to contact members in the New Year to find out their views on how they would like the group to evolve

The Mortimer Society is a charity, which is administered by five Trustees:

Mrs Margaret Ivell, Mr. Roy Pike, Mrs Jacquie Westwood, Mr Michael Ellis and Mrs Barbara Dubois

The senior management team is as follows:

Paul Studd
Chief Executive

Melanie McCarthy
Head of Homes

Sue Matthews
Resident Services Manager

Neil Channon
Birling House Manager

Elaine Runeckles
Frindsbury House Manager

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