

WELCOME TO FREEMEN'S HOLT



STRESS-FREE LIVING AT FREEMEN'S HOLT

Do you want to live securely and independently?



Would you like to live as part of a thriving community?

As a Leicester Freeman (single or married) or a Leicester Freeman's Widow/Widower, and retired, you have the right to apply to live at Freeman's Holt.

It is a great place to live, so if you are retired why not consider living at the Holt.

Freemen's Holt offers independent living without stress. You can live in a safe, secure environment with peace of mind.

What do you do if a boiler breaks down or a pipe bursts?

If your fence blows down or you have an electrical problem, who do you call?

This is not a problem at Freeman's Holt as the Board of Deputies will arrange for experienced tradespeople to undertake repairs, at no cost to Residents.



What if you are unwell and need help?

You are never alone as we have a 24/7 alarm system. You can contact someone for help by pressing a buzzer which will be answered immediately. Any emergency will be dealt with, at any time of the day or night.

A bit about Freeman's Holt

Freemen's Holt estate is situated on Old Church Street, in the Aylestone Village conservation area in Leicester.

The Estate was purchased and developed by the Leicester Freeman's Estate charity, following the sale of Freeman's Common in 1968. The Board of Deputies at the Leicester Freeman's Estate charity is responsible for the management of Freeman's Holt.

The Estate comprises seven and a half acres on which are built 36 bungalows for the use of retired Freeman and their Widows/Widowers who are struggling financially or are in poor health.

The Estate is gated and secure, with beautiful landscaped grounds for Residents to enjoy.



The Bungalows at Freeman's Holt



- There are One-bedroom and Extended bungalows at the Holt. Each bungalow has its own private rear patio area. Residents can also enjoy the private, beautiful grounds on the Estate. To ensure the safety of all Residents, pets are not allowed to be kept at the Holt.
- The properties and Estate are maintained to a very high standard. The bungalows are light and airy and will be freshly decorated, ready for when a Resident/Residents move in. Wet rooms are installed for safety and ease of use. The bungalows are easy to keep clean and many are wheelchair/disabled-friendly. Residents are only responsible for the internal decoration on an ongoing basis, and personal goods, as all buildings maintenance is provide by the Charity.
- If you go away there is always someone around to keep an eye on your bungalow to ensure that any problems are dealt with or deliveries can be received during your absence.

Facilities at Freeman's Holt

There is a spacious Community Centre for the use of Residents, the Board of Deputies and the Gild. Within the Community Centre there is a small Library and a kitchen. The Community Centre is used for social activities, including a weekly Coffee Morning run by Residents. It is also used by Residents and Outside Freeman to hold private functions eg. celebrations, family get-togethers.

There is a Workshop on site for the use of Residents. The Estate has several allotment plots which can be used by Residents, and which also provide an opportunity for non-gardeners to take up a new hobby.

The Estate borders the Canal and there is a Fishing Station for Residents' use, as well as private seated areas overlooking the Canal.

The Estate has many established trees which, together with seasonal shrubs and wildlife, provide an atmosphere of calm and tranquillity within the City.





Services & Leisure Facilities nearby to Freeman's Holt



- **Two Health Centres** within walking distance of the Holt
- **Local Supermarket, Shops, Cafes & Post Office** very near to the Estate
- **Regular Bus services** to and from Leicester City Centre
- **Aylestone Meadows Nature Reserve & the Canal** for walks
- **Aylestone Hall Gardens with tennis courts and Bowls Club** nearby
- **Leicester Banks Bowls Club** a short walk away
- **Three Churches (Church of England, Baptist & Catholic)** in the area
- **Black Horse Public House in Aylestone** holds a variety of social events and activities
- **Fosse Park Shopping Centre and two large supermarkets** are a short drive away
- **Palmer's Garden Centre** is a ten-minute drive
- **Aylestone Leisure Centre** (with Swimming Pool & Gym)
- **LCFC King Power & Leicester Tigers Stadiums and Grace Road Cricket** within a two-mile radius

Some more Benefits of living at Freemen's Holt

Visitor Accommodation

There are two double bedrooms with a bathroom, with access to basic kitchen facilities, that can be used overnight by relatives or visitors of Residents, for a nominal charge. Accommodation is non-smoking and no pets are allowed.

Emergency Call System

Emergency Call equipment is installed in all bungalows and Residents are issued with a pendant which connects them to a helpline, which is manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week .



Laundry Facilities

There is an on-site Drying Room with coin-operated Tumble Dryer for Residents to use.

Safety Equipment in Bungalows

All bungalows are fitted with Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors.

Peace of Mind

Relatives will be assured that that their loved ones will be living in a safe, gated environment, where they can enjoy life but remain independent.



Staff at Freeman's Holt

On a day-to-day basis, Freeman's Holt is managed by the Clerk, Adam Chilton, on behalf of the Charity's Board of Deputies.

Adam, who deals with the operational running of the Estate, is assisted by the Assistant Clerk, Sharon Lewis-Clarke. Both staff are based in the Estate Office, on site, from Monday to Friday, between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm. A Housing Association answers all out-of-hours and weekend emergency calls from Residents.



Adam Chilton



Sharon Lewis-Clarke

What our Residents and their Families say about Freeman's Holt

"I'm very happy that my parents moved to Freeman's Holt. They feel safe and have settled into their new home well."

Daughter of Residents, April 2021

"We moved to the Holt last year and have no regrets downsizing. We have enjoyed having an allotment on site."

Residents, April 2021

"We have lived at the Holt for 10 years and I love my home and the Estate. Residents are friendly and staff are helpful and supportive."

Residents, April 2021

"I have been at the Holt for 16 years. It is a lovely Estate with all amenities within walking distance. I particularly enjoy walks on Aylestone Meadows nearby."

Resident, April 2021



"My Mum has enjoyed living at the Holt for the last 18 years. She never feels alone on the Estate."

Son of Resident, April 2021

Contact us to find out more

If you would like to find out more about Freeman's Holt and vacant bungalows, either for yourself or on behalf of a relative, please contact **Adam Chilton (Clerk/Manager)** or **Sharon Lewis-Clarke (Assistant Clerk)** by telephone or email, as follows:

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Information is also available on our website at
www.leicesterfreemen.co.uk.

Adam and Sharon look forward to hearing from you and will be happy to help with any information you require.

