



The Old Vicarage Care Home

A Friends of the Elderly Care Home



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To you all,

I am proud to be President of Friends of the Elderly. The work of the Charity ensures that older people have access to wonderful support and a safe environment for everyone in your care to live fulfilled and respected lives.

The outstanding and important work undertaken by Friends of the Elderly to embrace people living with dementia as a part of your Dementia Education Programme, is testament to the Charity's commitment to improving the lives of older people.

I send to you all at Friends of the Elderly my warmest good wishes.

A handwritten signature in white ink on a dark blue background, reading "Alexandra".

HRH Princess Alexandra KG GCVO

President

Friends of the Elderly

Supporting older people for over a century

The Old Vicarage is overseen by Friends of the Elderly, a charity that has been making life better for older people since 1905.

From serving up 'Penny Dinners' to WWI veterans to pioneering innovations in dementia care, older people are at the heart of what we do.

Yet we are more than just a charity, we are a family too. Because of this we put the personal into professional care, whether it's through grant services, home care, day care or residential homes.

We know older people are individuals with their own unique stories to tell. Most of all, we believe that the senior years of a person's life should be rich, full and dignified. At The Old Vicarage, we have created a space where people can flourish.



Take a look inside The Old Vicarage



‘The Old Vicarage is way more than a nursing home, it’s a real home.’

A pretty redbrick house in an idyllic Oxfordshire village. A private chapel and lovingly tended gardens. And all just a stroll away from the banks of the Thames.

Welcome to a true home.
Welcome to The Old Vicarage.

Our purpose-built care home is tucked away in a peaceful corner of the Oxfordshire countryside. Residents enjoy spending time in our private chapel and courtyard gardens, while the surrounding village of Moulsoford overlooks one of the prettiest strips of the Thames.

Our home is filled with laughter and conversation, plus our pet dog, Rooney, always offers a warm welcome. We are also an active part of the local community.

The team is known for their outstanding care and for being recognised specialists in dementia support. Respite care is also available.

The Old Vicarage has an overall CQC inspection rating of good.

A special and welcoming place

Rooms at The Old Vicarage are spacious, light and airy with ensuite bathrooms. You are welcome to personalise your space with small pieces of furniture and treasured mementoes.

We also have a range of shared areas including a cosy lounge, bright and airy dining room and even a fully equipped hair & beauty salon.

Our lush grounds have been developed over the years by residents who take a keen interest in gardening. The sheltered courtyard garden is a relaxing space for enjoying some quiet time or entertaining visitors.



Living life to the full

'The activities are fantastic. Really changing people's lives.'

Our packed schedule means that there is never a dull day at The Old Vicarage. Activities include movie nights, coffee mornings, arts & crafts, baking, a book club, musical events, hymn sessions, game afternoons and exercise groups.

Every Sunday you are welcome to attend our private chapel, followed by a coffee and crossword session. Visits from hairdressers and beauty therapists mean you can always look your best.

Our gardens host regular family days, including the popular Easter egg hunt, summer barbecue and a showstopping professional firework display on Bonfire Night.



Memorable menus

'The food is good. I get to choose what I want to eat.'

What could be more important than delicious and nutritious food every day?

At The Old Vicarage, we believe that mealtimes should be an event. That's why we are passionate about serving quality dishes that will boost your health and happiness. From teatime treats to international cuisine to the best of British, we have something to tempt every taste.

All meals are freshly prepared by our professional cooks, who love creating seasonal dishes sourced from specially selected suppliers. We believe in variety, meaning that you can choose from a wide range of menus each day. Fruit and snacks are always available too.

Most importantly, we'll make sure to get to know your individual preferences. And if there is nothing on the menu that takes your fancy, our cooks will be happy to whip up an alternative.

Our team work hard to create a pleasant dining experience, which is why many of our residents choose to enjoy their meals together. What's more, you are welcome to have guests join you. And with special themed nights like 'A Taste of France', our meals can be quite lively.



Putting the individual first

'It's like a big happy family here.'

At The Old Vicarage, we see the individual. We focus on what a person can do, rather than what they can no longer do. We treat everyone with dignity and consideration.

That is why we don't believe in slotting our residents into categories like 'residential', 'nursing' or 'dementia'. Real people just don't fit into these neat boxes, so we treat everyone as an individual with their own unique needs.



For this reason, we will aim to fit our home around you, instead of expecting you to fit around our home. We will also work with you and your loved ones to create a tailored, regularly updated care package that reflects your preferences.

Personal, professional and passionate staff

'I think it is great that we are a charity because it just feels that our values are very different to everybody else's. I love that we are part of one big family.'

At The Old Vicarage, we always say that it is our staff who make us what we are. From our care team to our cleaners to our managers, everyone is highly trained. Our goal is to balance a relaxed and open atmosphere with highly professional care.

We also believe in investing in our people through ongoing learning and development. Some of our staff have been with us for many years, because they know that they can grow here. In fact, it is these long relationships that create the special family feeling at The Old Vicarage.



Listening is everything

It is very important to us that older people feel seen and heard. That is why we hold regular Residents' Meetings for sharing ideas and concerns, with relatives welcome to come along.

As well as this, our annual survey is a chance for everyone to give us direct and honest feedback. Plus if there is anything you would like to chat about in private, our manager will always be here for you.

We believe in listening to older people and learning from them, which is why The Old Vicarage is always improving.



Our values

The Old Vicarage's core values of Friendship, Appreciation and Respect are at the heart of everything we do. In fact, these values have one thing in common — they are all about putting the individual first.

So whether that means offering older people dignified care, taking the time to listen, or just remembering someone's meal preferences, our values shape every single decision.



Our Royal connection

We are proud to have been supported by the Royal Family for over 60 years. Her Majesty The Queen is one of our patrons and Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra has been our President since 2005. Their support has been invaluable to us.

Our fees

All fees are based on an individual assessment of your needs. Please see the fee insert for further details and please do also speak with the home manager.



Your next steps

We hope that you have enjoyed learning about our beautiful and inclusive home, The Old Vicarage. We understand that moving into a care home is a big decision and that you are bound to have more questions. That is why we are here to talk you through it, every step of the way.

In fact, we would love the chance to show you around in person. So why not visit us for lunch, get a feel for our home and chat to our residents? You would be very welcome.



Get in touch

Or if you would like to speak to us on the phone first, please call **01491 651 429**

Plus you can email us at **theoldvicarage@fote.org.uk** or visit **www.fote.org.uk** for more information.

We really look forward to speaking to you.

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From 1905, Friends of the Elderly has cared for older people and supported them to live independent lives, enriched with dignity and respect. From providing 'Penny Dinners' to help older men returning from the First World War in 1918, to ensuring that our services and activities are safe, innovative and dementia-friendly 100 years later, Friends of the Elderly is a charity that has always put people at the heart of all that we do.

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