

Improving housing and the environment

Helping people live independently

Specialist apartments in Mansfield which offer care and support to older people to regain their independence after an illness or injury are helping to reduce the strain on hospitals. Nottinghamshire County Council has 12 short-term assessment and reablement apartments at the Poppy Fields Extra Care Scheme in Mansfield with more planned in a new extra care scheme being developed in Newark. The service is mainly for older people struggling to live independently or leaving hospital who previously would have been discharged straight into a care home or would have had to stay in hospital for longer.

In addition, a pioneering development providing much-needed housing for older people with additional support needs has also opened in Newark. Gladstone House has 60 purpose-built units over three levels, including 40 extra care apartments. Facilities include communal areas, rooms designated for activities, a sensory garden and commercial kitchen. Newark and Sherwood District Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Newark and Sherwood Homes and Homes England worked in partnership to deliver the flagship £8.9million development. Social care and health partners were involved in the design of the project from the outset to co-locate social and health care services alongside quality accommodation.

