

LIFE IN THE HOUSES

Our home is central to our lives in giving security



The Lantern Community consists of several houses on the estate, and one house in the town of Ringwood. There are also a further two houses at "Seahorses" on the Isle of Wight. In each house, home life is shared, with everyone contributing and taking their part. We all recognise that our home is central to our lives in giving security, a sense of belonging and companionship. The Lantern Community is home for approximately 65 people, many of whom have a learning disability, and they are joined by over 50 employees who work on a daily basis. Households vary in size from 2 to 8 people in a variety of accommodation ranging from a two hundred year old cottage to modern houses.

JOINING THE COMMUNITY

Residents hold a tenancy agreement

Each resident is enabled to live within the Lantern Community by access to a combination of funds, usually from Social Services. Residents hold a tenancy agreement, claim government benefits in their own right, and pay rent for the room they occupy. Each has their own bank account, and support is given to administer this if required. Further details on these topics can be supplied on request as well as the booklet "Choosing To Join The Lantern Community".



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WHERE WE ARE
Take the Verwood turning off the A31 at Ringwood



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In the Lantern Community excellence in social care is embedded in holistic Camphill values and practices. We create life-enhancing opportunities for adults with learning disabilities who value and support each other to achieve their full potential by living, learning and working together.



A BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The potential of each individual can be realised



The Lantern Community is established in two locations, one in Dorset and one on the Isle of Wight. In Dorset we are fifteen minutes walk from the nearest town of Ringwood, which has a good variety of shops and recreational facilities. We are on a direct bus route both to Poole and Bournemouth. There are many places to visit in the locality both of natural and historic interest and we are close to the coast and the New Forest. On the Isle of Wight we are located in Freshwater, which is near the ferry port and yacht harbour at Yarmouth, and there run "Seahorses", offering bed and breakfast, with additionally its own Art Studio. The Lantern Community offers adults with a learning disability the possibility of sharing life with others and both contributing and partaking in a mutually supportive environment. The social organism of a Camphill Community creates opportunities through which the potential of each individual can be realised. An integrated cultural, social, domestic and working life enables every person to be an active participant.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Aims to meet each person's individual needs

The support we offer aims to meet each person's individual needs and choices enabling development, and the enhancement of life skills. We ensure that everyone is fully involved and consulted in the plans and decisions about their lives, as well as those of the Lantern Community which affect them as members. Each resident is encouraged to learn new skills and accept new challenges in order to gain a greater degree of independence and fulfillment. It is recognised that this is a continual process for everybody. A strong emphasis on person-centered planning brings out the best in people, widening horizons and creating a forward thinking, confident, out-going community. With backing and support for the achievement of individual goals, community members take greater responsibility for the direction of their lives with positive benefits for the individual and the community.

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL LIFE

Rich and varied cultural life

A rich and varied cultural life, often highlighted by the celebration of the Christian Festivals through the rhythm of the year, is an important element that offers opportunities for everyone to take part and contribute. Creative and artistic threads are constantly woven into the daily life. A broad outlook on life is encouraged, and there is ample opportunity for many interests to be pursued both in an individual and group situation within the wider community.

WORK AND TRAINING

The Lantern is a working community

The Lantern Community is a working community, with our daily work bringing dignity, self-esteem and purpose to our lives. Many community members are also involved in further education, gaining new skills and confidence. To offer a meaningful, balanced working life for everyone, is our endeavour. Each person's contribution is important. An individualised workshop programme is arranged, which include a Pottery, Weavery, Woodworkshop, Bakery, Horticultural Nursery, Shop and Cafe. There are also a variety of seasonal craft activities. The kitchens in the various households are also an important working opportunity. Responsibility and social skills are developed, whilst work also provides an avenue for both training and learning new skills.