



Axbridge Court is a detached two storey former Edwardian cottage hospital (St. John's Cottage Hospital) with more recent single storey extensions to provide additional and improved communal and kitchen facilities. It is situated in the popular and historic town of Axbridge (population circa 1,800) and lies off the base of the Mendip Hills in a very attractive location.

The well-known town of Cheddar with its famous Gorge lie two miles to the east and Bristol 17 miles to the northeast. The Home is registered with the Care Quality Commission and has 36 beds for residential and nursing care although it can accommodate up to 8 residents requiring dementia nursing care.

The environment at Axbridge Court is informal and the care structured to individual needs. Meals are prepared on the premises by our catering staff who follow a menu of fresh homely cooking with special diets being catered for.

*"From the bottom of our hearts, we want to say thank you to yourself and all the staff for the loving tender care given to Geoff. He was a darling and deserved the best, and he got it. God bless you all."*

Jean and Nigel

The accommodation is laid out over ground and first floors. On the ground floor there are 17 good sized bedrooms all with en suite facilities, five WCs, one assisted bathroom, two sluice rooms, one wet room, large lounge and dining rooms, a fully fitted commercial kitchen, preparation room, food store, treatment room, nursing station room, office and staff cloakroom. On the first floor are a further 17 large bedrooms all with en suite facilities, an assisted WC, one assisted bathrooms, two sluice rooms and one wet room. All baths and washbasins have thermostatic mixer valves fitted to avoid the possibility of scalding.

### Primary Facilities & Services

- Qualified nursing staff on duty 24 hours a day
- Homely caring atmosphere
- Comfortable rooms, all with en-suite facilities
- Nurse-call in all rooms
- Parker baths
- Local GP's available
- Meals cooked on premises
- Special diets catered for
- Laundry on premises
- Visiting dentist, chiropodist and optician
- Passenger lift
- Central heating throughout
- Visiting hairdresser
- Self-contained gardens and patio areas
- No Smoking Policy
- Unrestricted visiting
- All religions accommodated
- Mini-bus arranged for outings
- Television point in all rooms

Nearby amenities are those expected in a local community and include shops, post office, doctors' surgery and churches of various denominations. Full NHS services are available including GP's, chiropodists, opticians and dentists. We also receive visits from such professionals as appropriate. We periodically arrange for a mini-bus with a wheelchair hoist, which enables our residents to enjoy outings to places of interest and visits to the theatre.

Axbridge Court accommodation includes 34 single bedrooms and 4 double bedrooms all of which are light, airy and tastefully decorated. All bedrooms have ensuite toilet and washbasin facilities. Each bedroom is equipped with a television aerial point, nurse call, electric sockets, a mirror, bedside light and a shaver socket. All bedrooms have their own ventilation with at least one opening window. Small items of furniture and other effects belonging to the resident may be brought into the home with Managers prior agreement. Residents can bring their own television and have a telephone installed subject to certain conditions.



The spacious main lounge has a large screen television, video and music system and is used for residents' entertainment and activities. A large separate dining room adjacent to our kitchen is where some residents prefer to eat their breakfast as well as main meals.

Axbridge Court has Internet access and provides the use of a computer and a Nintendo Wii in the lounge area. We have four main bathroom areas, all of which benefit from either a Parker or assisted bath. All bathroom and toilet areas have suitable non-slip flooring. Our garden and patio areas are particularly pleasant and can be easily accessed by residents.

A laundry service is also provided on the premises in our own laundry, which has modern and effective cleaning and drying facilities.

Wheelchairs, walking frames and other equipment are available and residents needs will be assessed by the Manager. Lifting hoists are available for use by our care staff as appropriate to the needs of each resident.

Fire precautions at the Home are comprehensive including: smoke detectors, emergency lighting, fire extinguishers and automatic fire doors. The Home is inspected independently by the local fire brigade and complies with current practice.

### **Staffing**

Full personal residential and nursing care is the core provision at Axbridge Court. Our staff are specifically trained in the care of the elderly. The right attitude to caring is regarded to be of primary importance in the selection of all our staff. A qualified nurse is on duty 24 hours a day.

### **Visiting**

Visiting is as unrestricted as possible at the home. Family and friends are encouraged to visit as often as they can.

### **Catering**

Traditional and wholesome meals are cooked at the home and there is a varied and well balanced menu. Special diets and preferences can be catered for.

### **Health Care & Spiritual Support**

Full National Health Services are available including General Practitioners, Chiropodists, Opticians and Dentists as required. There are various religious denominations in Axbridge and Cheddar, some of which visit the home periodically.

### **Fees**

Fees are determined following an assessment of each resident's specific needs by our Manager/ Matron. Fees cover all care and accommodation costs, including food and laundry. Referrals from Social Services are also welcome.



## **Axbridge Court Care Home**

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