

John Grooms Court Appeal- May 2010 Update

Since the Appeal launched in November 2008, we have raised over £315,000 towards this exciting development.

All that stands between us and the start of Phase 1 of the development is raising just under £90,000.

John Grooms Court in Norwich

Livability has a well-established presence in the Norwich area in the form of John Grooms Court care centre on Sprowston Road, Norwich. It is home to 20 young adults with physical and learning disabilities; we also provide respite care in one room. The average age of the residents is around 35, and the atmosphere is exceptionally warm and welcoming.

There is only one other unit in Norwich providing this type of accommodation, so our rooms are constantly in demand. Local health and social services recognise that the staff at John Grooms Court have a great deal of specialist expertise in supporting individuals with high dependency needs.

Our Plan for John Grooms Court

Phase One of our exciting development will go out to tender in July 2010, with construction planned for Autumn 2010.

This phase includes:

- Installing a much-needed second lift, big enough to take a bed and complex wheelchairs
- Fitting a 2nd floor conservatory (generously donated by Anglian Home Improvements) to create a year-round communal relaxation space.

Phase Two, costing £280,000, is due to begin in 2011. This will include:

- Creating five new flatlets at the centre
- Installing assistive technology to give residents greater independence.
- Putting in wet rooms so that residents can shower on their own.

A Home for Living Independently



All the five flatlets will be specifically designed to be fully wheelchair compatible, with increased floor space and widened doors for easy access. This additional space will enable a resident to entertain family and friends in the privacy of their own room.

Each flat will be fitted with a range of specialist adaptations, including a height adjustable bed and fitted flexible plumbing as well as special grab rails and fitted furniture that is deliberately set at a lower level so as to be accessible by someone sitting in a wheelchair.

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