



Lady Katherine Housing and Care

Temple Balsall

About the Foundation

There are four distinct but related elements that exist under the umbrella of the Foundation. These elements are all contained across the site in Temple Balsall.

Lady Katherine Housing and Care

Founded in 1674 under the will of Lady Katherine Leveson to provide an almshouse for aged women in need, it now provides a mixture of sheltered and residential care accommodation for both men and women.

The Charity is registered as a housing association with the Housing Corporation and, under the Registered Homes Act 1984 with the local authority.

It is administered by voluntary governors under the Scheme approved by Parliament and the Charity Commissioners. The original early eighteenth century buildings, grouped around a courtyard, have been extensively altered and modernised and now provide sheltered housing (for up to 21 people in 15 flats) and residential care (for up to 30 people).

The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Temple Balsall

By the generosity of Lady Anne Holbourne, Lady Katherine's sister, the Church was restored and now serves a scattered rural population living between Chadwick End, Knowle and Balsall Common. It is a growing spiritual community with a regular attendance of 80-100 people on a Sunday morning. The Master, who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation, is also an Anglican Priest serving the church as vicar. The Church values its links with the Court and a significant number of members of the community of the Sheltered and Residential Court have an attachment to the Church and its life.

The Leveson Centre

The Leveson Centre based in the Old Hall at Temple Balsall is a new initiative launched in January 2001. The Centre for the Study of Ageing, Spirituality and Social Policy is inspired by the belief that older people should not be viewed as passive recipients of care, but as valued and cherished members of society who can inform and enrich the lives of others.

There are plans to expand the work of the Centre; currently it hosts a number of small educational conferences, supports research and thinking and publishes papers and a newsletter.

The Lady Katherine Leveson Primary School

This is a flourishing rural school attracting an increasing number of children for nursery and primary education. Head Teacher – Miss Anne Byrne. The charity supports part of the work of the School and there are important links between the church, the school and the Court.

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