

# Bircham House

## Information for customers: Key Facts (Rent)

Property details	
Operator	Sanctuary Housing Association
Scheme	Bircham House, 191 High Street, Sawston, Cambridgeshire CB22 3HE
Phone number	01223 836 331
Email address	Bircham.House@sanctuary-housing.co.uk
Description	An extra care service with 30 rental apartments (28 one-bedroom and 2 two- bedroom) with communal facilities
Occupancy	For one or two people
Tenure	Assured non-shorthold tenancy agreement
Subletting	Subletting is not permitted
Nomination arrangements	No nominations agreement in place, however, strong connections are established with local authority teams to identify applicants
Care provider	Longhurst Group
Insurance	Buildings insurance, public liability insurance and employers' liability insurance are all covered by Sanctuary
Charges when moving into the property	
Deposit	At least one week's total charge (rent, service charge and peace of mind charge) is payable on signing the tenancy agreement
Other	Removal costs
Ongoing charges payable to the operator	
Rent	Due weekly in advance – the cost will vary depending on the number of bedrooms, apartment size and location, as well as your eligibility for financial assistance
Service charge	Due weekly or monthly in advance – the cost will vary depending on your eligibility for financial assistance. It covers your heating, electricity and hot water usage, maintenance costs and utilities charges for the communal areas and gardens, and includes a two-course lunch, seven days a week
Peace of mind charge	Covers your 24-hour pull cord and pendant or wrist alarm system
Overnight 'on call' support	Included in the peace of mind charge
Ground rent	Not applicable for rental properties



### Ongoing charges payable to external organisations

Utility bills	The cost of electricity used in your apartment is payable directly to your utility supplier of choice, and your personal heating and water usage is covered in your service charge
Council tax	Band A, payable by you directly to South Cambridgeshire District Council
TV licence	If applicable, payable by you directly to TV Licensing
Telephone and internet	Line rental, telephone charges and internet charges are payable by you directly to your provider of choice
TV package	There is a communal satellite dish, and any additional television package in your apartment is payable by you directly to your provider of choice
Contents insurance	Payable by you directly to your insurance provider of choice

### Charges for care and domestic services

Care and support	Available from Longhurst Group, please contact them directly for prices
Nursing care	Available from external providers, GP, social services
Domestic services	Available from your provider of choice

### Charges when leaving the property

Repairs and redecoration	The cost of any repairs or redecoration needed in Sanctuary's view to make the property suitable for re-letting
Other costs	Any rent, service charge or sundry debts due up to the end of the tenancy

### Eligibility requirements

New residents must be aged 55 or over, or have long-term care needs, and reside in, or have a family connection to, the local area. Your care and support needs will be assessed before an application is accepted. Bircham House may not be suitable if you require a substantial amount of regular nursing care.

We encourage you to discuss your housing options with your family and friends, and to seek independent advice, support and representation as appropriate, from professional statutory and regulatory organisations such as the Elderly Accommodation Counsel [www.eac.org.uk](http://www.eac.org.uk), Age UK [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk) or Citizens Advice [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk).

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