

# Bircham House

## Information for customers: Key Facts (Rent)

### Property details

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| Operator                | Sanctuary Housing Association                                                                                                    |
| Scheme                  | Bircham House, 191 High Street, Sawston, Cambridgeshire CB22 3HE                                                                 |
| Phone number            | 01223 836 331                                                                                                                    |
| Email address           | Bircham.House@sanctuary.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           | Mears Care                                                                                                                       |
| Insurance               | Buildings insurance, public liability insurance and employers' liability insurance are all covered by Sanctuary                  |

### Charges when moving into the property

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| 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

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| 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| 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

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|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Care and support  | Available from Mears Care, 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

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| 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 need to be assessed before an application is accepted, which must be completed via an adult social care assessment with the Local Authority. 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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