



Fountain Court

extra care housing

Fountain Court is an extra care scheme of 45 self contained 2 person flats designed with a strong emphasis on long-term sustainability and is the first extra care home to be EcoHomes rated – a BRE scheme used to express the overall environmental performance of a development.

Sustainable, recycled and recyclable materials are used throughout and, while the building is also designed to be economical and flexible in use, it has been 'future proofed' by making it capable of change without major reconstruction.

The landscaping, with its raised plant beds, private patio gardens and social spaces are designed to meet the needs of all the elderly residents who have expressed their appreciation of this aspect of the scheme.

The design includes many features to also enhance the environmental effect. For example, it not only includes formal private and communal gardens, but has nature areas where local

species of plants and animals can flourish. Low maintenance wild flowers and shrubs are combined with habitats and nesting boxes.



Location:
Borehamwood, Hertfordshire

Client:
Ridgehill Housing Association

Project:
45 units and a wardens flat

Value:
£3.5m

Status:
Complete 2003

“Designed with an emphasis on sustainability this was the first extra care home to achieve Eco Homes by the BRE.”