

Half Acre House Residential Care Home

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ABOUT US

Welcome to Half Acre House Residential Care Home. Half Acre House is a family run residential care home, which has been making an impact on the older generation of Rochdale for over 30 years. Half Acre House was founded by Mr & Mrs Lewis, who in 1989 were looking for a care home for a loved one.

“We couldn’t find anything suitable, so we opened Half Acre House” – Mrs A E Lewis

Half Acre House is set in secluded acres of woodland, with good local access. Our grounds provide all with delight, whether it be a garden party, bird watching or simply tea on the lawn. The building has stood for over 100 years and has been specifically extended and adapted to suit the needs of the residents, while maintaining its original character and homely charm.

Our team have one shared value – To help the elderly make the most of their lives by focusing on individualised care and support. We are a team that value and respect everyone, and always strive for continual improvement.

Over the last 30 years Social Care has evolved, and Half Acre has evolved at the same pace, we have developed relationships with our Regulators (Care Quality Commission), Rochdale Borough Council and our local healthcare providers. We work in partnership to ensure the people who reside at Half Acre House receive the best possible outcomes.

ACCREDITATIONS

- Rating of good in all areas following an inspection by the Care Quality Commission in 2018
- Food hygiene rating of FIVE STARS from the Foods Standards Agency
- Selected as a Teaching Care Home
- Federation of Small Business (FSB) Family Business of the Year - 2019 Area Winner
- The Parliamentary Review 2020 – Best Representative
- Work alongside The Prince's Trust and The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

At Half Acre House when we do something well as a team, we like to show the world. We have very good links and are often featured in Rochdale Observer, Rochdale Online and Social Media Platforms. Recently we even reached the news in Australia. We believe recognition gives our team the encouragement to be able to reflect on a job well done.



CARE AND SUPPORT

At Half Acre House we provide care and support for up to 25 people over the age of 65 on a permanent or a short-term basis.

Our team are competently trained in all aspects of providing care. We encourage personal and professional development at all times. We have members of the team who specialize in areas such as Dementia, Oral Care, Medication, Person Centered Care Planning, Safeguarding, Moving and Handling, Nutrition and Hydration.

We believe to be able to care and support someone we need to know it all, from their medical history to their non-negotiables and likes and dislikes. To do this, we develop Care Plans inclusive with the individual and their family. This person-centered approach means that our residents retain a feeling of control over how they live, by always being involved in decisions about their day-to-day lives.

Our Catering team provide a wholesome, balanced diet with a varied menu where resident feedback is the main aspect of developing and/or changing our menus. We believe mealtimes are not just for eating, they are a large social aspect where we try to provide an enjoyable dining experience.

As our home provides Residential Care, we believe it takes a holistic approach, so we work in partnership with external NHS healthcare providers such as Own GP (If possible), District Nursing Teams, Physiotherapists (NHS or Private), Dieticians, Dentists, Opticians, Speech and Language Therapists which are inclusive to the service, we also provide the following chargeable services such as Podiatry and Hairdressing. We have very good community links and provide services such as Religious/Spiritual services, armchair exercise, local entertainers, visits from and to local schools and nurseries.

FACILITIES

- 25 Private ensuite bedrooms (toilet, wash basin and some with showers)
- Bedrooms are fully furnished but can remove if an individual chooses to bring their own furniture
- Comprehensive nurse call system with call points in all bedrooms and communal areas with emergency required features
- Two lounges, conservatories, two dining areas
- Covid Secure adapted conservatory visiting area
- Level access for wheelchair use to ground floor
- Passenger lift
- Easy access bathing with a wet room, two baths with floor standing fixed bath hoists
- A range of Moving and Handling equipment
- TV aerial sockets in all bedrooms
- Easily accessible mature gardens which are maintained year round
- A range of assistive technology including Pressure Sensor Mats, Amazon Echo Dots etc.
- Two areas for Car Parking one for Staff and one for Visitors
- Escort to appointments can be arranged if required

NUTRITION

Providing a wholesome well balanced diet is important, our Catering team lead on obtaining feedback from our residents to develop menus with input from dieticians for residents who require their diet fortified.

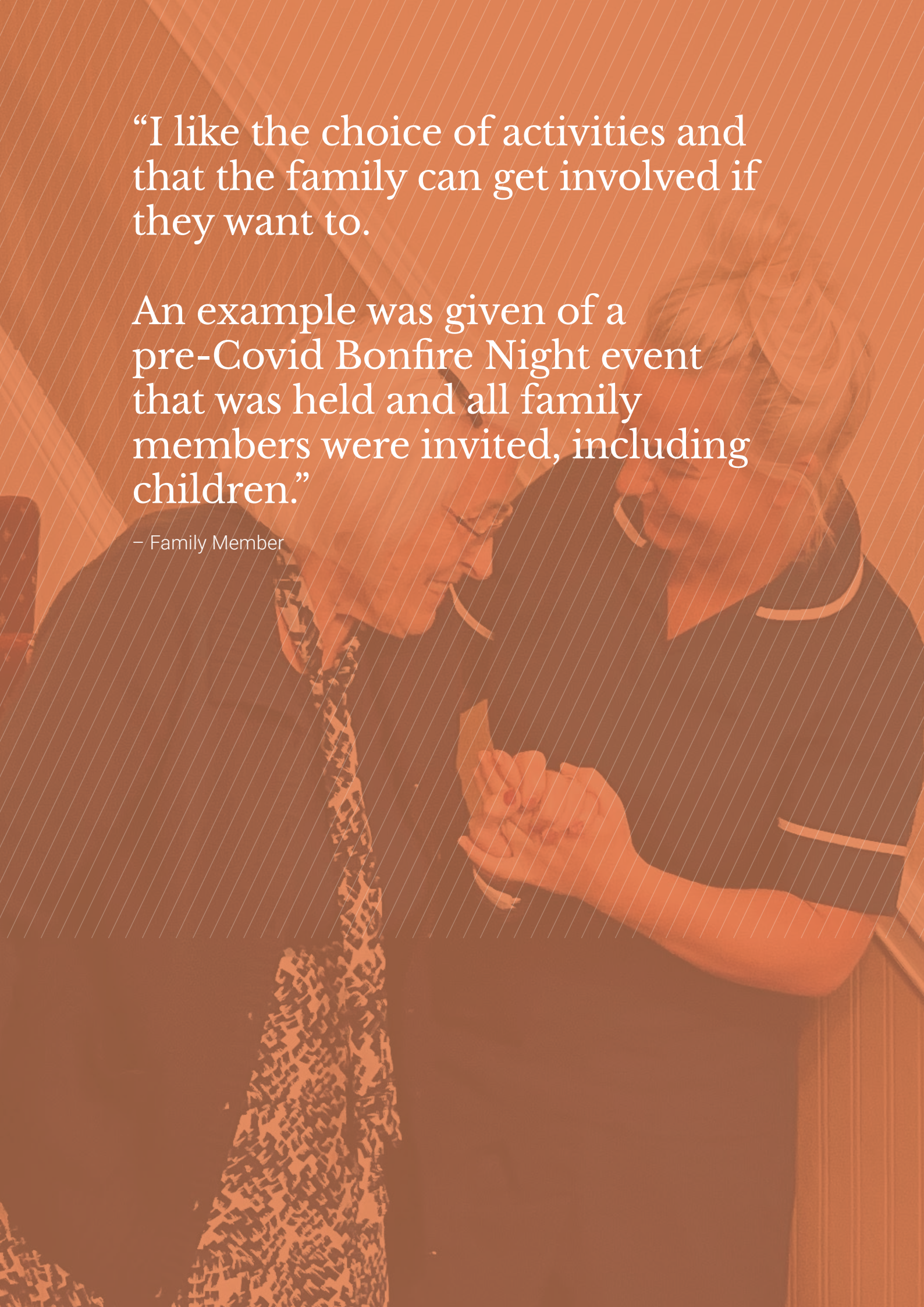
Summer and Winter Menus available. Menu amended and displayed daily in the dining room.

Tasting days completed throughout the year and specific calendar events such as Malnutrition week, Nutrition and hydration week always celebrated. Due to our home having one kitchen area, allergen requirements would need assessing before every admission to ensure a safe delivery of all food and drink.

“I like the choice of activities and that the family can get involved if they want to.

An example was given of a pre-Covid Bonfire Night event that was held and all family members were invited, including children.”

– Family Member



ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Activities and meaningful moments are a huge part of life at Half Acre House. The process of delivering meaningful activities starts before admission where information will be taken which includes hobbies, working life memories and interests. Once you have become a resident here, Team Half Acre will complete a personalization chart which goes into further detail about what you enjoy and then this will all be given to and collated by Mrs Lewis (Owner) she will then complete an activity planner which is inclusive to everybody.

Examples of activities on our planner are:

- Music & Movement delivered by externals
- Swimming
- Cinema trips
- Arts & Crafts session delivered by externals
- Visits from and to local schools
- Men's clubs
- Spa days
- Board games
- Electronics time (Use of iPads)
- Movie days
- Outdoor games on the lawn (Wheelchair friendly)
- Crosswords and Quizzes
- Pub lunches at local public houses
- Musical performances by Cheetham's school of music, students at local schools and colleges and entertainers
- Potting and planting outdoors

Annual celebratory days we often celebrate are:

- Chinese New Year
- Australia Day
- Burns Day/Night
- St Patrick's Day
- Dignity Action Week
- Dying Matters Events
- St George's Day
- Themed dinner parties including families and friends
- Nutrition and Hydration week
- Bonfire night fun filled family event
- Ascot Day

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do your staffing levels reflect a ratio?

No, our staffing levels reflect our residents dependency.

Do you make use of the gardens?

Yes, as soon as the sun is out we are out. We have local Ice Cream Vans visit.

What is the cost to reside at Half Acre House, and is there a third party top up?

This can be discussed with the manager during your initial enquiry or show round the home.

Can I continue to attend local clubs such as Bridge Club, Church service and Football matches?

Absolutely, we say the only thing that should change for the individual who comes to reside at Half Acre House is their Postcode.

Can I take my loved one out for the day or spend the day with them at Half Acre House?

Yes, to both.

Will my loved one's independence be promoted and encouraged?

Yes, we focus on what the individual can do not what they cannot do.

If there are no nurses here, how would you ensure my loved one receives required medical treatment?

Our Senior staff are highly trained and have good professional relationships with clinicians, district nurses and emergency services.

My loved one lives with Dementia, could they live at Half Acre House?

Yes. However, it would depend on the level of care and support they require and whether Team Half Acre could effectively meet their needs and provide a fulfilling life.

