

The Association of Friends of Connaught Court LIFE MEMBERSHIP



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What is Connaught Court?

Situated in extensive parkland close to York City centre, Connaught Court was purpose built by the RMBI and opened in 1971, the land having been donated by the Province of Yorkshire West Riding in 1967. The home is registered to provide residential nursing and specialist dementia care for up to 90 residents. The home has two Dementia Support Houses; Fred Crosland House has its own enclosed outdoor space including a summer house, courtyard and sensory garden, providing specialist care and support for up to 10 people whilst Knavesmire has two sensory gardens and 16 bedrooms. People who choose an RMBI Home have the security of knowing that they have a home for life, even if their financial circumstances change - as long as their needs can still be supported. The home is supported by the Provinces of Yorkshire West Riding, Yorkshire North & East Ridings and Lincolnshire.



Who are the Residents?

The residents of Connaught Court include older Freemasons and their families as well as some people in the community.

What is the Association?

The Association, which was established in 1973, is a registered charity entirely independent of the RMBI and consists of Freemasons from the Provinces of Yorkshire West Riding, Yorkshire North & East Ridings and Lincolnshire, together with representatives from Castlegate Ladies. There are a set number of Members of the Executive Committee all of whom are put forward by their respective Provinces, together with certain Co-opted Members who perform specific tasks within the Committee. Additionally, the Manager and Entertainments Manager of Connaught Court are also Executive Committee Members. In addition to the Executive Committee there are also Life Members who become so by application and by paying a one-off fee (currently a minimum of £10.00). Life Members are encouraged to attend the AGM of the Association and are able, should they so desire, to offer assistance by befriending and/or assisting with the care of the residents.

What does the Association do?

The Association exists to provide extra comfort and a range of social, leisure and entertainment activities for the residents. We hold their welfare and happiness paramount in all that we do and also provide things that money just cannot buy. We raise funds in order to provide for goods and services which are without the remit of the RMBl. To that end we donate an annual sum for the provision of regular entertainments for the residents; we provide funds for one-off items such as televisions, computers, sound systems, specialist furniture, garden furniture and a range of other items as required all of which are provided with a view of enhancing the wellbeing of the residents of Connaught Court. In addition to the foregoing, the Association donates on a regular basis a specialist mini-bus for the use of the residents. Members of the Association also give of their time to assist in driving the mini-bus, counselling and befriending of the residents and also in providing a weekly shop to help to provide for the resident needs and requirements. All monies raised, with the exception of minimal administration costs, go directly to the residents of Connaught Court.

How does the Association raise funds?

The Association raises funds by donations from Lodges, by donations to a Summer Fair which is held annually, by way of ticket sales, by raising monies from stalls at the annual Summer Fair and by selling life membership of the Association, in addition to other events which are organised by the Association from time to time.



How can you help?

By taking out life membership which will entitle you to receive the minutes and agenda of the Annual General Meeting and to attend should you wish. By donating to the annual Summer Fair, either individually or as a Lodge, by asking your Lodge to make a donation to the Association from its Charitable Funds, by providing a stall for the Summer Fair, by volunteering to assist with the running of the Summer Fair.

Just a few hours of your time once a year can help to enhance the lives of the residents of Connaught Court all year.



THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF CONNAUGHT COURT

Registered Charity No 1046570

Membership Application Form

- I wish to join the Association of Friends of Connaught Court and enclose a life membership Donation of £ (minimum £10)
- I enclose a cheque payable to the Association of Friends of Connaught Court

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Title Name

Address

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Email (*very important*)

Postcode..... Telephone.....

Lodge Name and Number (*if applicable*)

Please treat the enclosed gift of £.....as a Gift Aid donation.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6th April to 5th April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

Signature..... Date

Please notify the charity if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.
- Pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you.

*Please return
the completed
form to:*

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