In the Heart of the Cathedral
City of St. Albans
Verulam House

Formerly the Bishop’s Palace, Verulam House is a grade II listed building and is of early nineteenth century origin.

The famous architect Caroe introduced a number of important features which have been carefully preserved in the refurbishment.

The house is reputed to have been used as a Coaching Inn, School and Private House before being acquired by the Church Commissioners in 1908 for use as the Bishops Palace.

Queen Victoria stayed at the house when visiting St Albans. Since 1926 it has been used as a retreat and conference centre by the diocese of St Albans. During the Second World War, the General Lying-In Hospital moved here from London. Approximately 2,000 babies were born in Verulam House.

Lovely Surroundings

Verulam House stands in attractive landscaped gardens in a mainly residential situation, which forms a part of the St Albans Conservation area.

Within easy walking distance of the Nursing Home lies St Albans Cathedral amidst spacious and picturesque parkland. Adjacent to Verulam Road is located the Gorhambury Estate, the ancestral home of the Earl of Verulam.

With the ancient Roman City of Verulamium lying in close proximity, Verulam House is surrounded by beautiful and historic landmarks.

Idyllic Location

Verulam House is situated in the heart of the historic City of St Albans, which dates back 2,000 years.

St Albans lies some 24 miles from central London and benefits from its accessibility to the M1, M25 and A1(M).

The Nursing Home, located in the tranquility of its own beautiful gardens is within easy walking distance of the town and the main shopping precincts. The historic Fishpool Street and George Street are close by and we are barely a quarter of a mile from the main retail areas of St Peter’s Street and the Maltings.
shopping centre. Our central position, gives excellent access to local shops and stores, museums, theatres, restaurants, churches and local hostelries. Residents are positively encouraged to attend or visit these facilities by our Activity Organiser.

**Accommodation**

Verulam House was refurbished into a five-star nursing home in 1996. A lift services all floors and there are two beautiful lounges, one overlooking the gardens and one used mainly as a T.V and video room by the residents. The standard of furnishings in the lounges is in keeping with this high class nursing home. A separate activities room allows the residents to work with our full time organiser on their hobbies and is large enough to hold parties and functions with all the residents from time to time.

The corridors are wide enough to allow wheelchair access to all parts of the Home which is on three floors with lovely aspects overlooking the gardens at the rear and the Cathedral area to the front.
The majority of the rooms have en-suite facilities and the bathrooms on each floor contain the latest equipment for helping residents with their bathing.

24 Hour Care

To provide the very highest standard of 24 hour nursing care, our nursing team is led by matron and her deputy matrons. As well as being Registered General Nurses, they all have extensive experience in elderly care.

Our Director of Nursing organises in-house training and staff participate in training programmes at the University of Hertfordshire.

Trained care assistants under the direction of the Day and Night sisters ensure that residents care plan programmes are carried out under the supervision of your own doctor.

Social Activities

Our activity organiser is here daily and encourages all residents to participate in a range of interesting events. She organises an enjoyable social calendar with theatre trips, barbecues and summer parties. We believe strongly at Verulam House that the resident decides how they will spend their time. We have a well attended residents management committee which meets throughout the year.

Cuisine

Our meals are served in our bright and attractive dining room. All vegetables and fruit in season are delivered fresh daily.

We specialise in home made dishes and our chef caters for individual tastes as well as dietary needs.
Home from Home

Our Aims

- To provide a safe, caring, warm and homely environment where the remaining years can be spent in peace and dignity, maintaining the individuals identity, privacy and self-esteem.

- The delivery of excellent standards of nursing and personal care to promote and maintain physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well being.

- Assess the individuals social and health care needs by listening and involving them with family, friends, doctors and nurses to formulate a package of care tailored to their needs.

Included in Fees

- Private rooms with en-suite facilities

- Full board. Our meals are served in our bright and attractive dining room. All vegetables and fruit in season are delivered fresh daily. Our chef has a reputation for home made cakes, pastries and nutritious soups, which are a speciality. Particular dietary needs and individual tastes are catered for.

- Qualified nursing care 24 hours of the day

- Personal laundry

- Full programme of activities daily

We want residents to feel at home from their first day at Verulam House. Our staff stimulate active and independent lifestyles and encourage new friendships.

Verulam House is registered with the Herts Area Health Authority and Social Services. We are also a member of the Registered Nursing Home Association, an organisation that sets high standards, only allowing membership to continue following their two yearly inspections.

Religion

Religious services are held regularly for all denominations in our beautiful chapel. We enjoy links with the Cathedral.