

Internal Welfare Support

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As a result of an appeal in memory of Riflemen who lost their lives during the Boer War, sufficient money was raised in 1904 to build 8 two-bed roomed cottages on a site in Stanmore Lane, Winchester, which was leased from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and was subsequently purchased.

The cottages have all been modernised and 5 of them have each been converted into 2 one-bed roomed flats. In addition 4 two-bed roomed houses, 2 two-bed roomed flats and 2 one-bed roomed flats have been built on the site increasing the total number of housing units available to 21.

Eligibility

Residents must be former Riflemen or their widows who are in need of assistance. A register of applicants is kept by the RHO in Winchester. Application to be registered must be made in writing to

the Assistant Regimental Secretary Finance together with testimonials or other evidence of character and stating qualification for appointment. In selecting residents, consideration is given to age (usually over 60), length of service, character, financial situation and any special circumstances such as war wounds or other physical disability. A list of those interested is maintained and a points system is used to determine priority; these are given for:

- a. Rank:
- b. Service:
- c. Age:
- d. Disability:
- e. Special Consideration: i.e. hardship; service for/in Regiment after retirement; Regimental service in TA after retirement.

Although some preference will be given to RGJ applicants, applications for all former and antecedent regiments are welcome.

Conditions of Occupancy

a. Residents pay a Weekly Maintenance Charge of approximately 50% of the Fair Rent as assessed by the Local Authority and are responsible for utility bills and Council Tax. Residents are helped to secure appropriate advice from the Local Authority and other agencies by the Resident Warden, to claim housing and other benefits. Maintenance is carried out by The Riflemen's Aid Society (and in due course this will be transferred to The Rifles Benevolent Trust) although residents are expected to make good any damage caused by any act of negligence on their part.

b. Residents must obey the conditions of occupancy drawn up by the RHO. These are to ensure that no resident performs any act or behaves in such a way that other residents are inconvenienced or that the general amenities of the cottages are lessened.



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