

THE METHODIST HOMESTEAD



HOMESTEAD COTTAGES

[Making an application to the Methodist Homestead](#)

We hope that these notes will help you to complete the application form to apply to become a beneficiary of the charity.

It is important that you understand that the trustees reserve the right to exercise absolute discretion on whether to accept or reject an applicant and we must emphasise that the decision of the Board of Trustees remains strictly private and confidential, and the trustees will not enter into discussion with unsuccessful applicants about the reasons for their decision.

[Completing the application form](#)

The Trustees will look at the information you provide on the application form in making their decision, and it will be helpful if you can carefully consider the information that you provide. Can we draw your attention to the following areas, which is not an exhaustive list, that will be reviewed when considering your application.

[Representatives and contacts](#)

You will see that we ask for at least two representatives, who can be family or friends, that we can contact if you are unwell and need shopping or assistance. One of these should be local because they may not be able to help if they live a long way away.

[Why are you making this application?](#)

This is your opportunity to give us as much information as you wish to explain why you would like to move to the Methodist Homestead and to emphasise how you meet one or of the charitable criteria. If you want to add extra pages that is fine.

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As a reminder, the criteria of the charity are:

The homes are primarily available to: -

- a) members of Methodist Churches in the Northampton Circuit; and
- b) retired Methodist Ministers and their partners; and
- c) elderly persons of limited means who are practising Christians of any denomination;
and
- d) other persons of limited means that the Trustees believe are in need of, and likely to benefit from, the provision of a home by the charity.

Being a charitable body, one of the qualifications for admission to Homestead Cottages is that the prospective Resident has a need which can be met by taking up residence in the type of sheltered “almshouse” type of accommodation we offer.

Medical information

The Methodist Homestead offers independent living accommodation, normally to applicants over retirement age, and it is important that we are able to check your health with your GP. The information you provide to us will be sent to your doctor with a request that he or she confirm it gives a clear picture of your present health. If you leave off important information that your doctor questions it may influence the decision of the Trustees.

What will happen to your application?

The first stage is that your application form will be shared with the Trustees and using the information you have provided, they will decide whether or not to interview you.


If you have an interview – which will normally be with 2 Trustees who will visit you in your home, the Trustees will notify you whether the application has been accepted or turned down.

The Methodist Homestead does not operate a waiting list rather once a vacancy occurs all the applications that have been accepted after an interview will be reviewed and an offer made to the individual(s) perceived to be in the greatest need – which is why the information you provide to us is so important.

We do realise that filling in forms can be daunting, so if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Talarek , the Clerk to the Trustees, on 07789692206 or via office@homesteadcottages.org.uk.



**THE METHODIST HOMESTEAD, HOMESTEAD WAY, NORTHAMPTON, NN2 6JH
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION AS A RESIDENT**

All Information supplied is treated strictly confidential and unless marked with  is used solely for the purpose of making or reviewing this application.

About you 

Full Name	
Mr. /Mrs. /Miss /Ms. /Other:	
Address:	
Post Code: _____	
Telephone No:	Mobile No:
Length of time at this address:	Current Council Tax:
Date of Birth:	Marital Status: single/married/widow/widower/other
Age	National Insurance Number
Occupation or (if retired) previous occupation	
Email address	
Name of your Doctor and the address of the Medical Practice to which you belong.	

About your family 

Name of your next of kin/legal representative (please delete as appropriate)	
Mr. /Mrs. /Miss /Ms. /Other:	
Relationship	
Address:	
Post Code: _____	
Telephone No:	Mobile No:
Email address	

About your Representatives (🔒)

We ask you to provide the names and contact details for at least two relatives or friends – who will act as your Representatives. They will be contacted if you need someone to assist you if you are ill or in an emergency.

Please note: At least one of your representatives should live locally so that they are able to support you if you are ill, and if your representatives are likely to be away together, we would ask that you find an additional representative.

Full Name	
Mr. /Mrs. /Miss /Ms. /Other:	
Address:	
Post Code: _____	
Telephone No:	Mobile No:
Email address	
Relationship	Age

Full Name	
Mr. /Mrs. /Miss /Ms. /Other:	
Address:	
Post Code: _____	
Telephone No:	Mobile No:
Email address	
Relationship	Age

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Full Name	
Mr. /Mrs. /Miss /Ms. /Other:	
Address:	
Post Code: _____	
Telephone No:	Mobile No:
Email address	
Relationship	Age

A meeting will be arranged between your named Representatives and the Trustees to discuss the role in detail.

About your present home

Type of accommodation	
Do you, or your spouse, own it?	Yes/No
If "Yes" what is the approximate value?	£
Is there a mortgage outstanding on the property and, if so, how much is outstanding? If there is no mortgage, please write NONE	
If you do not own the property where you currently live, who does own the property?	
Is this person related to you in any way? If YES what is the relationship?	
If you, or your spouse, have ever owned the property where you currently live, in what circumstances did you cease to be the owner?	
If rented, please give us the name and address of the landlord.	
Current rent £.... per week/month	
Do you receive Housing Benefit or other Benefit to help with housing costs? Yes/No	
Do you receive Council Tax discount or reduction? Yes/No	
What do you intend to do with your current accommodation if you are offered a home at the Methodist Homestead?	

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If you own property other than the one in which you live now (including any property owned abroad), please give the details below:

Address

Post Code: _____

About your income

	Amount	Frequency
<u>Pensions</u> State retirement pension Occupational or personal Pension Private pension Widow's or Widower's pension Any other pension		
<u>Benefits</u> Pension Credit Attendance Allowance Universal Credit Any other benefit		
<u>Current employment or self-employment</u> Please explain type of employment and hours of work and please note that we may ask to see evidence of earnings at interview		
	Amount	Frequency
<u>Other income</u> Annuities Bank Deposit Account Building Society Account Investment Renting property or land that you own Grants from a charity Financial assistance from a relative/friend From a trust fund Any other income – please give details		

About your capital

Bank accounts: current balance
Building Society accounts: current balance
Shares: current value
National Savings (e.g.: National Savings Certificates): Value
Unit Trusts: current value
Premium Bonds: Amount Held

About your borrowing

Do you have any loans or other debts outstanding? If so, please provide details.

References and other information

Please give the names and addresses of two people (not relatives) who know you well and whom the Methodist Homestead may approach for a reference. If you are currently renting accommodation, one of the referees should be your current landlord. Please indicate how you know the referees.

Name and address	2. Name and address
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Please tell us which church you attend and give us the name of the Minister or contact at the church so that we may contact them

I am a Member or Worshipper at _____ Church which I have attended for _____ years

Name and address of your Minister or Church Contact

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Do you have a conviction which is not spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974?
 YES / NO
 If yes please give details below:

Are you a smoker? Yes/No
 Please be aware that the Trustees discourage smoking in any of the homes for safety reasons.

About why you would like to be considered for the Methodist Homestead?

Guidance for Applicants

- a. Any references you wish the Trustees to study or the names of persons supporting your application should be provided with this form.
- b. Your statement should include details of your association with Methodism or with any other denominations.
- c. In the case of Superannuated Ministers, no previous connection with Methodism in the Northampton Circuit is necessary but you should supply information regarding your ministry in the Methodist Connexion.

I wish the Trustees to consider the following reasons for this application being made.

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(Please use a continuation sheet if necessary)

About your health (🔒)

Important Data Protection Notice

Please ensure that you sign Appendix A to this Application Form, as this gives us your consent to contact your doctor to obtain a medical reference – without which the application process cannot be completed. Specifically, we include a copy of this section of the Application Form and will ask your GP to confirm that it is correct and to confirm that:

- you are capable of independent living as at the date of signing this form; and
- there is no reason other than the normal aging process to suspect that you might cease to be capable of independent living in the future; and
- you do not have a history of hoarding behaviour, neglect of your living accommodation to the point of squalor, or self-neglect; and
- you do not suffer from any chronic medical conditions which are likely to have a significant impact in the foreseeable future on your ability to live independently and carry out normal activities of daily living; and
- If they are unable to agree these statements to explain why

Please be aware that if you are appointed as a Resident and, later, Trustees become concerned about your health and/or your ability to continue to live independently they may need to obtain a further medical report.

Are you able and willing to live independently and look after yourself and your home?	
Please tell us about any significant illnesses, injuries or operations during the last 5 years	
Are you currently being treated for any illness? Yes/No If yes please give details below:	
Do you use:	
A walker or Zimmer frame in the home	Yes/No
A wheelchair in the home	Yes/No
A wheelchair outside the home	Yes/No
A mobility scooter	Yes/No
Are there any other health or social factors that you wish the Trustees to consider when assessing your application? Yes/No If yes please give details below:	

Sending us your application

Once you have completed all sections within the Application Form, please return it to the Secretary and Clerk to the Trustees, 14 Methodist Homestead, Homestead Way, Northampton, NN2 6JH.

Data Protection Notice

The Trustees of the Methodist Homestead will use the information in sections 1, 2 and 3 on this Application Form in the event of an emergency or other situation when we need to contact your representatives or a key holder. From time to time, we will provide a copy of the information for you to check.

This information will also be supplied to Call Care who provide the monitoring station for the alarm system; they will use the information if your call on the alarm system is handled by them.

All other information provided in support of the Application will be treated in the strictest confidence.

The Trustees reserve the right to use the information on this Application Form if at any time your appointment as a beneficiary of the charity is reviewed.

If you are appointed as a beneficiary of the charity, the Application Form will be retained for as long as you are a Resident and then destroyed.

If the application is withdrawn or not accepted the Application Form will be retained for 12 months and then withdrawn.

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Important Declaration

I have read the Methodist Homestead Resident's Handbook and believe that I am eligible to apply to live in one of the charity's homes.

I declare that the information given in this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that the Trustees would be entitled to terminate any appointment as a beneficiary of the charity, if my answers in this application form are untrue, or misleading in any respect (for example, due to omitting or misstating relevant facts).

I have carefully read both this Application Form and the Residents Handbook and if admitted to residence agree to abide by the conditions set out in the Resident's Handbook (together with any additions or amendments which may be made within the terms of the Trust Deed).

I accept that if I am appointed as a Resident, I shall be a beneficiary of the charity and not a tenant. Any monthly sum I pay will be a maintenance contribution and not a rent.

I confirm that I can look after myself and live independently, with the assistance of family and care services if necessary.

I consent to my GP or other medical attendant providing the charity with a medical certificate or report about my health and condition now or at a future date in accordance with the terms of the attached form of authority (Appendix A).

I understand that the Trustees do not discuss the decisions made regarding this application or the allocation of homes.

Signed.....

Date.....

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APPENDIX A – AUTHORITY TO CONTACT YOUR GP



I [full name in capitals]:

whose date of birth is:

of address:

Authorise my GP for the time being and all my other medical advisors for the time being to provide information about my health and any aspect of my medical condition upon request to the Secretary and Clerk to the Trustees of the Methodist Homestead (Registered Charity No 1150018), both in connection with any application I make to become a Resident of homes provided by the charity and at any time thereafter until I have ceased to live in the property provided by the Methodist Homestead

Signed by applicant:

Date of signature: