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Abergavenny's first Extra Care scheme nears completion



Melin Homes' development of Abergavenny's first Extra Care scheme is nearing completion with the first residents set to move in from June this year.

The £1 million transformation of the former sheltered housing scheme will create 21 modern homes at the scheme called Lavender Gardens. Melin Homes has invested £750,000 in the remodelling of the scheme with the Welsh Assembly Government providing the remaining funding.

The new scheme will offer a mix of one and two bedroom apartments, all equipped with the latest emergency alarm support technology, a communal lounge, hairdressers, visitor accommodation, new lift, scooter store and offices for on-site support staff.

Melin is working in partnership with Monmouthshire Council on the development. Melin will provide the homes, tenancies and management of Lavender Gardens with the Council managing and delivering care packages to residents.

Alan Sinclair, Melin's Director of Community Investment, said: "Our refurbishment will enable us to provide independent living in the 21st Century for older people with care requirements. Lavender Gardens is the first scheme of its kind in Monmouthshire and demonstrates our on-going commitment to providing high-quality homes for those who need them."

Extra Care provides accommodation for people 55 and over who need care and support to help them continue to live independently.

For further information, and to register your interest in applying for a home at Lavender Gardens, please contact Andrew Burford, Abergavenny Community Care Team, on 01873 735900.

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Photo caption: Artist impression of Lavender Gardens – Abergavenny's first Extra Care scheme

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