



*Opened in January 1997, Millar House is situated in peaceful surroundings in Melrose. There is a bus stop just outside the gate with regular services into Melrose and Galashiels.*

## Millar House, Melrose

Very Sheltered Housing for Older People

### Aims of the service

Millar House provides housing with additional features and support to help older people to retain their independence and enjoy a good quality of life in the community. It offers a warm, friendly atmosphere and a safe, secure setting that is suitable for people with restricted mobility. Staff provide general support, help with housing issues and assistance in an emergency.

### What facilities and services are available?

The accommodation consists of six flatlets and a large communal lounge within a converted Victorian house and nine cottages in the grounds.

#### The flatlets

Within the original house there are two flatlets on the ground floor which are suitable for wheelchair users. The four flatlets on the upper floor are accessed by a staircase from the hall.

All flatlets have a door entry-phone system, en-suite bath or shower room, snack preparation facilities and carpets. Gas central heating, hot water, electricity and two meals per day, served in the communal dining room, are all included in the service charge.

#### The cottages

These self-contained properties are to the rear of the main house and are arranged around the garden.

- 5 single person cottages
- 2 one bedroom, two person cottages, suitable for wheelchair users
- 2 one bedroom, two person cottages

Each has its own kitchen, lounge, bath or shower room and electric central heating system.

Cottage tenants are responsible for their own electricity charges.

Cottage tenants have the option, for an additional charge, to take meals in the communal dining room in the main house if they wish. Meals are cooked on the premises and special diets can be catered for.

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**What facilities and services are available?**  
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**The following services are provided:**

- The Co-ordinator leads a small staff team providing support during the day. Staff are non-resident and are not on duty overnight.
- Bordercare community alarm
- Communal laundry
- Maintenance and cleaning of communal areas
- Grounds maintenance
- Communal lounge
- Bathroom with bathing aids
- Window cleaning - (external only for cottages)

Eildon Care and Support does not offer nursing or personal care to tenants at Millar House. If such care is needed, staff will help tenants to access this through the Health Service or Social Work.

**What is it likely to cost?**

Tenants pay rent and service charges to Eildon Housing for their accommodation and related property services.

Eildon Housing's rental policy aims to keep the rent and service charges affordable.

**Approximate inclusive charges** for rent and services from April 2011

Flatlets in the house <i>(includes meals and power)</i>	£149.30 per week
One person, one bedroom cottage	£70.91 per week
Two person, one bedroom cottage	£76.38 per week
Two person, one bedroom wheelchair cottage	£77.59 per week

The housing support service provided by staff at the development and the Bordercare alarm service are funded by Scottish Borders Council. Tenants may have to pay a Supporting People charge (up to £56.07 per week from April 2010), depending on financial circumstances.

*All tenants are responsible for their own Council Tax Charges. Tenants in the cottages are responsible for their own electricity charges. Individuals may be entitled to Housing Benefit, Income Support and other benefits. Our Welfare Benefits Officer will be happy to help if you are concerned about being able to afford the charges.*

**Who can apply?**

The service is for older people who wish to live in Melrose and would benefit from the support provided.

**How to obtain more information**

For further information please contact staff at Millar House on 01896 823798, or our Community Care Manager at our Selkirk office.

We welcome and encourage prospective tenants to visit the property and meet with the staff and other tenants.

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