



Weavers
Lodge

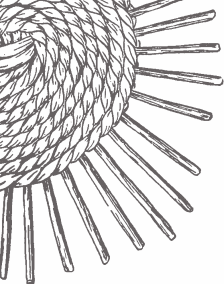
Castle Cary

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Weavers Lodge

Florida Street, Castle Cary

The home is nestled on the edge of rolling countryside, conveniently situated in a quiet, no-through road yet only a minute walk to the bustling High Street with all its local amenities.

Weavers Lodge dates back to the 18th Century and sits in the heart of Castle Cary.

The property was purchased by Autonomy Care Group in October 2022, to join our expanding adult services within our Autonomy Life branch.

Autonomy Life provides residential care for adults with learning disabilities and complex needs.



Meet the Home Manager



Nick
Rickwood

Nick started as a Support Worker supporting adults with learning disabilities in 1992. He then developed his knowledge and practice by qualifying as a Drama Therapist, before then qualifying as an Adult Teacher to support staff and staff teams development.

In 2003, Nick progressed into the role of a Registered Manager for Somerset County Council, where he remained for 14 years, managing both residential, supported living, domiciliary care, and day support services.

Nick has an additional 4 years experience of directly supporting managers and their services through more senior management roles and for 2 ½ years he supported the Royal Air Force Association Charity by managing one of their registered hotel services for Veterans.

In his long career, Nick has successfully worked with individuals, their families, community partners and other agencies/services to design and deliver individualised and highly qualitative, outcome-based services, that places the individual at the heart of their services and local community, and in control of their own lives.

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📍 *Castle Cary, Somerset*

About the Service

Weavers Lodge delivers 8 large bedrooms, all with ensuite facilities and with access to a range of communal spaces.

6 bedrooms will be for permanent residents and 2 will be for respite, assessment, and short-term placement support.

As a service we wish to support individuals with learning disabilities and complex needs, that may also include a dual mental health diagnosis, to enable their successful transition into, and participation within, their local community.

Through person centred, needs led assessment, we aim to see and understand the individuals we support and tailor their support, so they achieve their personal aspirations and generate positive outcomes in respect of the key areas of their lives that are important to them.

We aim to work in partnership with the individual, their families, and key professionals so the person being supported resides at the centre and in control of their own lives.

About the Service

Our short-term and respite placement support service will enable step down transitional support and effective multidisciplinary assessment to enable individuals to move along a pathway to greater independence and community presence.

One of our bedrooms has a securable kitchenette so we can assess and develop the life skills an individual will need to make this move and to move onwards successfully.

This service will also provide crisis support to individuals who need a safe service and the right professional support so they are better understood. Support can be tailored to their current and ongoing needs and so they can return home or to a service that understands and can meet their long-term needs.

Everyone has a need to feel safe, encouraged and valued and we understand that individuals with complex support needs shouldn't be isolated because of them but rather enabled and supported on a pathway that delivers, for that individual, greater independence, and community inclusion.

Our professional assessments and detailed support, delivered through a highly trained and caring staff team, aims to deliver that outcome for everyone who uses our service.

Castle Cary

*A historic market town and civil parish in South Somerset,
England.*

It lies on the edge of rural views between the Somerset Levels to the west and the high ridgeline of Penselwood to the east, halfway between the Mendip Hills and the Blackmore Vale.

A rare 'pepper-box' style lock-up (1779), situated behind the market hall, was once used for the detention of the town's petty criminals and sits just a minute walk from Weavers Lodge.



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Castle Cary is full of winding streets of honey-coloured sandstone and good Somerset cheeses. Many fine 18/19th century houses and a pretty horse pond are grouped together at the heart of this pleasant little settlement. A stones throw away from Weavers Lodge, you will find the handsome colonnaded Market House, which houses the Council Offices and the Castle Cary & District Museum. The undercroft, with its arcade of pillared arches, was originally used as a farmer's market. A weekly street market is still held on the cobblestones outside. Opposite the entrance stands the thatched 17th-c George Hotel, one of the oldest buildings in Castle Cary.

Horsehair weaving became a big business here in the 19th Century, with a company locally still in production today. It is the only remaining horse hair weaver in the whole of Britain and one of only two remaining in the world, the other factory is in France.



Castle Cary.....

Mid 11th Century

First settlement in
Castle Cary

15th Century

Textile industry
begins to boom in
the town

1470

All Saints
Church built

1837

Horsehair weaving
started by John
Boyd Textiles



1138

Castle besieged
by King Stephen

1468

Castle Cary
receives a
formal Market
Charter

1616

Castle Cary
Market House
built
(Rebuilt 1855)

1779

The
Roundhouse
Prison built

through the years

1856

Castle Cary Railway
Station opens

1900

Castle Cary Cricket Club
sends five players to the
Olympic Games

2024

Weavers Lodge opening
on Florida Street,
Castle Cary

1877

St John's Priory
(known as
Florida House)
built

1942

Station, signal box and
Railway Hotel destroyed by
German bomber

2012

Boyd's weaving factory
celebrated its 175th
anniversary

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