

The service charge: affordability

Owners, in their current property, will be paying for many of the things that at Honeybourne Gate will be covered by the service charge. Owners at Honeybourne Gate will also benefit from savings on care costs compared to buying these services from a home care provider:

Services included in the service charge:

	Weekly saving	
Gardening	£20	
Window Cleaning	£5	
Building Insurance	£12	
Building maintenance	£13.75	(Based on average maintenance costs estimated by The Halifax)
Tools and equipment for house and garden	£4	(Estimated by The Halifax)
Cleaning or personal care (hour and a half per week)	£29.55	
Security	£4	
Emergency care alarm resp.	£7	
One band reduction in council tax (F to E Cheltenham)	£7.49	
Potential reduction in energy bills	£15	

Total basic weekly saving:

£117.79¹

Additional saving on potential care costs: Assumes 2 hrs per day home support (as recommended by the Government Money Advice Service for budgeting purposes) ie 7days, 2hrs per day, less the 1.5hrs included in the service charge; and based on £19.70 per hr local rate for domiciliary care in Gloucestershire (as reported by the BBC 13.9.16) and proposed rate of £17.50 per hour at Honeybourne Gate.

£26.25

Total saving, per week:

£144.04

Estimated service charge per week (2 bed apt)

£121.15

Potential Weekly Saving¹

£22.89

Estimated service charge per week (1 bed apt)

£109.04

£35.00

In addition we will help owners who wish to do so to apply for Attendance Allowance to increase their income ²	Low rate: £59.70 per week
	High rate: £89.15 per week

¹ The potential savings above are estimates only. You are advised to check the figures shown against your own actual expenditure and prepare your own budget accordingly. Figures shown were collected at 28/12/19.

² Attendance Allowance is currently not taxed or means tested and to receive it you must meet the eligibility criteria. The Government may choose to change these arrangements in the future or to vary the amounts paid.