DIDCOT, OXFORDSHIRE

Live-in care and home care in Didcot

Home care visits, night care and live-in care in Didcot and its villages from Day and Nightcare, arranged by our care team on 01865 715780, plus who to call at Oxfordshire County Council, where the nearest minor injuries unit and A&E are, and local help with carers, memory and transport.



IN BRIEF

Day and Nightcare provides live-in care from £1,550 a week, home care visits from one hour, and waking nights and sleep-ins in Didcot and the villages around it. We are CQC registered and rated Good, and the initial assessment is free.

Care at home in Didcot

- Live-in care: a carer living in your home, day and night, from £1,550 a week.
- Home care visits: from one hour to several hours, at times that suit you.
- Night care: waking nights and sleep-ins, and 24-hour care.
- Care after hospital, dementia care, end-of-life care and respite.

How we arrange care in Didcot

In Didcot and the villages around it, Day and Nightcare provides home care visits from one hour, waking nights, sleep-ins, 24-hour care and fully managed live-in care from £1,550 a week. Care starts with a free assessment, a written quote and a written care plan. A relief carer covers a live-in carer's holidays and time off, and a manager is on call.

Care can be paid for privately, by Oxfordshire County Council (including direct payments) or by NHS Continuing Healthcare. We have provided Discharge to Assess (D2A) care since 2014. If someone is coming home from hospital, tell us the expected discharge date. Our care team is on 01865 715780.

Arranging care and funding in Didcot

Whichever side of the district boundary you live on, adult social care is run by Oxfordshire County Council. To ask for a care needs assessment, call the Social and Health Care team on **01865 519800** (Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5pm, Friday 8.30am to 4pm) or use the council's online form; someone else can ask on your behalf. For urgent emergencies out of hours, the Emergency Duty Team is on 0800 833 408.

A free financial assessment follows if you are eligible: with more than £23,250 in savings and investments you would usually pay the full cost, though your home is not counted for care at home. See council funding for care. Family carers can ask Carers Oxfordshire's CarersLine (01235 424715, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm) for a carer's assessment; there is no charge.

Didcot town is in South Oxfordshire, but parts of Harwell and Milton parishes adjoining the town are in the Vale of White Horse, so check which council's name is on your council tax bill. Both councils disregard someone who is severely mentally impaired and a carer looking after a disabled person who is not their spouse, partner or child under 18; South Oxfordshire calls this the live-in carer discount. Both also bill a home one band lower if it has a room, extra bathroom or kitchen, or wheelchair space needed by a disabled resident. See council tax discounts for care.

Urgent care and leaving hospital in Didcot

- **Minor injuries:** Didcot has no minor injuries unit. The nearest is at Abingdon Community Hospital, Marcham Road, open every day from 10am to 10.30pm, with no referral needed, for injuries from the last seven days. It is not an A&E.
- **A&E:** the Emergency Department at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Headington, Oxford, is open 24 hours.

Oxford University Hospitals starts planning discharge when someone is admitted, and families arrange transport home unless the patient meets strict medical criteria for hospital transport. A community hospital bed, if needed, is the first one available, and it may be close by: **Didcot Community Hospital** on Wantage Road provides inpatient rehabilitation and palliative care for people who no longer need an acute hospital, and **Wallingford Community Hospital** on Reading Road has an inpatient ward for rehabilitation and palliative care. Neither has a minor injuries unit or an A&E.

Back home, Home First Oxfordshire's reablement is free short-term help to regain independence, arranged by a professional. If needs are mainly health needs, ask about NHS Continuing Healthcare: NHS Thames Valley ICB's Oxfordshire adults team is on 0118 982 2900.

Local help in Didcot

Carers' services, dementia support, transport, befriending and other local help, with phone numbers.

- **Memory worries.** The GP can refer to Oxford Health's memory service, whose nearest clinics are at the Abingdon and Wallingford mental health centres. After a diagnosis, Dementia Oxfordshire (01865 410 210, weekdays 9am to 5pm) matches people living at home with a local dementia adviser.
- **Carers.** Carers Oxfordshire's group meets at Didcot Library, 197 Broadway, on the third Tuesday of the month, 9.30am to 11am; carers can bring the person they look after.
- **Day opportunities.** The county council's nearest community support services are in Wallingford (High Street) and Abingdon, open weekdays with accessible transport; places are mostly arranged through Adult Social Care.

- **Foot care.** Age UK Oxfordshire's footcare clinic at Valerian Court, The Broadway, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, is for over-50s who cannot cut their own toenails: £26, self-referral, book on 01865 717615.
- **Getting about.** Didcot Volunteer Drivers (01235 816709) is the main scheme for people without transport who cannot use the bus; you pay drivers' expenses at 45p a mile. Oxfordshire Comet (01865 323201) is the county's bookable door-to-door service.
- **Anything else:** the Live Well Oxfordshire helpline, 01235 849410.

What may change soon

On 29 October 2026 the Government said it is minded to replace Oxfordshire's councils with three unitary councils from 1 April 2029, with most of South Oxfordshire and the Vale joining West Berkshire in a new Ridgeway Council. This is proposed, not confirmed. Until then, the county council arranges adult social care and the district councils collect council tax.

Useful contacts in Didcot

Hospitals, local support and council services near Didcot, with links to their official pages. Open any heading for the details.

Hospitals near Didcot

If someone is coming home from hospital, tell us the expected discharge date as early as you can, and we will work with you and the discharge team on when care can start.

- Didcot Community Hospital: community hospital
- Wallingford Community Hospital: community hospital
- John Radcliffe Hospital: acute hospital

Local support and charities

- Carers Support Group - Carers Oxfordshire (Didcot): Carers' support
- Didcot Volunteer Drivers: Community transport
- Didcot Footcare Clinic (Age UK Oxfordshire): Age UK
- Didcot Town Council: Town council

Council tax and adult social care

Didcot is in South Oxfordshire District Council, which handles council tax, including discounts for people with a severe mental impairment, for disabled people and for some carers. Adult social care is arranged by Oxfordshire County Council. See live-in care in Oxfordshire for county-wide funding and NHS information.

Villages we visit near Didcot

Harwell · Milton · Sutton Courtenay · Appleford · Long Wittenham · East Hagbourne · West Hagbourne · Blewbury · Upton · Chilton · North Moreton · South Moreton

Questions about care in Didcot

Who do I call in Didcot to ask for a care assessment?

Call Oxfordshire County Council's Social and Health Care team on 01865 519800 (Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5pm, Friday 8.30am to 4pm), or ask for a needs assessment online. The needs assessment is free, and anyone can ask for one. The county council arranges adult social care whether you live on the South Oxfordshire or the Vale of White Horse side of Didcot. Someone else can ask on your behalf, and a family carer can ask for a carer's assessment through Carers Oxfordshire on 01235 424715.

Where is the nearest minor injuries unit to Didcot?

Didcot Community Hospital has no minor injuries unit and no A&E, and neither does Wallingford Community Hospital. The nearest minor injuries unit is at Abingdon Community Hospital on Marcham Road, open every day from 10am to 10.30pm with no referral needed. The nearest A&E is the John Radcliffe in Headington, Oxford, open 24 hours. In a life-threatening emergency, call 999.

Is there a volunteer driver scheme in Didcot?

Yes. Didcot Volunteer Drivers (01235 816709) covers Didcot, its suburbs and 17 surrounding villages, for people with no transport of their own who cannot use public transport. Drivers will go with you to the appointment, wait and bring you home, and you pay their expenses at 45p a mile. Some villages have their own schemes for residents, such as the Blewbury Flying Squad (07891 768197) and the North Moreton Volunteer Transport Scheme (07979 868256 or 07969 349831).

Is there a carers' group in Didcot?

Yes. Carers Oxfordshire runs a support group at Didcot Library, 197 Broadway, on the third Tuesday of the month, 9.30am to 11am, with its advisers there and free tea and coffee. Unpaid carers can bring the person they look after. For anything in between, the CarersLine is 01235 424715, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Do you provide live-in care in Didcot?

Yes. Day and Nightcare provides fully managed live-in care in Didcot and across Oxfordshire from £1,550 a week, with a free assessment. A trained carer lives in your home, supporting you through the day and close by at night, with our care team behind them.

Do you provide home care visits in Didcot?

Yes. We offer home care visits in Didcot and the surrounding villages, from one hour to several hours, for personal care, medication support, meals, companionship and getting up or going to bed. Please call 01865 715780 for our current prices.

Do you provide night care in Didcot?

Yes. We provide waking nights and sleep-in nights in Didcot, and 24-hour care with a day carer and a waking night carer working in shifts. Live-in care is another option: the carer lives in the home, rests at night and can help now and then.

Where do I claim a council tax discount in Didcot?

Council tax in Didcot is handled by South Oxfordshire District Council. Someone with a severe mental impairment, which can include dementia, may be disregarded for council tax if they also get a qualifying disability benefit, which can mean a discount or a full exemption. See our guide to council tax discounts for care.

Sources and further information

- Oxfordshire County Council: Contact adult social and health care
- Oxfordshire County Council: Request a social care needs assessment
- Carers Oxfordshire: Contact
- South Oxfordshire District Council: Personal discounts (including carer's discount)
- South Oxfordshire District Council: Reduction for disabilities scheme
- South Oxfordshire District Council: About South Oxfordshire
- Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 1
- Vale of White Horse District Council: Personal discounts (including carer's discount)
- Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust: Didcot Community Hospital
- Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust: Wallingford Community Hospital
- Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust: Minor Injury and First Aid Units
- Oxford University Hospitals: Emergency Departments (A&E)
- Oxford University Hospitals: Leaving hospital
- Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust: Memory services
- Live Well Oxfordshire: Carers Support Group, Didcot
- Live Well Oxfordshire: Didcot Footcare Clinic, Age UK Oxfordshire
- Oxfordshire County Council: Community support service
- Oxfordshire County Council: Community Transport Directory (September 2026)
- Cherwell District Council: New minded-to decision for three new unitary councils (29 October 2026)
- NHS website: Getting a care needs assessment

Live-in care

From £1,550 a week

Home care visits

From one hour

Night care

Waking nights and sleep-ins

Assessment

Free, with no obligation

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