

Improving lives together

Specialist Residential Service for Adults with Learning Disabilities

Good

Now taking referrals

Based in the picturesque village of Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, Ducks Halt supports adults who are living with learning disabilities and complex needs, including those who have additional mental and physical health needs, and behaviours that may challenge.

At Ducks Halt, each person we support is unique; they have their own goals, needs and interests. We work with each individual to ensure that their life is filled with activities that they enjoy, whilst also supporting them to develop their life skills to enable them to live independently. We encourage and enable the individuals we support to lead a full and happy life.



Mixed gender



18+ years



5 placements

The people we support:

- > Adults from the age of 18+ years
- > Individuals with a primary diagnosis of learning disability accompanied with behaviours that challenge including mental illness or a forensic background
- > Individuals with a secondary diagnosis of personality disorder or autism
- > May have communication challenges
- > May have associated complex needs



Our service at a glance

Ducks Halt is a detached bungalow in a beautiful small village in Essex, which has a couple of pubs along with a village shop and post office. Just two miles away is Walton-on-the-Naze where the residents regularly visit and make the most of the facilities in a typical seaside town.

Nearby, there are plenty of community facilities for individuals to access, including shops, colleges, a swimming pool and local parks. Ducks Halt has two vehicles for the staff to take the residents out on day trips. Clacton and Colchester are a short journey away, providing an extensive array of activities and places to visit.

Ducks Halt is homely and we support individuals to personalise and decorate their room as they would like it to be. The service has relaxing living areas and a kitchen to prepare drinks, food and snacks for themselves or their visitors. There is a large garden with a seating area and space for gardening and other outdoor interests, including hosting parties.

We understand that the relationships the people we support have with their family and friends are very important and integral to their wellbeing. Therefore, we ensure that we enable the individual to stay in touch with loved ones and can facilitate home visits.

Our facilities:

- > 5 bedrooms, some of which are en-suite
- > Lounge
- > Dining room
- > Kitchen
- > Large garden with seating area, raised beds for gardening and space for outdoor activities

Rated 'Good' with the CQC ★★☆☆

Easy read and other accessible information available for all

Achieved the Dignity in Care Award

Two service vehicles to support outings and independence

"Some great positive risks have been taken as well as fantastic consistency of care and firm boundaries." External professional

We support individuals to attend Adult Learning College for various life skills courses

Excellent location with easy access to local towns and beaches

Promote family involvement and facilitate home visits

Close relationship with community learning disability team

Supporting Individuals to step-down along their pathway to supported living

Consistently 100% of individuals achieve over 25 hours of activities each week

Homely environment with 24/7 support

"I get to pick out my own menus for what I want to cook and eat."

A person we support

"My care is excellent"

A person we support

"I am happy with starting my college courses"

A person we support

"I like the activities I get to do. I got to get my nails done and I have a hair appointment booked which I am looking forward to."

A person we support

"The staff help me to stay in contact with my family"

A person we support

Our community links:

- > Beaches including the pier and funfair
- > Restaurants and cafés
- > Leisure centres
- > Local spa
- > Colchester zoo
- > Bowling
- > Shopping centres
- > Excellent transport links



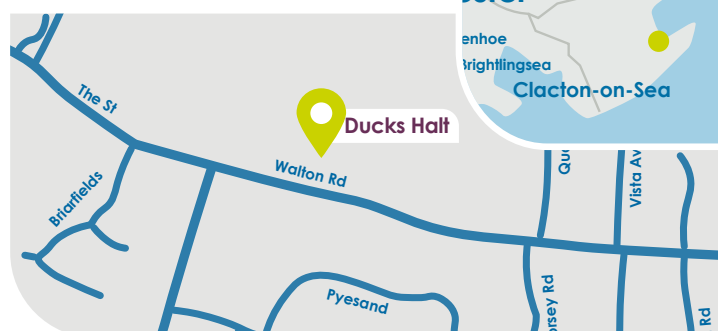
For more information or to make a referral, please contact your regional Business Relationship Manager or email: sc.referrals@cygnethealth.co.uk

- 1 Referral made to Cygnet Social Care and a desktop assessment is undertaken to review suitability for placement
- 2 If a suitable placement is identified, an assessment is arranged and undertaken by our specialist team
- 3 Feedback is provided on whether our service can meet the individual's needs
- 4 Detailed placement proposal is formulated to include care plans and funding information
- 5 Once placement is confirmed, transition plans are developed with all relevant stakeholders and admission date is agreed

Where are we?

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