Halls of Residence
2008–2009
Welcome

Reading prides itself on being a residential University where the majority of undergraduates as well as many postgraduates live in the ten University-owned Halls, and in Hillside and Martindale Court. University students also live in the Student Village and St George’s Hall developed privately by UPP.

Benefits/advantages

• Welfare and pastoral support for students is provided by a Senior Resident Tutor, Resident Tutor, or Senior Academic Resident in each Hall, who work alongside the Hall Management team
• Always someone on hand to contact in an emergency
• Night security patrols operate in all University Halls throughout the year
• Free access to the University network and Internet in all rooms
• Heating, lighting and water charges are included in the price of your rent
• A variety of accommodation is available ranging from a self-catered room with shared bathroom facilities to an en-suite, fully catered room
• All University owned Halls of Residence are located close to the two main University campuses and have easy access to shops, banks and social facilities. All Halls are located on bus routes to the town centre.

Please note

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that the details outlined in this booklet are correct at the time of going to press, some arrangements may be subject to change.
Please note that although we always do our best to allocate students a room in a Hall of their choice, we cannot guarantee to do so. Some Halls fill up very quickly (particularly those with en-suite facilities), and each Hall is allocated a range of students from different courses and nationalities. Halls are grouped for administrative purposes, but each Hall has its own individual character and ethos.

**University accommodation – options**

When thinking about which Hall you might like to live at and the different types of rooms available there are a number of options you need to consider:

**Types of rooms:**

**En-suite room**
Some of the Halls have bedrooms with an en-suite shower, washbasin and toilet in the room.

**Standard room with washbasin**
This type of room includes a washbasin. Bathroom facilities are shared with other residents.

**Standard room with no washbasin**
These rooms do not have a washbasin and all the bathroom facilities are shared with other residents.

**Catered or self-catered?**

**Self-catered accommodation (no meals provided)**
In the self-catering Halls we provide kitchen facilities that you share with a number of other Hall residents.

The main advantage of self-catering accommodation is flexibility, giving you the opportunity to eat what, when and where you like. Self-catering is also more appropriate for medical or religious diets.

**Catered accommodation (meals provided)**
In our catered Halls of Residence you will receive nineteen meals a week consisting of breakfast, lunch and dinner during the week and breakfast and lunch at the weekends.
Pantries or small kitchens are shared amongst groups of students for preparing drinks and light snacks.

Fully catered accommodation offers a well balanced range of meals with vegetarian options at every meal. You might also find it easier to budget your money and you will have informal contact with other students at meal times.

Please note that a review of the catering in Halls is currently under way. Catering arrangements may therefore be subject to change.

**Residency periods**

**30 week residency** – term time only. You will not be able to stay in your room during the Christmas and Easter vacations and will have to move your belongings out of your room.

**30 week residency (including storage of belongings during Christmas and Easter vacations)** – term time only but you will be able to leave your belongings in your room during Christmas and Easter vacations.

**38 week residency** – term time and Christmas and Easter vacations.

**50 week residency** – term time and Christmas, Easter and Summer vacations.
Bridges Hall is a purpose-built Hall. Standing among fine trees and extensive lawns, the building is arranged around two linked quadrangles with a central bar and a dining hall. The Hall is on the Whiteknights campus, on a rise overlooking many of the University’s academic departments to which it is linked by paths and bridges over the lake. It is also very close to departments located at Earley Gate. The Hall is on a bus route into town and is a short walk from local shops. Fully catered accommodation is provided in the Main Hall (302 rooms). Self-catered accommodation is provided in the New Wing (156 rooms which are normally reserved for postgraduates and older undergraduates).

- Both fully catered and self-catered accommodation available
- Washbasins in most Main Hall rooms. New Wing rooms do not have washbasins
- Single sex corridors
- Located on the Whiteknights campus
- Computer room and Library
- All rooms have data points
- Laundry room
- Hall bar, common rooms, music room and TV room
- Tennis court, squash court, table tennis and snooker tables
- 30 week residency period (catered only) (*including storage of belongings during Christmas and Easter vacations)
- 38 week residency periods available (self-catered only)

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In each self-catering area 8 or 10 students share a large kitchen, Self-catering places are available to first year students. Students have access to a launderette, general store, extensive playing fields, a sports hall and three tennis courts. There is a local swimming pool a few minutes’ walk from the Hall.

- 577 self-catered rooms and 44 part-catered rooms (lunch and dinner five days a week)
- Mini-bus available to Whiteknights campus (Monday to Friday during term time)
- 529 rooms with en-suite bathrooms; 92 with washbasins
- Hall bar and TV lounge
- Data points in all rooms
- On a bus route into the town centre and a short walk from local shops
- 38 week residency periods, with summer vacation residence usually available for an extra charge
- 42 week residency periods available for PGCE students
- 30 week residency periods available in part-catered area

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Childs Hall stands in beautiful open parkland beside Whiteknights Lake minutes from the centre of the campus. It has a friendly dynamic atmosphere and a strong sense of identity.

The Hall has 375 study bedrooms with full catering (three meals per day during the week and breakfast and lunch at the weekend), most with wash basins, and 84 study-bedrooms for self-catering. (Self-catering is not normally available to first-year students at Childs Hall).

- Fully catered accommodation (375 rooms), and self-catered accommodation (84 rooms)
- Washbasins in 257 rooms
- Library and Computer Room
- Hall bar with pool, table football and other games; two TV rooms and snooker room
- Data points in all rooms
- Laundry
- Located on Whiteknights campus
- 30 week residency period, with vacation residence normally available for an extra charge

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Hillside Court is the main site, comprising 15 houses built around a grassed courtyard. It is situated in a quiet residential area about 8 minutes’ walk from Whiteknights campus, and is on a regular bus route to the town centre.

Martindale Court is a three-storey block of 45 rooms (all with television points). It is in a very quiet location, closer to town, and approximately 15 minutes’ walk to Whiteknights campus.

- Self-catered accommodation for single mature students
- 153 single study bedrooms with washbasins in all rooms
- Data points in all rooms
- Laundry
- Computer room linked to the University network
- Both are within walking distance to Whiteknights campus and on bus routes to the town centre
- 38 week residency period at both Hillside Court and Martindale Court
- 50 week residency period available

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St George’s Hall
A University Partnerships Programme (UPP) development

Upper Redlands Road, Reading, RG1 5HZ
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Email: stgeorges@reading.ac.uk

St George’s Hall is located in pleasant surroundings next to the Whiteknights campus overlooking the University sports ground and just a few minutes walk from most of the academic buildings on campus. A variety of shops, banks and transport links to the centre of town are just minutes away.

Offering rooms to 426 students, the variety of room types includes: standard and extended study bedrooms with private washbasin and shared kitchen and bathroom facilities; standard en-suite and extended en-suite study bedrooms (private bathroom and shared kitchen/dining facilities); and en-suite studios (with private kitchenette and bathroom).

Further details, including room rates, are available on the Student Village website at www.thestudentvillage.com

New students wishing to apply for a room at St George’s Hall should contact the University Accommodation Service. Existing students may apply direct to the UPP lettings office, based at the Farmhouse Reception at Reading Student Village.

- 301 rooms with en-suite bathrooms, 100 rooms with own washbasin, and 25 studios
- All rooms are self-catering
- Located next to Whiteknights campus
- Laundry
- Data points in all rooms
- Computer room
- Some single sex corridors available
- 39 week and 50 week residency periods available
St Patrick’s Hall
Northcourt Group

Northcourt Avenue, Reading, RG2 7HB
Tel: 0118 378 4982
Email: northcourt@reading.ac.uk

St Patrick’s occupies a pleasant site near the main Whiteknights campus. It benefits from being just off campus, giving it a distinctive character while still feeling part of the mainstream student life. It is convenient for local shops, pub, eating-places and buses to the town centre and station. The Hall comprises two main blocks, each with a quadrangle. One is Pearson Court, built in 1913 with rooms off individual staircases. The other, New Court, where most new undergraduates live. There are two substantial annexes, accommodating mainly final year undergraduates and postgraduates. In all there are 314 students at St Patrick’s constituting a broad mix of academic and cultural backgrounds, making a diverse and friendly community. All student rooms are single study bedrooms with washbasin.

The Hall is fully-catered operating a system based on smart cards which allows students to eat in Hall or use a take-out facility, giving considerable flexibility over when and where to eat.

- Fully catered accommodation in 314 single study bedrooms
- Washbasins in all rooms
- Computer Room (shared with Sherfield Hall)
- Data points in all rooms
- Hall bar, music practice room, snooker table and football pitch
- Laundry
- Located a few minutes walk from Whiteknights campus
- 30 week residency period (*including storage of belongings during Christmas and Easter vacations)

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Sherfield Hall
Northcourt Group

Northcourt Avenue, Reading, RG2 7EY
Tel: 0118 378 4982
Email: northcourt@reading.ac.uk

Sherfield is set out with a series of low-rise buildings set among attractive, landscaped gardens. All students have a self-contained room with en-suite facilities. The Hall is self-catered with each student sharing a large kitchen with seven other students.

Sherfield has always had a strong international ethos.

Most of the residents are either postgraduate or older undergraduate students.

• Self-catered accommodation for 340 students
• All rooms have en-suite bathrooms
• Data points in all rooms
• Laundry
• Computer room (shared with St Patrick’s Hall)
• Bar and large screen TV for showing sporting events and films
• Ample car parking spaces
• Short walk to Whiteknights campus and shops and restaurants close by
• 38 week or 50 week residency periods available

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## Summary of facilities available in each Hall

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How much will it cost?

The 2007/08 rents are listed on the individual Hall pages in this booklet. The 2008/09 charges will be available in May 2008. Up-to-date rents can be found on the web at [www.reading.ac.uk/UnivRead/Halls/fees.htm](http://www.reading.ac.uk/UnivRead/Halls/fees.htm)

You will be required to pay a battels fee (deposit against damage) of £100 prior to your arrival in Reading. You will also be asked to pay a Junior Common Room (JCR) fee at the start of the Autumn Term. This charge is set by individual JCRs and is currently between £35 and £55 per year.

It is important for you to insure your personal possessions whilst in Reading. The University has negotiated a suitable policy with Endsleigh Insurance for which the annual premium in 2007/08 was £6.55. Details of the 2008/09 scheme will be sent to you with your offer of accommodation.

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* for Postgraduate students only
Sibly Hall was opened in 1967 and is named after Sir Franklin Sibly, Vice-Chancellor of the University from 1929 to 1946. A ten-storey L-shaped block provides panoramic views of the surrounding area. Accommodation for 306 students is in large, single study bedrooms (separate areas for men and women). Rooms in Sibly do not have washbasins – instead each area of 17 rooms is well served by communal bathrooms, kitchens and dining facilities.

The Hall is in pleasant surroundings some 10 minutes walk to the south-east of Whiteknights, and there are excellent shopping facilities nearby.

Sibly welcomes both postgraduate and undergraduate students. The mix of ages and nationalities in the Hall ensures that Sibly fosters a distinctive and vibrant international community.

- 306 single study bedrooms, all self-catering
- Single sex corridors
- Data points in all rooms
- Laundry
- Computer room
- Bar with large screen TV, common room, games room including pool table
- Ample car parking spaces
- 38 week or 50 week residency periods available

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Reading Student Village is a development of privately operated student housing opened by the University Partnerships Programme (UPP) in September 2000. This site is adjacent to Sherfield and St Patrick’s Halls and only a few minutes’ walk from the Whiteknights campus, local shops and transport links to the town centre.

The residences offer a peaceful setting whilst benefiting from excellent local amenities. The 384 single en-suite study bedrooms, arranged into six person self-contained flats, also provide spacious communal kitchen/dining facilities. There is a wide variety of room types to choose from including standard en-suite, extended en-suite, enhanced en-suite (equipped with higher quality furnishings) and superior en-suite (larger rooms with guest bed). In addition the Farmhouse comprises three double study bedrooms, one superior room and a self-contained flat.

Further details, including room rates, are available on the Student Village website at www.thestudentvillage.com

New students wishing to apply for a room at The Student Village should contact the University Accommodation Service. Existing students may apply direct to The Student Village Lettings Office based at the Farmhouse Reception.

• 384 study bedrooms with private bathrooms
• Variety of room types
• Data points in all rooms
• Laundry
• Easy walking distance to Whiteknights campus and close to shops and bus routes
• 39 week and 50 week residency periods available
Wantage Hall was opened in 1908, and now accommodates 247 students on a fully-catered basis. The majority of rooms contain washbasins. In addition, there are four studio flats for couples without children.

Wantage is a Hall of great character and tradition, with an enthusiastic and loyal student community. The Hall comprises three parts. Old Court, built in a traditional college style with a lawned quadrangle and a clock tower gateway, accounts for more than one third of the student accommodation.

New Court was added in 1970 to the north end of Old Court, and about half of Wantage’s students live here. The remainder of the accommodation is located in the Lawn Annexe.

The Hall is situated just off the north-west corner of the campus, and is a ten-minute walk from the main University Library. Christchurch Green, which offers shops open early until late and buses to the town, is within a few minutes walk.

- 233 single study bedrooms;
- 7 large shared rooms
- All rooms are fully catered, shared pantries are provided for preparing drinks and snacks
- Washbasins in two-thirds of the rooms
- Data points in all rooms
- Bar, Common Room, TV Room and Music Practice Room
- Laundry
- Computer room linked to the University network
- 30 week residency period (*including storage of belongings during Christmas and Easter vacations)

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Originally established in 1913 for female students, Wessex Hall moved to its current site beside Whiteknights Lake in 1965. From 1977 the Hall started to take male students as well. It underwent major refurbishment in 1994 and again in 2005. To mark the new millennium a copse close to the Hall has been refashioned to provide a sheltered walk. This has enhanced what was already an attractive parkland location.

The Hall has 196 pleasantly furnished rooms all of which have washbasins. Wessex is a self-catered Hall of Residence. On each floor there are kitchens where students can prepare meals. Rooms for male and female students are grouped in separate areas.

The Hall has an ethos of community living in which all share responsibility for promoting a climate conducive to study, safety and friendly enjoyment.

- 196 single study bedrooms with wash basins
- Self-catered accommodation
- Located on the Whiteknights campus
- Data points in all rooms
- Laundry
- Library and Computer Room
- Bar with large screen TV and pool table, TV room, communal space for activities including table tennis
- 38 week residency period, summer vacation residence usually available for an extra charge

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Whiteknights Hall is situated on the edge of campus, three minutes’ walk from the central academic buildings. The Hall provides accommodation for 210 students all in single study bedrooms. The older part of the Hall consists of 79 study bedrooms attractively arranged around two quadrangles, linked by the dining hall (with a seating capacity of 200) and the Junior Common Room Bar. All of these study bedrooms have washbasins.

A three-storey extension to the Hall, opened in April 1991, provides a further 131 en-suite rooms. Preference is given to returning students and postgraduates for these. Study bedrooms at Whiteknights vary in design, with between seven and twelve on a corridor sharing communal kitchen and bathroom facilities.

• 210 single study bedrooms at the Hall in total. Washbasins in 79 rooms, and 131 rooms with en-suite bathrooms
• All rooms are fully catered
• Located on the edge of Whiteknights campus with a short walk to academic buildings
• Data points in all rooms
• Laundry
• Hall bar with pool table and games and TV lounge
• Computer room
• 30 week residency period, with vacation residence not normally available

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The main part of Windsor Hall was opened in 1964, and houses 219 students. Windsor is situated in a beautiful part of the park and is the nearest Hall to the academic buildings in Whiteknights. It is also adjacent to the main University sports grounds.

The rooms in Windsor Main Hall are single study bedrooms, most with washbasins. There are pantries/small kitchens on each corridor with facilities for making drinks and snacks.

Two newer blocks, McCombie and Greenow, were opened in 2001 and house 128 postgraduate students in self-catered, en-suite accommodation. Each room is equipped with a mini fridge.

- Fully catered accommodation provided in the Main Hall (219 rooms). Self-catered accommodation provided in two newer blocks (128 rooms which are normally reserved for post-graduates at the ICMA Business School).
- Wash basins in most Main Hall rooms. The single study bedrooms in the two newer blocks are all en-suite
- Located on the edge of Whiteknights campus with a short walk to academic buildings
- Data points in all rooms
- Facilities in the main Windsor Hall block include: Hall Bar, computer room and laundry
- 30 week residency period available in the Main Hall, summer vacation residence is not normally available
- 38 week residency period available in McCombie and Greenow

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The 2008/09 charges will be available from May 2008
Frequently asked questions

**Question:** Will you guarantee me a place in University accommodation?

**Answer:** Undergraduates

If you are an undergraduate, Reading is your first choice, and you firmly accept your place and return your application for accommodation by 1 August we will offer you a single study bedroom in Hall. If Reading is your Insurance choice we will usually be able to offer you accommodation, but the choice is likely to be more restricted.

**Answer:** Postgraduates

If you are a postgraduate student we guarantee you University accommodation if you fulfill all the conditions of your academic offer by 1 August, and apply for accommodation by that date.

After 1 August you can apply for University accommodation and we will try to find you a room. If we cannot offer you a place, the Accommodation Service (accommodation@reading.ac.uk) can advise you on how to find accommodation owned by a private landlord.

**Question:** How do I apply for a place in University Accommodation?

**Answer:** Undergraduates

If you are an undergraduate we will send you an accommodation application form when you accept Reading as your Firm choice through UCAS. You should complete and return the form straight away. Don’t wait until you get your A-Level results because by then all Halls might be fully booked.

**Answer:** Postgraduates

If you are a postgraduate you will be sent an application form for accommodation with your formal offer of an academic place.

**Question:** How do I find private rented accommodation?

**Answer:** The Accommodation Office advertises property available to let on behalf of local private landlords. See the Private Accommodation page (page 25).

**Question:** Can I bring my car with me?

**Answer:** University accommodation

All Halls have car parks, although parking facilities are very limited in many Halls. You must obtain permission from your Hall office in advance if you want to bring your car with you.
Answer: Private Accommodation

There is very limited on-street parking in most areas around the University.

Question: How will my Hall room be furnished?

Answer: All Hall rooms are fully furnished and include a single bed, desk/table, desk chair, wardrobe and shelves. There is a launderette in every Hall. Residents are required to provide and launder their own bed linen (including duvet and pillows) and towels. You should also bring cooking utensils, cutlery and crockery if you are cooking for yourself. You will receive detailed information on what is provided from your Hall in September. Cleaning is provided for the communal areas but you will be responsible for cleaning your own room.

Question: Can I use my computer in my room?

Answer: University accommodation

All University-owned Hall rooms are equipped with a data point giving a direct link to the University network and unlimited high-speed access to the internet.

Answer: Privately operated Halls

The UPP Halls (Reading Student Village and St George’s Hall) also have data points in each room.

Answer: Private accommodation

In a private room you will need to organise your own internet connection. Advice is available at www.reading.ac.uk/its/documents/remoteconnect/general/ChoosingISP.htm

Question: Is there any accommodation suitable for students with disabilities?

Answer: Yes – the University has a number of adapted or purpose-built rooms. Please tell us on your accommodation application form what you will need. You can contact the Disability Office for advice on 0118 378 8921 or disability@reading.ac.uk

Question: Can I live in University Accommodation in my second year?

Answer: You may apply for a Hall place for your second year. However, if demand exceeds the number of rooms available priority for Hall places is given to first and final year undergraduates, to international postgraduates and to students with medical or social requirements. The majority of second year students either rent a private house with other students or stay with a host family. The application deadline for students wishing to have a place in Hall for the following academic year is 14 February. The allocations are announced in early March.
**Question:** What alternatives are there to University accommodation?

**Answer:** The University has a comprehensive Accommodation Service which provides help and advice all the year round to students registered at Reading. Contact the Accommodation Service on 0118 378 8054/5 or accommodation@reading.ac.uk for advice on:

- renting private accommodation
- staying with a host family
- University-owned accommodation for couples and families

**Question:** What happens if I come through the Clearing Scheme?

**Answer:** If all Halls are fully booked, some students will be offered bed and breakfast accommodation with selected host families, others may be invited to a House Hunting Day in mid-September when new students looking for private accommodation can meet others in a similar position. Experts will be on hand to help you find a suitable house to share. Nobody will be left without positive advice on where they can live in Reading. Students can move into Hall during term when suitable vacancies arise.

**Question:** What is the smoking policy for the Halls?

**Answer:** Smoking is not permitted in any of the Halls.

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### University-owned family accommodation

The University owns some older houses converted into accommodation for single students, couples or families, and also has purpose-built flatlets for couples at Wantage Hall and for families at Creighton Court. Application forms are available from the Accommodation Service.

Waiting lists are often long and it may take some time before we are able to offer you a suitable place. We cannot guarantee to provide University accommodation for you and your family at the start of your course. For this reason you must make sure before you come to Reading with your family that you can afford to pay the rent in private accommodation and that you have somewhere to stay. Our strong advice is to come to Reading without your family in the first instance, until you have found suitable accommodation for them.
Private accommodation

There is plenty of private accommodation available to rent in the vicinity of the University. The University Accommodation Service maintains a database advertising properties on behalf of local private landlords. This can be accessed at www.reading.ac.uk/accommodation (new applicants to the University will need to contact the Accommodation Service on accommodation@reading.ac.uk for username and password details).

A list of local lettings agents can be accessed from www.reading.ac.uk/accommodation, but students should be aware that they may be liable to pay agents' fees when renting a property through an agency.

Please note:

• We are unable to visit the private properties we advertise, although the landlord is required to certify that the property meets certain standards.

• It is your responsibility to check that the property is safe. Our publication, Living Out: the Essential Guide, gives information about what to look for when house hunting.

• Rental agreements are private arrangements between the tenant and the landlord. Although Accommodation Service staff are happy to give advice, we are not normally able to intervene in any disputes.
Applying for accommodation

New undergraduate students

When UCAS confirms that Reading is your firm choice, the Admissions Office will send you an accommodation application form

Return your completed application form to the Admissions Office (do not wait until your academic offer is unconditional – the Halls may be fully booked by then)

We allocate Hall accommodation (unless there are special circumstances this is normally done on a ‘first-come-first-served’ basis)

When your academic offer is unconditional we will write to you with details of your Hall allocation

Important: Please note that we can only guarantee accommodation to students who hold Reading as their Firm UCAS choice by 1st August and have applied for accommodation by that date

If Reading is your Insurance choice, or if you come to Reading through the Clearing route, we will contact you after the publication of A-Levels results

New postgraduate students

You will receive an accommodation application form with your academic offer from the Admissions Office

Return your completed application form to the Admissions Office

When your academic offer is unconditional the Admissions Office will forward your application to the Accommodation Office

We will allocate Hall accommodation (unless there are special circumstances this is normally done on a ‘first-come-first-served’ basis)

We write to you with details of your Hall allocation

Important: Please note that we can only guarantee University accommodation to postgraduates whose academic offer is unconditional by 1st August and whose accommodation application form is received by that date

Please indicate on your form if you have any medical conditions, disabilities or mental health difficulties we need to know about – this information will be treated confidentially
For more information, please contact:

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