

ACCOMMODATION for couples, families and mature students

Your guide to choosing
accommodation at Reading
2021 – 2022



WELCOME

The University has a range of accommodation which is suitable for more mature students, couples and families. The accommodation consists of houses with converted rooms and self-contained flats as well as purpose-built studio rooms which are located within the halls.

WHY LIVE IN HALLS?

University accommodation provides a safe and secure environment for residents to live, study, meet friends and socialise as part of a supportive community.

LONGER LENGTH CONTRACTS

51 week contracts available in most families, couples and mature students accommodation. Postgraduate students often select this option but it's also suitable for undergraduates who would like to use their room over the Summer vacation.

LOW DEPOSIT

A £250 deposit is all you need to pay to secure your room booking.

ALL INCLUSIVE RENT

Including all utility bills and Wi-Fi.



CREIGHTON COURT

Suitable for families

Creighton Court is located ten minutes walk from central campus and includes 24 purpose-built self-contained flats suitable for families with one or two children under 12 years of age.

| Room types within Creighton Court | No. available | Suitable for | £ per week for 51 weeks (2021 – 22) |
|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| One bedroom flat One bedroom with 4ft wide bed. Separate lounge with small double sofa bed and open plan kitchen. Separate bathroom with bath. | 16 |  | £231.00 |
| Two bedroom flat Two bedrooms – one has a double bed and the second has either one or two single beds. Separate lounge with open plan kitchen. Separate bathroom with bath. | 8 (4 x two adults and one child, 4 x two adults and two children) |   | £257.25-£267.75 |

FURNISHED

Furnishings vary according to the size and type of accommodation but all accommodation includes a bed and mattress, desk, desk chair, shelves and wardrobe as a minimum.

HOW TO APPLY

Visit www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/accommodation/applying.aspx for more information on how to apply.

ACCOMMODATION GUARANTEE

As the student applying for accommodation, you are included in the accommodation guarantee. Accommodation is not guaranteed for partners or children.

You will be guaranteed an offer of accommodation if you are:

- a new full-time undergraduate who holds Reading as a firm UCAS choice and applies for accommodation by 23:59 on 1 August and satisfies the conditions of your academic offer by 31 August of your year of entry*
- a new full-time postgraduate who has accepted an offer from the University and applies for accommodation by 23:59 on 1 August and satisfies any conditions of your academic offer by 31 August of your year of entry*.

* Subject to restrictions. Our offer may not meet your stated preferences. Please see the [Accommodation Policy](#) for more details

Permitted occupants

For rooms suitable for more than one occupant, you will be asked to provide details of those that will be living with you.

For example images and floorplans, please visit our website:

www.reading.ac.uk/accommodation

NORTHCOURT AVENUE HOUSES

Suitable for couples and mature students

There are three separate houses located on Northcourt Avenue which offer a range of options for more mature students and couples. All of the accommodation on Northcourt Avenue has been recently refurbished which includes new carpets, kitchens and furniture.

Northcourt Avenue is a 10-minute walk from the Whiteknights campus centre and is less than a 5-minute walk from shops, cafes and a bus stop serving Reading town centre and the train station.

12 NORTHCOURT AVENUE

Large detached property spread over three floors with at least one bathroom per floor. Three kitchens, one on each floor, are shared by all of the residents. Rooms include a washbasin and bathroom facilities are shared with other residents.

| Room types within 12 Northcourt Avenue | No. available | Suitable for | £ per week for 51 weeks (2021–22) |
|--|---------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Small room with washbasin <i>Shared bathroom facilities</i> | 1 |  | £131.25 |
| Standard room with washbasin <i>Shared bathroom facilities</i> | 7 |  | £144.48 |
| Standard room with washbasin and double bed (suitable for a couple) <i>Shared bathroom facilities</i> | 6 |  | £144.48 |
| Room types within 14 Northcourt Avenue | | | |
| Standard room with or without washbasin <i>Shared bathroom facilities</i> | 6 |  | £144.48 |
| Study suite Bedroom with double bed, adjoining study area <i>Shared bathroom facilities</i> | 3 |  | £184.24 |
| Room types within 16 Northcourt Avenue | | | |
| Studio Room with double bed and open plan kitchen and separate en-suite shower room | 1 |  | £206.85 |
| Double studio Room with double bed and open plan kitchen and separate en-suite shower room | 4 |  | £216.30 |
| One bedroom flat Bedroom with double bed, separate lounge with separate kitchen/open plan kitchen (pending on which flat is allocated) and separate bathroom | 2 |  | £231.00 |
| En-suite room with double bed Room with double bed and en-suite shower room. Kitchen shared with other residents | 3 |  | £184.24 |
| En-suite room with double bed Room with double bed and en-suite shower room suitable for single occupancy. Kitchen shared with other residents | 2 |  | £161.00 |

14 NORTHCOURT AVENUE

This large detached house offers a range of rooms with their own individual style and character. The bathroom facilities are available on each floor and are shared between residents along with the kitchen. Some of the rooms include their own washbasin.

16 NORTHCOURT AVENUE

This large detached house offers a selection of self-contained flats and studios, as well as en-suite rooms with a shared kitchen. Ideally suited for mature single students and couples.

This traditional character property also benefits from a small enclosed garden.

ST PATRICK'S HALL FLATS/SETS

Suitable for couples and mature students

St Patrick's Hall is a 15-minute walk from the campus centre and conveniently located for local shops, eating places and buses to Reading town centre and station.

| Room types within St Patrick's Hall flats/sets | No. available | Suitable for | £ per week for 40/51 weeks (2021–22) |
|--|---------------|--|--|
| Two bedroom flat Two double bedrooms. Lounge with dining table and chairs and separate kitchen. Separate bathroom with bath. Small enclosed garden. Please note: due to the location of this flat by the entrance of the hall, during peak hours there may be some additional noise. | 1 |  | £267.75 |
| Double room with shared bathroom A double bedroom, large shared kitchen with dining table and chairs. Shared bathroom with bath and over bath shower. | 2 |  | £164.99: 40-week contract only |
| Shared bathroom Flat 2: Two single bedrooms with a separate kitchen, bathroom and dining room. Flat 3: Three single bedrooms with a separate kitchen and bathroom. | 5 |  | £131.25 each occupant: 40-week contract only |
| Study Suite (room with adjacent study area): Four sets, each having a bedroom with double bed and separate lounge. Two share a bathroom and all four share one kitchen which can only be accessed outdoors. | 4 |  | £144.48: 40-week contract only |

ST GEORGE'S, WESSEX AND WANTAGE HALL FLATS/STUDIOS

Suitable for couples and mature students

St George's Hall, Wessex and Wantage Hall offer a selection of self-contained studios and flats. The pedestrian entrance to the rear of St George's Hall

is located directly opposite the University SportsPark offering easy access to campus.

| Room types within St George's, Wessex and Wantage Hall flats/studios | No. available | Suitable for | £ per week for 40/51 weeks (2021–22) |
|--|---------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| One bedroom flat – St George's Hall Bedroom with double bed and living area. Separate kitchen and separate bathroom. | 6 |  | £206.85: 40-week contract only |
| One bedroom flat – Wantage Hall Bedroom with double bed and living area. Separate kitchen and separate bathroom. | 1 |  | £231.00 |
| Studio – Wessex and St George's Hall Bedroom with single bed with kitchen area included. Separate bathroom. | 26 |  | £206.85 |
| Upgraded washbasin room with double bed – St George's Hall Large bedroom with double bed and washbasin. Shared bathroom and kitchen facilities for up to 6 residents | 3 |  | £144.48: 40-week contract only |

BENYON HALL FARMHOUSE

Suitable for couples and mature students

The Benyon Farmhouse is situated within the grounds of Benyon Hall. This 19th century historic listed building offers a range of accommodation suitable for couples and mature students. The property includes a shared garden to the rear.

The Farmhouse is situated approximately 15 minutes' walk from the centre of campus and is close to local shops, a bank and bus stop into central Reading and the station.

| Room types within Farmhouse | No. available | Suitable for | £ per week for 51 weeks (2021–22) |
|--|---------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Premium en-suite Large room with double bed. Two of the rooms have en-suite shower pods. | 5 |  | £184.24 |
| Studio Studio with double bed. | 2 |  | £216.30 |

SHERFIELD HALL FLATS

Suitable for couples and mature students

At the top of the Sherfield Hall accommodation blocks we have several one-bedroom flats suitable for couples and mature students. A short walk from the centre of campus

and conveniently located for local shops and transport to Reading town centre and station.

| Room types within Sherfield Hall flats | No. available | Suitable for | £ per week for 40/51 weeks (2021–22) |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| One bedroom flat A separate bedroom with 4ft wide bed. (single occupancy) or double bed (double occupancy) An open plan kitchen/lounge and a separate bathroom. | 5 (one for single occupancy and four for double occupancy) | (1)  (4)  | £231.00 |

GREENOW FLAT

Suitable for two students sharing

Located on the ground floor of Greenow House which is just a few minutes walk from Park Group social hub and the centre of campus.

| Room types within Greenow | No. available | Suitable for | £ per week for 40 weeks (2021–22) |
|--|---------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Two bedroom flat Two bedrooms – one with double bed and the other with a single bed. Separate lounge with kitchen area and separate bathroom. Please note: due to the location of this flat by the entrance hall, during peak hours there may be some additional noise. | 1 |  | £267.75 |

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN EACH ROOM/FLAT?

Families and Couples accommodation is all self catered.

All bedrooms are furnished with:

- bed, mattress and mattress protector
- desk and desk chair
- shelves and wardrobe

All kitchens are equipped with:

- microwave
- fridge and kettle
- toaster
- cooker
- freezer

In addition to your personal items, you will need to bring*: cookware (such as pots and pans).

*a more detailed list of what you do and don't need to bring with you to your accommodation is included in your arrival information, see below.

CAN I ACCEPT MY OFFER WITHOUT PAYING THE DEPOSIT?

Your offer cannot be accepted without payment of deposit.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL I RECEIVE BEFORE I ARRIVE?

Before you arrive in hall you will be asked to complete a mandatory E-induction. This will include valuable arrival information, details of what to bring, a link to your *A-Z Halls Guide*, a Key Fact sheet about your accommodation and an insight into hall life to prepare you for your time in hall. You will also have access to contract documents on the portal once you have accepted your offer of accommodation.

CAN I LIVE IN HALL ACCOMMODATION BEYOND THE FIRST YEAR?

Family accommodation

There is limited availability for returning students and there is no guarantee of being able to stay in the accommodation beyond the first year. Information about the returners application process is made available during the first term.

CAN I GET AN ACCESSIBLE ROOM?

The University's Disability Advisory Services Team works closely with the Accommodation Office to assist students' with special requirements. They provide support and advice services. Contact disability@reading.ac.uk or **0118 378 8921** as soon as possible if you need an accessible room or have a particular requirement of your room due to a disability.

CAN I BRING MY CAR?

Except in very specific cases students living in halls are unable to bring a car and the area around the University is for local residents parking only. For all information

regarding car, motorcycle or visitor parking please see www.reading.ac.uk/parking

All halls are within easy walking distance of Whiteknights campus and conveniently close to excellent bus routes serving supermarkets, Reading town centre and train station.

Cycling is encouraged and lockable bike sheds/racks are available in all of the halls.

CAN I VIEW THE ACCOMMODATION PRIOR TO MOVING IN?

Once you receive an offer of accommodation you can request to view the room you've been offered. We will liaise with the current occupant and arrange the viewing where possible. This is subject to government restrictions in place at the time.

IS THERE ANY SINGLE GENDER ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE?

If you are seeking single gender accommodation, the self-contained flats and studios listed in this Guide may be a good choice as the bathroom and kitchen facilities are not shared with other residents. Alternatively there are single gender areas in some of the standard halls accommodation. For more information see www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/accommodation/university-accommodation/specific-requirements.aspx



Local shops and bus stop are just a couple of minutes walk away