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And how to enjoy it

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Together we are Stronger

Platinum Skies is here to help you now and in the future. Affordable retirement living should be available to all.

Lower Parkstone

We believe there is a better way

PLATINUM SKIES is continuing to challenge convention and raise the standards of retirement living. Apartments start from as little as £99,500 and are available on a shared ownership basis, where they're pioneering an accessible and affordable route to a dream retirement.

It's aimed squarely at those over-55 who are fed-up with the usual isolated locations and high costs of average retirement developments. Part of the Affordable Housing and Healthcare Group, they've been creating

“ Creating vibrant, affordable and secure communities ”

vibrant, affordable, secure communities for elderly residents for over 20 years.

Working in close partnership with the NHS and Government and working hard to solve the housing and healthcare challenges that face our ageing population.

What price future happiness?

Platinum Skies exclusive concept in home ownership gives you the option to buy a beautiful property at a fraction of the market value. It's a far more sustainable alternative to unlocking your housing equity and lead a fulfilling retirement lifestyle.

With Platinum Skies, you can enjoy all the benefits of a new affordable home. The properties are beautifully designed, with first-class support services and outstanding

on-site facilities, in a community of like-minded neighbours.

What's more as a registered provider of the Older Persons Shared Ownership scheme, all our rental charges and fees are set and regulated by Homes England.

Everything is transparent and there are no hidden charges.

Accessible new homes

We make sure that our homes are conveniently placed in the best locations. Sought after areas such as Christchurch, Poole, and Salisbury are made affordable.

It's important that our sites are within easy reach of amenities such as retail, healthcare and transport. Many of our locations have impressive facilities such as an on-site bistro, treatment rooms and communal lounge, which is perfect for meals and after dinner drinks.

Simple and stress-free

Taking the worry out of moving, Platinum Skies manage the sale of residents' previous property and assist with packing, removals and unpacking. Handling every last detail, the committed after-care service can even assist with selling, donating or disposing of unwanted furniture, and provide a handyman to perfect any finishing touches in the new home.

Platinum Skies also manage and maintain all elements of their developments. ■



Sherborne



Central Poole



Salisbury



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Gain your financial freedom and retire in style

Learn about the smart way to fund your retirement

MANY over 55's are living on low or moderate incomes and often struggle with the upkeep to their homes and access to the care they need. With a sky-high cost of living and uncertain economy, there's never been a more important time to recognise the value in our homes to help improve our lives as we get older. If you've owned your home for a few years, it's likely you've built some equity in it. Perhaps you'd love to downsize or use a lifetime mortgage product to release equity to pay for your retirement. Maybe you are searching for a property that's more suited to your needs today, or for the future. Whatever your reasons, with Platinum Skies shared ownership you can afford to buy a brand-new property at a truly affordable price.



Chapters coffee mornings

If you were considering equity release, then you can access more capital with shared ownership than by using a typical equity release scheme, without suffering high interest rates and financial penalties that may erode your investment.

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The low purchase price means that you may be able to invest the released equity to supplement your income, make your budget go much further and afford a better quality property compared to a straight downsizing move.

Speak to any Platinum Skies resident and you'll soon discover that this is the smart way to retire. Our residents enjoy a fulfilled Platinum Skies life with regular travel abroad, socialising and a vibrant lifestyle.

Platinum Skies resident, Margaret told us: “It's better than taking out all of these equity loans. Doing it this way, you've got the cash released,



RELEASE YOUR MONEY, SO IT'S YOURS TO ENJOY
The benefits of Shared Ownership means you can reap the rewards and have fun in your retirement

you've actually sold your house before you've moved. You're not held up on the move, so you haven't got to wait for that chain. That makes a big difference. And yes you've got that extra cash to spend, you can go and have a couple of holiday cruises instead of just one!”

Take Russ and Kim, who also used the Platinum Skies shared ownership scheme:

“I would advise anyone who was in our position to seriously think about doing this. It's the best thing we've done. The cost of living for us to live here is so much cheaper and easier, which is great for us. So now, we're able to release money and so we can enjoy life.” ■

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How Platinum Skies can help you through Shared Ownership



Unlock your cash for today and tomorrow

Plan for your future costs of living or perhaps share wealth with your loved ones now.

Platinum Skies is government backed and regulated

We are a leading provider of private retirement property in the South of England regulated and audited by central Government.



Together, we'll be long-term partners

With shared ownership, our interests are the same as yours, because we each own a share of the property.

It makes your new home truly affordable

Shared Ownership gives you the option to buy a new retirement property at just half the full market value.



A tax-free lump sum from the sale of your old home

Release equity from your home with our shared ownership scheme.

People are discovering a Platinum Skies life!



RUSS AND KIM
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LILIAN AND ROY
“Part-buy, part-rent was the perfect solution for us. Platinum Skies enabled us to move into a brand new home which otherwise would have been out of reach.”



GLEND A
“I just had to make the decision of what to do and my Platinum Skies home made the decision for me. It made it a lot easier.”



Move in
6
weeks!



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RETIREMENT LIVING

HAPPY RETIREMENT

in the heart of Salisbury

From £120,000*

Enjoy a new half price home and
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Best foot forward

Staying fit is vital to a happy retirement. It's why Platinum Skies creates the perfect environment to stay healthy and independent

M AINTAINING an active social life has many health benefits. Being part of a community could help to beat feelings of loneliness and isolation. Figures from Age UK, place more than two million people in England over the age of 75 as living alone, and more than a million older people say they go for over a month without speaking to a friend, neighbour or family member.

Being socially active in your 50s and 60s could also lower your risk of developing dementia in later life. It's thought spending more time with friends and family, boosts your

cognitive skills such as memory and language, not to mention making you physically active.

Both of which can also reduce the risk of developing dementia. But staying socially active can be easier said than done. Whatever the reason, it's all too common to be left feeling alone.

Lifestyle Managers

It's important to remember that loneliness can affect anyone, of any age. This is why at all Platinum Skies locations there is an on-site Lifestyle Manager helping to build a dynamic

community as well as offering support to each of the residents.

Many of the sites offer a spectacular private lounge, treatment rooms and an activity studio. Platinum Skies residents can choose to take advantage of a range of exercise and wellness classes organised by their dedicated Lifestyle Manager.

Social activities

Mike Lyons, Operations Director at Platinum Skies says: "Every development has a dedicated on-site Lifestyle Manager, who as well as devising a programme of residents' activities, assists them individually on a day-to-day basis. Whether that's organising an

“Enjoy a fulfilled and active retirement”

introduction with a new neighbour, or setting up FaceTime with the grandchildren, they are there to help each resident to enjoy a fulfilled and active retirement.”

Mike added: "With a mix of social activities, days out and health related activity, there is something for everyone. We offer sessions such as yoga, pilates and tai chi, all held in the resident's communal 'studio' or out on to the large terrace over the warmer months.”

One of the most popular events are the dance classes which are held in the activity rooms and usually accompanied by high-tea in one of the stylish lounge areas.

Lifestyle Manager, Alison LeClerc says: "Many of our residents were keen dancers in their youth, and I am not just talking classic



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ballroom. Having gyrated their lives away in the 1960s and 70s, rock and roll, salsa, twist, soul, and even hip hop are more often the 'dance of choice' for a number of them. So, in response to overwhelming demand, we have lost no time in setting up informal in-house dance sessions, where both singles and couples are welcomed. Our friendly dance tutors that includes fellow Lifestyle Managers are encouraging everyone to lose their inhibitions and join in. It is a great way of meeting new friends, and one of the best forms of exercise, keeping both limbs and minds fluid and active.”

Calendar of events

Dancing is just one of the fun activities attracting Platinum Skies residents. Wellness days, cookery classes and excursions to local places of interest are also gaining momentum.

Why not pop along to the next event? Our dedicated lifestyle team would love to meet you and let you know about the different services available to residents. ■



Dancing into the future

Find your appetite for life!

AT Platinum Skies, we regularly invite nutritional experts to come and give cookery classes for our residents. These are a fun way of enjoying the social aspect of cooking with an informative discussion about the importance of a good diet in later life.

By eating a healthy diet, you take an important step towards maintaining good health and feeling your best. These are some of the reactions from Platinum

Skies residents who attended one of our cookery classes:

"I was a bit apprehensive to start with because I was thinking it's a long time since I've ever been to a cookery class. But it was very easy to understand and get involved."

"We're all much more conscious of what we're eating these days. Especially with diabetes, I don't have diabetes but my husband has. He is very careful about what he eats during the week. I think as



Food for thought

you get older you have to adapt. What we learned today was very sensible."

We believe that high-quality retirement properties should be affordable to all.

BEAUTIFUL NEW homes start from as little as £99,500 and are available on a shared ownership basis, where the company is pioneering an accessible and affordable route to a dream retirement.

The scheme is backed by Government and regulated by

“A range of apartments are available, starting at £99,500”

Homes England who strive to make affordable homes accessible in the UK. You can purchase a share in one of their new homes, before paying a monthly rent and management fee.

This means you can afford a new retirement property at half the full-market value. Another benefit is that you can release equity from your old property to supplement your income.



Enjoying Retirement

They are the only retirement living provider in the UK to integrate age-friendly housing with finance solutions and lifestyle support services.

Location is everything, with the retirement living sites offering Platinum Skies residents easy access to healthcare, transport and shopping amenities.

As with all Platinum Skies homes, there is an on-site Lifestyle Manager helping to build a community as well as offering support to each of

the residents.

Taking the stress out of moving, the company can also manage the sale of a residents' previous property and assist with packing, removals and unpacking - making a residents' move as straightforward and painless as possible.

FOR MORE DETAILS

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Start your new chapter by living in historic Salisbury



OUR flagship retirement living village in Salisbury is located within easy walking distance of the city centre.

As an owner you are part of a vibrant community, enjoying an elegant and contemporary home. We offer the very best of the cathedral city from one of our 197 new apartments, cottages and larger houses.

Each of the one and two-bedroom apartments have been thoughtfully designed. The open-plan homes are flooded with natural light and the kitchens and bathrooms have all been equipped with the latest in low maintenance, energy efficient technology.

Balconies in the higher apartments offer sweeping views of Salisbury, the cathedral and countryside beyond. It's affordable too, as prices start at £120,000 on a shared ownership basis.



Changing views on retirement with a unique home in Poole



AT LOWER Parkstone in Poole, we have created an affordable and unique environment. After all, retirement properties should not be dull and unobtainable places to live.

The 50 apartments are breathtaking and many have sweeping views of Poole, the Isle of Purbeck and Sandbanks. We've embraced the beautiful location, with a gorgeous development that appears to float amidst the treeline.

With floor to ceiling south-facing

windows that frame the view and benefit health and well-being. With every apartment having its own private balcony or terrace.

It's a peaceful environment that also offers the best of communal living. With an expansive courtyard with secluded viewing platform and water feature.

Apartments are available for outright purchase or from £150,000 on a 50% shared ownership basis.



CHRISTCHURCH IN Dorset ranks as one of the nation's favourite spots to live. Platinum Skies has made living in Christchurch more affordable for retirees.

What's more, we've made it fully accessible with on-site healthcare and lifestyle services.

A range of apartments are available, starting at £132,500 on a shared ownership basis.

Set back in its own private gardens and adjacent to Christchurch hospital, our site also has a dentist, GP surgery and pharmacy within walking distance.

Live your life in the heart of Poole at affordable prices



YOUR INDEPENDENCE is at the heart of everything we do. It's why we make sure you have fantastic lifestyle services, amenities and healthcare right on your doorstep.

Our Poole town centre development is a collection of 55 well-designed and affordable apartments. It's aimed squarely at those over-55s who are fed-up with the usual isolated locations and high costs of average retirement developments.

“Views of the Dorset countryside and the harbour”

A range of apartments are available, starting at £99,500 on a shared ownership basis.

Each of the one and two-bedroom apartments has been carefully designed with resident independence at the forefront. Balconies in the higher apartments offer sweeping views of the Dorset countryside and the harbour.

As with all Platinum Skies homes, there is an on-site Lifestyle Manager to organise community events and support to owners.



Make your mark at Salisbury Cathedral

Yes, a visit to Salisbury Cathedral is a must. This year even more so, as it celebrates its 800th anniversary. To truly appreciate the beauty of the building we recommend a behind the scenes Stonemasonry Works Yard Tour. Expert guides will explain the feats of engineering and you'll witness astounding hand-carving skills that have been honed there since the 13th century. The tour lasts one hour followed by tea and coffee with the guide and an opportunity to ask further questions. Tickets cost £17.50 per person and can be booked from the Salisbury Cathedral website.

An Evening with Alan Titchmarsh



Wednesday 19th February 2020
City Hall, Salisbury

To describe Alan as a national treasure would not do his talents justice. A gardener, a poet, an inventive and outstanding television presenter. Alan takes to the stage, showcasing all his talents wrapped up in a bundle of glorious anecdotes and enlightening "tales from his life on earth."

Music of passion & mystery

Saturday, 28th March 2020
Milton Abbey, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 0BZ

Join the Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir in the resonant acoustic and beautiful surroundings of Milton Abbey for a candlelit programme of sublime music from across the centuries for the days leading up to Easter.

A weekend of animal training

Saturday Feb 15th 2020
Cholderton Charlie's Farm, Amesbury Road, SP4 0EW

This innovative two-day practical animal training programme is designed for people who want to use positive reinforcement to improve their practical skills in animal training and extend their practical experience with multiple species. During the workshop you will get the opportunity to get hands on training with chickens and pigs!

Discover Stonehenge

While you could traipse around the stones at a respectful distance like the other tourists during the busier summer months, we also suggest making a pilgrimage for the Spring Equinox. It's one of the best times to see the World Heritage site and allows a rare chance to enter the stone circle.



Explore Sherborne on a Blue Badge guided walk

23rd April 2020 - 27th September 2020
3 Tilton Court, Digby Road, Sherborne, Dorset, DT9 3NL

Showing off as much of this ancient town's diverse and beautiful architecture as possible. It features the key areas of the town where you can explore The Abbey Green, Almshouse, the Conduit, Bow Arch and more.

Take the time to learn a new skill

15 February 2020 - 8 March 2020
The Gallery Symondsburry, Symondsburry Estate, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 6HG

Printmaking is a highly skillful art form that offers artists numerous ways of working, from the detailed and time consuming to the immediate and serendipitous. You will be able to enjoy the full range of printmaking techniques, as emerging and well-established printmakers from the Southwest take part in Lyme Bay Arts' fifth, Printmakers Open.



A stitch in time at the Knitting Club

February 8th, 2020
41 Fisherton Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP2 7SU

Join the monthly meeting of the Franklins Salisbury Knitting Club. This group meet once a month to learn new skills, share ideas, possibly work on charity pieces and projects and enjoy working together.

Lighting Up Poole

20th February 2020 - 22 February 2020
Lighthouse, Poole's Centre For The Arts, 21 Kingland Road, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1UG

The annual festival of digital light art will return in February and reach beyond the streets after dark with a series of talks that are every bit as illuminating as the light art installations to be seen outdoors. More than 40,000 visitors experienced last year's incredible displays and for Light Up Poole 2020, organisers are extending the light up time and the programme with talks, workshops and ticketed events.



Events Guide

to Dorset and Wiltshire

THE PLATINUM Skies retirement living sites in Dorset and Wiltshire are situated in prime locations close to fantastic amenities and stunning scenery. These include Poole with a collection of apartments overlooking the beauty of Poole Harbour, the new retirement village in historic Salisbury and the market town of Christchurch. Why not see how your retirement came spring into life with the many vibrant events taking place in Dorset and Wiltshire...



Poole Harbour, Dorset



Our site in Poole Town Centre



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