

Parmiter's

Almshouse & Pension Charity

Fancy moving to a two bedroomed bungalow in Clacton? Then read on.....

The Parmiter's Almshouse & Pension Charity has 6 two bedroomed bungalows in Clacton. There is a vacancy for one of the bungalows. The bungalows are aimed at single people as well as couples, as the second bedroom has been designed as a small guest bedroom only. To qualify for the bungalows, all members of your household must be over 60, and you must have lived in Bethnal Green for the last two years. Take a look inside this leaflet, it will give you a lot of information about the bungalow.



The property will be redecorated and cleaned throughout by the Trust prior to it being let. If your application is successful, you will be responsible for all your own moving costs. If you are downsizing, your current landlord may be able to

help with moving costs.

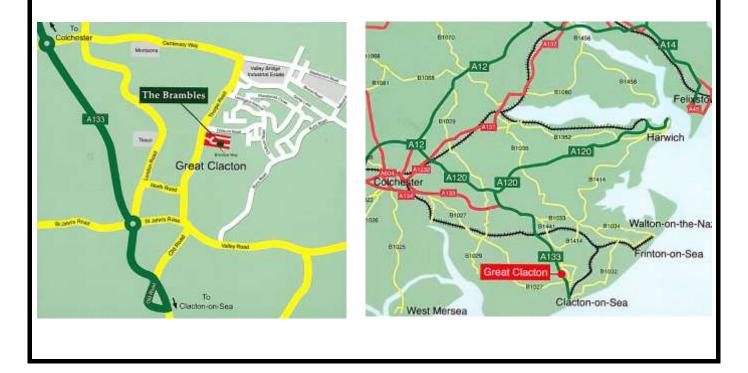
If you would like to be considered for the vacancy, please return the enclosed form by Thursday 30th June 2022.

Where are they?

The almshouses are in Great Clacton, Essex. It is part of a private development of less than 50 bungalows, called "The Brambles". The address is Bramble Way, Thorpe Road, Clacton, Essex CO15 4NW.

Great Clacton is set back from the coast but is only 1½ miles from Clacton Pier. Nine of the bus routes in the Clacton area pass through Great Clacton making the short journey to the main area of Clacton manageable, especially now that free bus travel for pensioners has been extended to areas outside London. Great Clacton is where the big Tesco and B&Q are located.

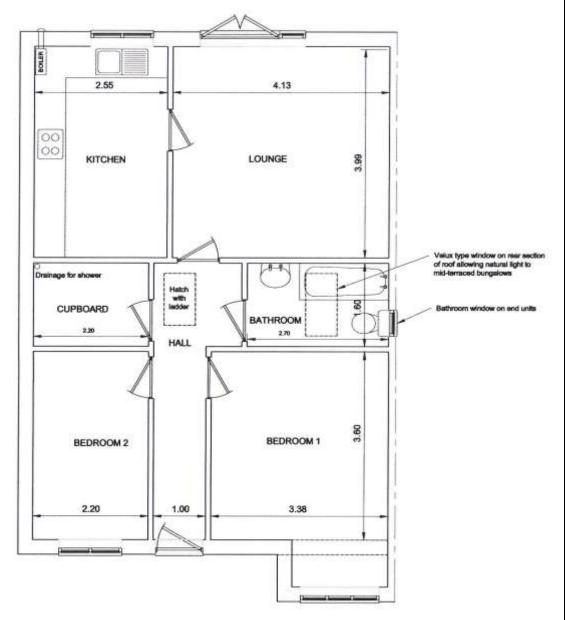
Below are two maps, the one on the left showing the exact location, and the one on the right showing the location of Great Clacton.



How big are they?

Set out below is the layout of the bungalows. They all have two bedrooms, so that they all have a guest bedroom. The measurements on the drawing are metric, but the room sizes in imperial are:

- Kitchen 8¼ foot by 13 foot or 107 square feet
- Living Room 13¹/₂ foot by 13 foot or 175 square feet
- Bedroom 11³/₄ foot by 11 foot or 129 square feet
- Guest Bedroom 11³/₄ foot by 7 foot or 82 square feet



Each Bungalow has a combined toilet and bathroom and a very large walk in cupboard off the hallway.

What do the almshouses look like inside?

The almshouses are finished to the same high standards that the surrounding private bungalows have been. Set out below are photos of the living room of one of the bungalows.



The specification for each bungalow is:

- Double glazed windows and doors with five point locking
- Panels to rear garden boundaries
- Outside security lights
- Front garden is paved and rear garden laid to turf
- Plastered ceilings with coving to all rooms
- Internal walls painted in magnolia and woodwork white gloss
- 200mm loft insulation
- Fully carpeted
- Gas fired heating system
- Radiators with individual thermostatic controls
- Smoke detectors
- Hardwood internal doors
- Fitted kitchen units and worktops
- Ceramic tiled floors and part tiled walls

Here are some photos of the garden, hallway, bathroom and the bedrooms of one of the bungalows. All the bungalows have the same layout.













Who will be looking after the property and what will my outgoings be?

Parmiter's has arranged for the Trust Partnership to manage these properties on its behalf. This means that any problems you have can be responded to quickly.

The weekly charge for the property for 2020/21 is £128.40 per week. The homes are in the Tendring District Council area. The properties are assessed to be in Council Tax Band C, the monthly cost for 2022/23 is £139.74.

Just as they are from Tower Hamlets Council, Housing Benefit Council Tax discounts, and Council Tax Support are available from Tendring Council, to cover the weekly charge and the Council Tax charges if you are eligible.

Water rates are a separate charge. As the homes were newly built, water is charged through a meter. This is usually better for smaller households, as you only pay for what you use.

The homes are finished to a high energy efficiency standard, heating and hot water should be cheaper than those currently paid on older properties.

Being a Pensioner of the Charity

The successful applicant will become a pensioner of the Parmiter's Almshouse & Pension Charity. As such you will be paid a twice yearly pension. The current payment is £75. In addition the Trustees arrange for you to receive a Christmas Hamper each year.

Once a year the Trustees visit the Almshouses and take the pensioners out for a meal.

What is the Parmiter's Almshouse & Pension Charity?

The Parmiter's Foundation arose from a Charitable gift in the 1681 will of Thomas Parmiter, a silk merchant who lived in Bethnal Green. The will made provision for "six almshouses in some convenient place upon the waste of Bethnal Green and further, for the building of one free school houses or room, wherein ten poor children of the hamlet of Bethnal Green may be taught to read or write."

From these small beginnings and with the help of other legacies and gifts over the centuries, the Parmiter's Foundation has continued its charitable work in accordance with the will of Thomas Parmiter. The first Parmiter's School and Almshouses were opened off Brick Lane in 1722. The School moved to larger premises in Parmiter Street in 1839 and then to Approach Road in 1887 (the site of the present Raines School). In 1977, Parmiter's School moved from Bethnal Green to Garston in Hertfordshire.

Parmiter's Almshouses also moved to Parmiter Street in 1839, where they remained in use until they were destroyed by enemy action during the Second World War. Parmiter's Almshouse and Pension Charity now provides support for approximately 150 Bethnal Green pensioners in the form of a supplementary pension, meals out and outings. Since the Second World War, the Trustees had tried to find a replacement site, and work was completed on six almshouses, in Clacton, in October 2010.

The Charity's governing document is the Scheme of the Charity Commissioners dated 28th January 2008.

What do I have to do to get one?

The Metropolitan Borough of Bethnal Green



The properties are only available to people who currently live within the boundaries of the old Metropolitan Borough of Bethnal Green, as set out in the map above.

The Parmiter's Almshouse & Pension Charity have our own application form, which is available from our Clerk to the Trustees:

The Parmiters Almshouse & Pension Charity c/o The Trust Partnership 6 Trull Farm Buildings, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8SQ

or telephone: 01285 841 900

or email: info@parmitersalmshouseandpensioncharity.org.uk

Please return completed application forms by Thursday 30th June 2022. All applicants who complete application forms will then be assessed against the criteria set by the Trustees, to ensure that they meet the charitable aims of the Trust.

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