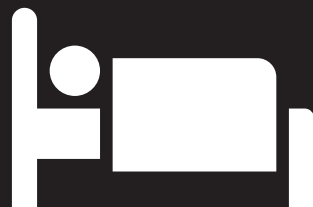


ACCOMMODATION FOR COUPLES, FAMILIES AND MATURE STUDENTS

Your guide to choosing accommodation at Reading 2019 – 2020





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.

GREAT LOCATION

All accommodation is located either on the main Whiteknights campus or within a 15-minute walk.

ALL INCLUSIVE RENT

including:

- all utility bills
- Wi-Fi
- a basic level of contents insurance
- maintenance
- safe and secure – the halls are security patrolled and use CCTV. Each group of halls has a manned reception
- welfare support – a dedicated and experienced team of staff Wardens look after all aspects of pastoral care
- Helpdesk – available 24/7, 365 days of the year ensuring any halls-issues are dealt with quickly and efficiently

LOW DEPOSIT

A deposit of £250 is all you need to pay to secure your room booking. Your offer **cannot** be accepted without payment of deposit.

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.

Contract lengths

Please note: Not all contract lengths are available for all accommodation. Available contract lengths are detailed on the following pages and within the accommodation portal.

40 weeks (Sept to June)

This is the most popular option for undergraduate students and postgraduates who are not required to be in Reading for their course over the Summer period.

51 weeks (Sept to Sept)

Postgraduate students often select this option but it is also suitable for any undergraduates who would like to use their room over the summer vacation. You are advised to check with your course to see which contract length will be most appropriate for you.



APPLYING FOR ACCOMMODATION

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

INSURANCE CHOICE

If you choose the University of Reading as your insurance choice you are **not guaranteed** a place in halls accommodation. You will be able to apply for accommodation once Reading becomes your firm choice; this is usually the Monday after A Level results.

HOW TO MAKE AN APPLICATION

All applications are made online through the accommodation pages of the **RISIS web** portal. You will be sent an email when you are eligible to make your application for accommodation. There is no charge for making an application. At the time of accepting an accommodation offer you will be asked to pay a holding deposit of £250. You will not be able to accept an offer of accommodation without payment of deposit.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

When making your application, you have the opportunity to note any specific requirements. This includes living in a 'quieter lifestyle' area and any medical conditions or other conditions which may affect your time in halls. **Please note:** none of our families or couples accommodation is wheelchair user accessible or adaptable.

QL In our families and couples accommodation, we aim to allocate those requesting a quieter lifestyle together hoping to better meet the different expectations of our residents, however due to the nature of the accommodation layouts and usage, this will always involve some level of noise.

For more information visit our **specific requirements** page.

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.

ACCOMMODATION APPLICATION TIMELINE 2019 – 2020

22 January 2019

Applications are open for new undergraduates and postgraduates. You can apply with either an unconditional or conditional academic offer so long as you have accepted your academic offer. Add **accommodationonline@reading.ac.uk** to your 'safe sender' list to ensure you receive our emails.

From February 2019

Unconditional academic offer holders We will start to make offers of accommodation to applicants with unconditional academic offers. Normally you'll receive an offer within 10 days of making your accommodation application. We will contact you by email with your offer. You will have five days to accept your offer of accommodation.

1 August 2019

Terms of academic offer: 31 August 2019

Guarantee The deadline to apply for accommodation under the guarantee is midnight on this date. You must then fulfil the terms of your academic offer by 31 August in order to receive a guaranteed place in halls.

From 15 August 2019

Conditional academic offer holders Once your academic offer becomes unconditional, usually after examination results, we will make you an offer of accommodation.

Insurance students and those not yet applied

Applications open for those coming to Reading through insurance or others who had not yet made an accommodation application.

From 19 August 2019

Clearing and Adjustment students Applications open for those coming to Reading through clearing or adjustment

From 20 August 2019

E-induction and booking your arrival slot The compulsory e-induction will be available from late August 2019. You will receive an email inviting you to complete this. Once you have completed your e-induction you will be able to book your arrival slot.

From 9 September 2019

Room numbers Provisional room numbers will be made available on the portal - we will email you when yours is available. Please be aware, this could be subject to change before your arrival.

20/21/22 September 2019

Main hall arrival days You will be allocated a specific arrival day dependent on which hall you are moving into.

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.



There is a self-contained garden for the exclusive use of Creighton Court residents. There is a laundry on-site and a lockable bike shed.



Exterior of Creighton Court



Creighton Court

Room types within Creighton Court	No. available	Suitable for	£ per week for 51 weeks (2019 – 20)
One bedroom flat One bedroom with 4ft wide bed. Separate lounge with small double sofa bed and open plan kitchen. Separate bathroom with bath (some flats offer showers over the bath).	16		£221.20
Two bedroom flat Two bedrooms – one has a double bed and the other either one or two single beds. Separate lounge with open plan kitchen. Separate bathroom with bath (some flats offer showers over the bath).	8 (4 x two adults and one child, 4 x two adults and two children)	 	£253.75– £264.25

NORTHCOURT AVENUE HOUSES

Suitable for couples and mature students

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

Northcourt Avenue is a ten-minute walk from the centre of the Whiteknights campus and is less than a five-minute walk from shops, cafes and a bus stop serving Reading town centre and 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.

This property has recently been refurbished to a high standard.



Shared kitchen in 12 Northcourt Avenue



12 Northcourt Avenue



Example of a double washbasin room

Room types within 12 Northcourt Avenue	No. available	Suitable for	£ per week for 51 weeks (2019 – 20)
Standard room with washbasin <i>Shared bathroom facilities</i>	1		£129.50
Standard room (6 with washbasins, 5 without) <i>Shared bathroom facilities</i>	7		£140.00
Standard room with washbasin and double bed (suitable for a couple) <i>Bathroom facilities shared with other residents</i>	6		£154.70

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.



14 Northcourt Avenue



14 Northcourt Avenue



Example of study suite bedroom

Room types within 14 Northcourt Avenue	No. available	Suitable for	£ per week for 51 weeks (2019 – 20)
Standard room with or without washbasin <i>Shared bathroom facilities</i>	6		£140.00
Study suite Bedroom with double bed, adjoining study area <i>Shared bathroom facilities</i>	3		£178.50






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.



16 Northcourt Avenue

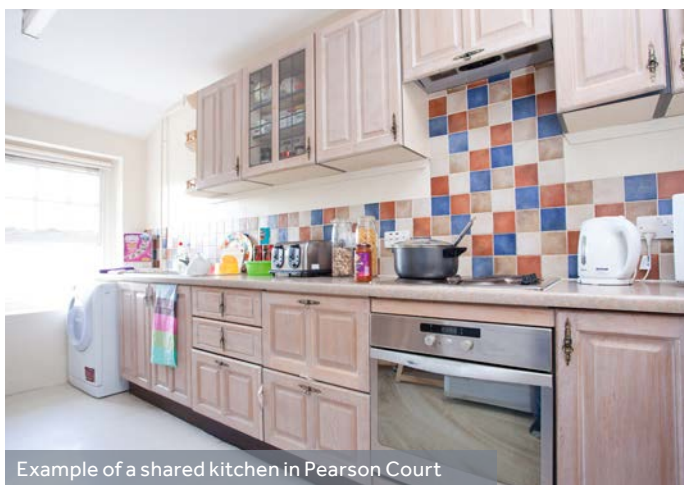
Room types within 16 Northcourt Avenue	No. available	Suitable for	£ per week for 51 weeks (2019 – 20)
Studio Room with double bed and open plan kitchen and separate en-suite shower room	1		£199.99
Double studio Room with double bed and open plan kitchen and separate en-suite shower room	3		£204.75
One bedroom flat Bedroom with double bed, separate lounge with separate kitchen/open plan kitchen (pending on which flat is allocated) and separate bathroom	3		£221.20
En-suite room with double bed Room with double bed and en-suite shower room. Kitchen shared with other residents	4		£178.50
En-suite room with double bed Room with double bed and en-suite shower room suitable for single occupancy. Kitchen shared with other residents	1		£159.95

ST PATRICK'S HALL FLATS/SETS

Suitable for couples and mature students

There are a number of rooms and flats located within St Patrick's Hall that are suited to more mature students or those requiring a lower number of residents sharing kitchen and bathroom areas. St Patrick's Hall is a short

walk from the campus centre and conveniently located for local shops, eating places and buses to Reading town centre and station.



Example of a shared kitchen in Pearson Court



Example of single room in Pearson Court

Room types within St Patrick's Hall flats/sets	No. available	Suitable for	£ per week for 40 weeks (2019 – 20)
<p>Two bedroom flat</p> <p>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.</p>	1		£253.75
Room types within St Patrick's Hall flats/sets	No. available	Suitable for	£ per week for 40 weeks (2019 – 20)
<p>Double room with shared bathroom</p> <p>A double bedroom, large shared kitchen with dining table and chairs. Shared bathroom with bath and over bath shower.</p>	2		£178.50
<p>Shared bathroom</p> <p>Flat 2: Two single bedrooms with a separate kitchen, bathroom and dining room.</p> <p>Flat 3: Three single bedrooms with a separate kitchen and bathroom.</p>	5		£129.50 each occupant
<p>Study sets: Four sets, each having a bedroom with double bed and separate lounge. Two share a bathroom and all four share one kitchen which is accessed by going outside.</p>	4		£140.00

ST GEORGE'S AND WANTAGE HALL FLATS/STUDIOS

Suitable for couples and mature students

St George's Hall and Wantage Hall offer a selection of self-contained studios and flats suitable for students seeking self-contained accommodation within

a traditional hall setting. The pedestrian entrance to the rear of St George's Hall is located directly opposite the University SportsPark offering easy access to campus.



St George's Hall



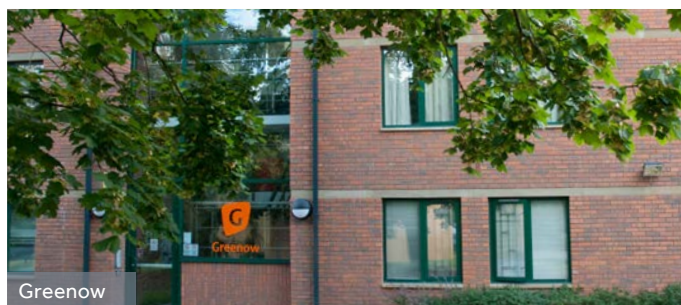
Example of St George's Hall studio

Room types within St George's and Wantage Hall flats/studios	No. available	Suitable for	£ per week for 40 or 51 weeks (2019 – 20)
One bedroom flat – St George's Hall Bedroom with double bed and living area. Separate kitchen and separate bathroom.	6		£221.20
One bedroom flat – Wantage Hall Bedroom with double bed and living area. Separate kitchen and separate bathroom.	1		£221.20
Studio Bedroom with single bed with kitchen area included. Separate bathroom.	26		£199.99
Upgraded washbasin room with double bed Large bedroom with double bed and washbasin. Shared bathroom and kitchen facilities for up to 6 residents	3		£154.70

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.



Greenow

Room types within Greenow	No. available	Suitable for	£ per week for 40 weeks (2019 – 20)
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		£264.25

BENYON HALL FARMHOUSE

Suitable for couples and mature students

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



Benyon Farmhouse

Room types within Farmhouse	No. available	Suitable for	£ per week for 51 weeks (2019 – 20)
Premium en-suite (double occupancy) Large room with double bed. Two of the rooms have en-suite showers pods and one of the rooms has a separate shower room.	6		£178.50
Premium en-suite Large room with double bed and en-suite shower pod.	1		£178.50

SHERFIELD HALL FLATS

Suitable for single students

At the top of the Sherfield Hall accommodation blocks we have several one-bedroom flats suitable for mature single 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 weeks (2019 – 20)
One bedroom flat A separate bedroom with 4ft wide bed. An open plan kitchen/lounge and a separate bathroom.	4 (two for single occupancy and two for double occupancy)		£221.20

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.

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* and an insight into hall life to prepare you for your time in hall.

CAN I LIVE IN HALL ACCOMMODATION BEYOND THE FIRST YEAR?

Family accommodation

Accommodation suitable for families is very limited and is therefore reserved for new families moving to Reading who are not as able to seek accommodation in the private sector. Family accommodation is available for one academic year only and is not eligible for returners to apply for. Students seeking family accommodation for subsequent academic years will need to seek accommodation in the private sector. See www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/accommodation/private-accommodation.aspx for further information.

Couples and mature students

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 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.

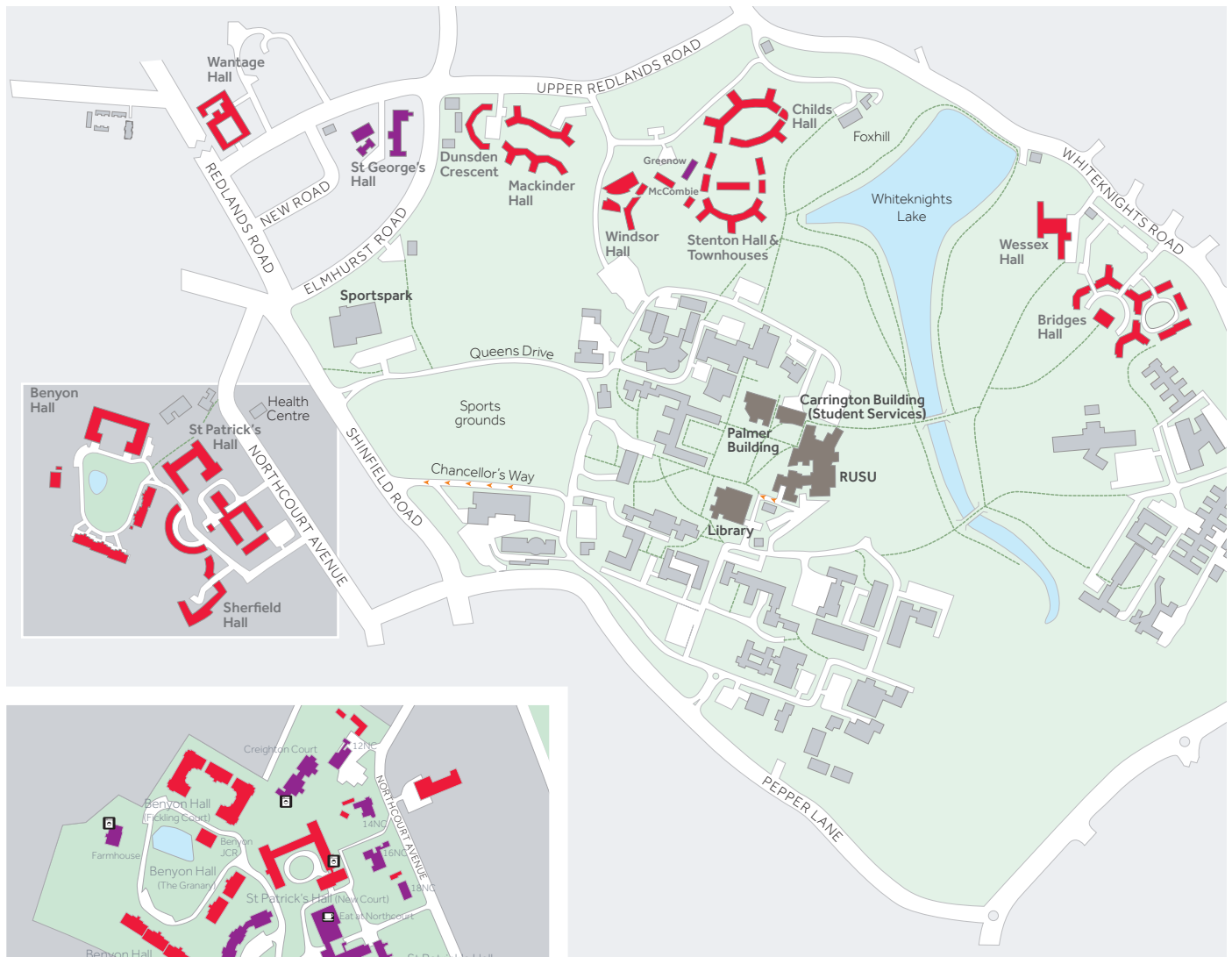
IS THERE ANY SINGLE GENDER ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE?

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

WHITEKNIGHTS CAMPUS



- Key**
- Halls accommodation
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Please note

All photos are examples of facilities on offer and individual rooms may vary. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that the details outlined in this booklet are correct at the time of publication, some arrangements may be subject to change.

The University of Reading is committed to providing quality student accommodation and fully complies with the Student Accommodation Code. See www.thesac.org.uk for more details. The code covers, among other matters, health and safety, maintenance and repair, and relationships between the University and student tenants. It outlines best practice and provides benchmarks for the management – and quality – of student housing in the sector.

