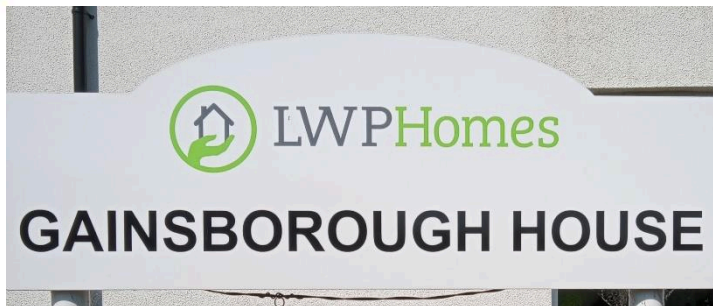


# Bringing you the Latest News from LWP Homes February 2024



# LWP Homes



On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 the President of Conference, Rev Gill Newton, visited the LWP Homes Independent Living Complex at Gainsborough House, Milborne Port near Sherborne in Dorset. She led a short service in the small chapel, probably the smallest chapel in which she has preached during her



Presidential Year – it seats 16 at a squeeze, and the rest of us were in the gazebo outside! She toured the site with the CEO of LWP Homes, Simon Lee, the Operations Manager, Jayne Gardner and the Chair of Trustees of LWP Homes, Colin Braithwaite. She saw the facilities available to the residents, including

small allotments, a barbecue area and plenty of seating opportunities in the lovely garden. She was shown round the beautifully equipped bungalow of one of the residents – the first tenant to take up residence when the completely refurbished premises opened. A mixture of flats and bungalows on the site offers a choice of accommodation and vacancies are usually filled quickly.

The event was well supported by the local Yeovil and Blackmore Vale Circuit with ministers and lay members attending, as well as the Chair of the Southampton District. The local Anglican and Baptist churches were also represented – an indication of the ecumenical nature of the spiritual support enjoyed by the residents. The visit concluded with a lovely lunch prepared by a local caterer and there was time for plenty of chat and fellowship.



**Coming soon.....**

## **75 Years of Christian Care.**

In 2024 the Leaders of Worship and Preachers Homes (LWPHomes), formerly LPMA Homes, will celebrate 75 years since the opening of the first Home at Westcliff-on-Sea in 1949.

Robert Davie of Bury St Edmunds has decided to help us celebrate this milestone by cycling to each of the 4 sites run by LWPHomes.



## **Why cycle 550 miles?**

**In Celebration of 75 Years of Christian Care!**

LWPHomes (formerly LPMA Homes) has been supporting Leaders of Worship and Preachers in need for 75 years – the first Home was opened at Westcliff-on-Sea in 1949. Our celebrations for this special anniversary include a 550+ mile cycle ride to visit each of the LWPHomes, starting at Westcliff on Tuesday April 16, 2024.

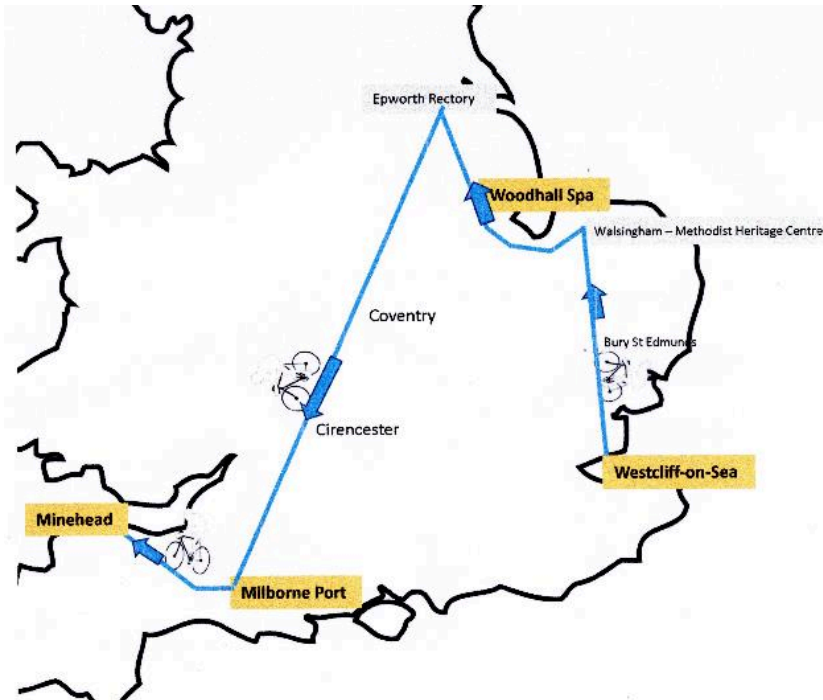
**Our cyclist, Robert Davie, is asking for your support to make people aware of the care given to our residents in LWPHomes.**



To read more, and to donate if you wish, please go to JustGiving and search Robert Davie, LWPH or scan the QR code.

Robert will start at Westcliff on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 and pass through Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk on his way to the newly opened Methodist Heritage Centre at Wighton in Norfolk, and then on to Epworth Rectory, the birthplace of John and Charles Wesley.

His cycle ride will then take him southwards, calling in at Church



Coffee Mornings and other events to raise awareness of the continuing work of Christian caring through LWPHomes today. His arrival at Gainsborough House in Milborne Port, an independent living complex run by LWPHomes, will be in time for the dedication of the

on-site Chapel in regular use by the residents.

The last section of the journey is a little hilly in places, so may take a while, but he will be welcomed at the end of this 'Coast to Coast' ride by the residents, staff and friends of LWPHomes at 'Westerley', Minehead. Hopefully a cup of tea might be available!

We very much hope that we can count on your support to publicise the ride as widely as possible. The poster shows roughly the route he will be following. He is keen to call in at Coffee Mornings and places of Methodist interest on the way, so if you know of anywhere he might be welcome, please let us know.