

PRESS RELEASE

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Fiona Bruce MP opens Astbury Mere Care Home

The Official Launch of Astbury Mere Care Home has taken place with Fiona Bruce MP as Guest of Honour. The Care Home, which is situated at Astbury has been developed by Porthaven Care Homes. It provides long and short term care for elderly people requiring nursing care or living with dementia and when full will provide about 70 local jobs. Astbury Mere Care Home will provide accommodation for 62 residents and facilities include hairdressing salon, landscaped gardens and every room has full en-suite facilities.

To mark the occasion, Fiona Bruce, planted a tree – her first tree planting ceremony as the Member of Parliament for Congleton. As most as the soil from her spade hit the path rather than the hole for the tree she said *'Hopefully, I will get better at this over time!'*

Fiona Bruce MP said:

"I was delighted to be invited to open this home, which is providing the highest standard of accommodation. What particularly impressed me was that each bedroom has been individually decorated and this makes Astbury Mere Care Home feel like a home from home. The residents who are already living there told me that the food was excellent and that the company equally good – one resident jokingly commented 'Well nobody has fallen out - yet!'"

John Storey, Chief Executive of Porthaven said:

"Astbury Mere is the first of a small group of care homes to be opened by Porthaven, and we have been overwhelmed by the positive reaction to our home as we do seek to become an integral part of the local community. We look forward to caring for, and employing, the people of Congleton and surrounding areas for many years to come."

Porthaven has also commenced construction on a further new home in Macclesfield to be opened next year.

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