

# Service Charge InformationPack

# Contents

- » About Trinity
- » Residents Communication
- » Your Questions Answered Houses
- » Service Charge
- » Plot Matrix & 10-Year Forecast
- » Get in touch



# **About Trinity**

# Quality service is the priority of what we do in our business

Trinity is a leading Residential Property Management Company. We are committed to offering the highest standards of service to the developments that we manage.

We manage the full range of residential property across England and Wales from small blocks of flats to large city centre developments, mixed estates of houses and flats, refurbished country houses and cul-de-sacs of freehold houses. Trinity's directors and senior staff have many years experience in Residential Property Management.

Our dedicated customer service team based in Hertfordshire provide support to your locally based Property Manager who has the local knowledge and experience to manage your property.

# **Our Customers**

Each development is allocated a proactive and dedicated management team. Our office based customer support team will respond to most customer service enquiries, progress maintenance issues and deal with correspondence from our customers.

We have a network of locally based, experienced Property Managers, who are responsible for a number of development within their geographical area. The Property Manager places and supervises the various service contracts and completes regular development inspections to ensure the correct standards are maintained, they will also deal with any management issues.

TPG Trinity Estates is Part of The Trinity Property Group

# **Residents Communication**

# We've made it quicker and easier for you to report communal repairs

Introducing Fixflo our new online repair reporting tool



Report online 24/7



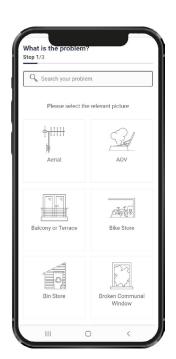
Over 40 languages available



More details = faster fixes



Emails & updates sent to you



### trinityestates.fixflo.com

- Go to trinityestates.fixflo.com from your phone, laptop or tablet
- Select your language and the most accurate picture and then fill in as much detail as possible
- Trinity will receive an instant notification and you will receive instant confirmation
- Our customer support team will progress the issue & you can login at any time to view the status of the issue

TPG Trinity Estates is Part of The Trinity Property Group Trinity will send you a Welcome Letter once we begin management, providing you with our Residents Information Pack which contains further details about Trinity and the services we will be providing to you and your development.

#### Who are Trinity?

Trinity (Estates) Property Management Ltd is a private national management company formed to provide the highest levels of service to residential properties. Once handed over into our care from the developer, Trinity are responsible for provision of services to the communal areas within your development as defined within your lease and for the benefit of you, the owners.

#### What is a Service Charge?

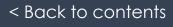
The Service Charge is designed to cover the maintenance and running costs of your development. This depends on what type of property you live in but can include maintenance of any communal areas, insurance and maintenance of the communal structures, gardening, management of the estate etc. so that you, the owner, only need be responsible for the inside of your new home.

#### How is the Service Charge Calculated?

Your first year's budget has been carefully calculated and agreed with the developer using all our experience, however for the first year at least, it must be remembered that this is an estimate. Subsequent budgets can be based on actual figures relating to your development from the year before.

#### Will the service charge increase?

Our aim is to produce an initial Service Charge that will only increase in line with inflation after the first year although this cannot always be guaranteed. Trinity will manage your development carefully to try and ensure that any increases are kept to an absolute minimum whilst ensuring that the high standards of service are maintained.



#### What are the insurance arrangements?

Trinity will arrange for Public Liability insurance for the communal areas, Terrorism cover and Employers liability where appropriate are also provided as part of the policy. You will need to arrange your own buildings and contents insurance for your property.

#### How will my Development be managed?

Your transfer will set out the conditions for you living there, the owner of the developments rights and responsibilities and the Management Company's rights and responsibilities. In order to manage your development effectively all parties will be legally obliged to act in accordance with the transfer at all times.

#### How do I pay for my service charge?

Your Service Charge is payable in advance and Direct Debit facilities are available for your convenience, otherwise it is payable in accordance with the frequency stated in your transfer.

Monies from all contributors are paid into a trustee bank account set up for your development and all services set out in your lease are paid for from this account.

Transactions in and out of the account are authorised every year by an independent firm of chartered accountants, and sent to each owner in line with the legal requirements of a Management Company.

#### What is a sinking fund?

The Sinking Fund is a separate fund in your development's trustee bank account which is designed to build up as a contribution towards major items of expenditure for example, re-surfacing of private roadways, replacement of lighting etc. Including a Sinking Fund from the outset with all units contributing every year, enables better budgeting for these costs and should help to offset any additional payments by residents when major expenditure is required.

#### What happens to monies I paid on completion?

Any monies you pay towards the service charge on completion of your property will be held in a separate trustee bank account under your name. This money will not be touched by us until Trinity begin providing services to your development.

TPG Trinity Estates is Part of The Trinity Property Group



# Service Charge Breakdown



# Budget Summary

#### Hopfields, Ledbury

Budget period ending 31/12/24

No.	ltem	Budget for the year	NOTES				
1	Landscape Maintenance	£26,000	Landscape maintenance of Public Open Space, includes cutting of grass, weeding, tending of flower beds, borders and shrubs, litter picking, sweeping of parking areas, walkways etc. Frequency and duration of visits will vary throughout the year i.e. more frequent and longer during growing season, less frequent and shorter during winter months				
2	Play Area Maintenance	£960	Maintenance of the play equipment and its safety surface including treatment/painting as required etc				
3	Attenuation/Balancing Pond	£1,200	Maintenance costs associated with the attenuation features, including any aquatic and marginal plant weeding/removal as necessary, maintenance of any water inlets, outlets and overflows, repair and maintenance of the banks etc.				
4	General Repairs & Maintenance	£500	Budgetary costs to cover for day to day repairs of externa communal items such as signage, informal pathways, bin seating etc. Such repairs exclude any work to private unit or anything within their demise				
5	Arboriculturalist Costs	£800	Costs relating to minor tree works that are required				
6	Reactive Refuse Removal	£576	Removal of larger items of refuse or items not placed in bins properly				
7	Directors & Officers Insurance	£450	This is to provide liability cover for the Directors of the Resident Management Company				
8	Public Liability Insurance	£750	Includes comprehensive Public Liability cover				
9	Health & Safety Assessment	£858	The instruction of professional surveyors to carry out and certify inspections for required Health and Safety, Fire Risk and General Risk assessments				
10	Play Area Inspection Costs	£532	Costs for regular Health & Safety inspection for play equipment and safety surface				
11	Accountancy Fee	£804	Annual fee for independent certification of Service Charge Accounts				
12	Management Fee	£10,080	Trinity Management Fee based on £60 plus vat per unit for the first year of management, (not a percentage of total Service Charge)				
13	Company Administration/Secretarial Fee	£336	Annual fee for the administration and filing of annual RMC accounts				
14	Banking Charges	£63	Bank Charges relating to scheme trustee bank account				
15	Estate Sinking Fund	£420	A fund designed to build up and pay towards the future costs of the estate and any associated major works				
16	Arboricultural Sinking Fund	£840	Contribution to the arboricultural fund for future tree and planting works				
17	Play Area Sinking Fund	£700	A fund designed to build up and pay towards the future costs of the play area including re-surfacing and associated items such as replacement play equipment, gates or benches etc.				

Total £45,869		
	Total	£45,869

# Proposed Budget

<b>ields, Leo</b> get perio	dbury d ending 31/12/24	Units: 140			
	Expenditure Headings	<u>2024</u>			
	Regular/Cyclical (Contract) Maintenance				
1	Landscape Maintenance	£26,000			
2	Play Area Maintenance	£960			
3	Attenuation/Balancing Pond	£1,200			
	General & Reactive Expenditure				
4	General Repairs & Maintenance	£500			
5	Arboriculturalist Costs	£800			
6	Reactive Refuse Removal	£576			
	<u>Insurance</u>				
7	Directors & Officers Insurance	£450			
8	Public Liability Insurance	£750			
	Health & Safety				
9	Health & Safety Assessment	£858			
10	Play Area Inspection Costs	£532			
	Professional Fees/Services				
11	Accountancy Fee	£804			
12	Management Fee	£10,080			
13	Company Administration/Secretarial Fee	£336			
14	Banking Charges	£63			
	Reserve Funds				
15	Estate Sinking Fund	£420			
16	Arboricultural Sinking Fund	£840			
17	Play Area Sinking Fund	£700			

### **Plot Matrix**

#### Hopfields, Ledbury

Budget period ending 31/12/24

					Total Sonvico	
Plot Number	Туре	Tenure	Estate Charge	Estate Charge	Total Service Charge	
			£	%	£	
1	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
2	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
3	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
4	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
5 6	House House	Private Private	£327.64 £327.64	0.71% 0.71%	£327.64 £327.64	
8 7	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
8	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
9	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
10	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
11	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
12	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
13	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
14 15	House House	Private Private	£327.64 £327.64	0.71% 0.71%	£327.64 £327.64	
16	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
17	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
18	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
19	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
20	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
21	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
22	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
23 24	House	Private HA - Affordable	£327.64 £327.64	0.71% 0.71%	£327.64 £327.64	
24 25	House House	HA - Affordable HA - Affordable	£327.64 £327.64	0.71%	£327.64 £327.64	
26	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
27	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
28	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
29	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
30	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
31	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
32	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
33 34	House House	Private Private	£327.64 £327.64	0.71% 0.71%	£327.64 £327.64	
35	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
36	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
37	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
38	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
39	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
40	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
41 42	House House	Private Private	£327.64 £327.64	0.71% 0.71%	£327.64 £327.64	
42	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
44	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
45	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
46	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
47	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
48	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
49	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
50 51	House	HA - Affordable HA - Affordable	£327.64 £327.64	0.71%	£327.64 £327.64	
52	House House	HA - Affordable HA - Affordable	£327.64 £327.64	0.71% 0.71%	£327.64 £327.64	
53	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
54	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
55	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
56	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
57	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
58	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
59 60	House House	Private Private	£327.64 £327.64	0.71% 0.71%	£327.64 £327.64	
61	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
62	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
63	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
64	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
65	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
66	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
67	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
68 69	House House	HA - Affordable Private	£327.64 £327.64	0.71% 0.71%	£327.64 £327.64	
69 70	House	Private	£327.64 £327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
71	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	
72	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64	

Plot Number	Туре	Tenure	Estate Charge £	Estate Charge %	Total Service Charge £
73	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
74	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
75	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
76	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
77	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
78	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
79	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
80	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
81	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
82	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
83	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
84	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
85	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
86	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
87	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
88	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
89	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
90	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
91	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
92	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
93	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
94	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
95	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
96	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
97	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
98	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
99	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
100	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
101	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
102	House	Private Afferdable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
103	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
104	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
105 106	House	HA - Affordable HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
108	House		£327.64	0.71% 0.71%	£327.64
107	House	Private Private	£327.64 £327.64	0.71%	£327.64 £327.64
108	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
110	House House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
111	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
112	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
112	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
114	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
115	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
116	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
117	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
118	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
119	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
120	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
121	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
122	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
123	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
124	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
125	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
126	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
127	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
128	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
129	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
130	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
131	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
132	House	Private	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
133	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
134	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
135	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
136			£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
137	House	HA - Affordable	2027.04	0.7 170	
137 138	House	HA - Affordable	£327.64	0.71%	£327.64
137					

# 10 Year Budget Projections of Individual Service Charge Costs

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
Property Type	Annual Costs per Plot	Inflation at 7%	Inflation at 6%	Inflation at 5%	Inflation at 3%	Inflation at 2%				
All units	£327.64	£350.57	£371.61	£390.19	£401.90	£409.93	£418.13	£426.49	£435.02	£443.73

**Please Note:** Whilst TPG have prepared these estimates using reasonable skill and care, the actual constituent costs at the relevant time in each case may be higher or lower depending on various factors including (without limitation) inflation, changes in legislation, availability of supplies and services or the amendment of the contracted services. TPG therefore accepts no liability including (without limitation) liability for any loss damage or expenses howsoever arising from any reliance on the accuracy of these estimates or any part of them.

# Get in touch

# We never stop putting our customers first

You can contact us in writing, by calling or submitting a form via our website.

In the event of an out of hours building emergency requiring urgent attention, our out of hours company can be contacted using our usual contact number.

Please make sure that you keep us informed of your address for correspondence, particularly if you are not living at the property.







customersupport@ trinityestates.com



0345 345 1584 International: +44 1442437600

# **Complaints Procedure**

If you are dissatisfied in the first instance please ensure that you have raised your concern with Trinity, preferably in writing by email or letter to the appropriate person/department you have had dealings with. Any further complaints should be directed to our Customer Services Manager who will investigate the problem and will ensure that you are advised of the action that we are taking and likely time scales.