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Dementia Care and  
Residential Care Homes



**T**weed Nuttall Warburton has a long history of designing for high dependency needs in the social and residential elderly care sectors. Over the past thirty-years, we have gained specialist knowledge of the requirements and considerations needed when designing for the elderly.

Following the delivery of Lincoln House Dementia Care Unit in 2011 and more recently the large £7m expansion to the Trepassey Residential Care Home, with its specialist dementia care wings, TNW are well practised at designing for those with dementia. This requires both a high-level appraisal and detail-orientated focus to consider the wide spectrum of requirements. These include the careful arrangement of spaces, colour, finishes and furnishings to ensuring the comfort, familiarity and safety of all the residents.

**Trepassey, Private Residential Care Home with Dementia Care, Heswall, Wirral**

Value	On Site	Completed	Client
£7m	2016-2019	Phase I Complete, Phases 2 & 3 Complete	Cheshire Residential Homes Trust

Trepassey Residential Care Home, formerly a large 19th century private house, is in an attractive location overlooking the Dee Estuary and Welsh Hills. The home, open since 1957 provides care for residents from 65 years to 103+.

In 2016 work began on the largest expansion and refurbishment in the home's history. The steeply sloping nature of the site has been the single most important factor which has enabled the design: with the additional accommodation and specialist dementia care wings being



tucked into the slope of the site below the main house. This enabled the creation of a series of garden terraces allowing for level access from the home to gardens and maintaining great views from the bedrooms.

The home has remained operational during the entire two-phase construction period meaning the project has required complex logistical and phasing planning to allow the home to operate through the 3-year build with minimal disruption to residents.

The interior design principles tailored for the elderly included uncomplicated spaces, transparency, easily identifiable rooms, all signage and room names at lower heights, excellent lighting levels and a simple layout. The respite dementia care bedroom suite included natural roof lighting to the corridors with three projecting seating bays along its length to rest, with side views to the outside and a change in wall colour at each end to facilitate transition and turning points. All floor colours and thresholds chosen were tonally similar with very close light reflectance values.

### Lincoln House, Crewe

Value	On Site	Completed	Client
£1.3m	2009-2011	2011	Cheshire East Council

Following a feasibility study reviewing the scope of elderly care in Cheshire East, we were commissioned to create a secure ten bedroom fully DDA compliant dementia care unit with en-suite shower rooms and a new dementia day care facility. This was achieved through new extensions and remodelling existing internal spaces.





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Our team combines a range of skills and over 40 years of experience covering a wide variety of building types and scale of projects; from domestic extensions and alterations to schools, offices, commercial and community buildings, elderly care environments and housing developments. We have extensive experience of working in rural areas and sensitive heritage settings. We can tailor our services to match whatever the client/project requires; from simple feasibility studies through to full design, planning, technical, procurement and contract administration.

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