

# Buckingham Lodge - a safe bathing experience with the compact bath range from Active Bathing



Buckingham Lodge in Aylesbury is one of the latest care homes in the UK where residents and staff are benefitting from the Compact bath from Active Bathing.

Part of the Anchor Group, Buckingham Lodge was opened in April 2015. As part of the construction, a total of six baths were installed over three floors.

Home manager Wendy Luck explained: "At Anchor, we are always looking for the best possible solutions when specifying equipment for our homes. Buckingham Lodge is primarily for people living with dementia and

we were looking for equipment that has been designed for this condition, which would allow them to bathe as independently and safely as possible. The Compact bath from Active Bathing met all our requirements".

The Compact bath has been designed with the residents and staff in mind - a significant factor for Wendy and her team at Anchor.

"Our aim is to keep our residents living as independently as possible for as long as possible and the Compact bath helps ensure this," said Wendy. The chair lift offers a very safe and smooth transfer into the bath and once

the resident has been lowered into the water, the design of the chair and bath means many do not even realise they are still in the chair and can bathe themselves, depending on their level of mobility, which is excellent for their confidence and dignity.

"The Compact bath provides a very relaxing experience for our residents. In the past I have worked in care homes which have spa baths and these often left the residents feeling unnerved and even scared by the noise and sensation of the jets in the water. From a staffing point of the view, the Active Bathing baths are very easy to operate, clean and maintain and offer exceptional value for money."

Peter Deverson, technical director, Active Bathing said: "The lifting mechanism of the Compact bath is manufactured from 304/304L stainless steel for a number of reasons, the main one being corrosion resistance. Stainless steel is used in areas of the bath which come into regular contact with water or humidity - in these conditions mild steel would corrode and weaken, thereby reducing the lifecycle of the product.

"Another reason for the use of stainless steel is its strength and stiffness compared to mild steel, resulting in an increased load capacity of up to 150kg/25stones and prolonged lifespan, which combine to offer added value for the customer."

"As a company I have found Active Bathing excellent to deal with," added Wendy. They recently carried out an annual review of the baths as part of the warranty agreement and provided us with a very thorough report, which we require to ensure we meet CQC standards."

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