

# St Monica Trust

## Sandford Station Key Facts

Lease Purchase Properties 2025-2026



### PROPERTY DETAILS

Operator and landlord	St Monica Trust
Community	Sandford Station Retirement Village, Sandford, Winscombe, North Somerset, BS25 5AA Established in 2009
Property type	90 lease purchase properties: 24 one-bed properties, 38 two-bed properties and 28 three-bed properties.
Property status	Pre-owned.
Occupancy	Sole or dual occupancy.
Tenure	Leasehold. The lease term is 125 years from the date of completion of each purchase. The land remains owned by the landlord, St Monica Trust.
Subletting	Subletting is not permitted.
Care provider	St Monica Trust provides a full domiciliary care and support service and does not subcontract any element. Residents are free to choose a service from another supplier if they wish.

### COST OF MOVING IN

Purchase price	The price of leasehold purchase properties (the 'capital payment') is shown on the sale details. Prices at Sandford Station are currently between £220,000 and £ 550,000. 1 bed properties - £220,000 - £350,000 2 bed properties - £300,000 - £450,000 3 bed properties - £400,000 - £550,000
Reservation fee	A £2,000 reservation fee is payable to St Monica Trust to reserve a property. The fee is held and protected by the Trust.
Deposit	On exchange of contracts, 10% of the purchase price is payable (less the £2,000 reservation fee). This exchange deposit is held and protected by the Trust's conveyancing solicitor.
Other costs	St Monica Trust does not charge for a health assessment for lease purchase accommodation.  The Trust does not apply any legal fees for the engrossment of a lease.  Stamp Duty is payable, please refer to <a href="https://www.gov.uk/stamp-duty-land-tax">https://www.gov.uk/stamp-duty-land-tax</a> .  Buyers pay their own removal costs.  Buyers need to appoint and pay for their own solicitor to handle the conveyancing.

## ONGOING CHARGES PAYABLE TO THE OPERATOR

Service charge	<p>All residents pay an annual contribution to the running and services of St Monica Trust and Sandford Station, which is known as the service charge. The service charge is an annual payment that is charged monthly in advance by direct debit. The service charge is a fixed charge which increases on 1 April each year based on the December Retail Price Index of the preceding year. The service charge amount varies according to the number of people living in the property and the banding of the property. The service charge that will apply between April 2025 and March 2026 at Sandford Station is:</p> <table><tr><th>Annually by property band</th><th>1 person</th><th>2 people</th></tr><tr><td>Low</td><td>£8,626</td><td>£9,939</td></tr><tr><td>Medium</td><td>£9,939</td><td>£11,257</td></tr><tr><td>High</td><td>£11,257</td><td>£12,944</td></tr><tr><td>Premium</td><td>£12,944</td><td>£14,878</td></tr></table> <table><tr><th>Monthly</th><th>1 person</th><th>2 people</th></tr><tr><td>Low</td><td>£718.83</td><td>£828.25</td></tr><tr><td>Medium</td><td>£828.25</td><td>£938.08</td></tr><tr><td>High</td><td>£938.08</td><td>£1078.67</td></tr><tr><td>Premium</td><td>£1078.67</td><td>£1239.83</td></tr></table> <p>The service charge budget is compiled at the beginning of each financial year and is subject to change on 1 April each year. Residents receive at least 28 days' notice of the change. The increase is always capped at RPI. Please refer to our leaflet 'A guide to fees' for information about what is included in the service charge. The service charge covers the cost of providing 30 minutes per week of housekeeping support to residents. Additional help can be purchased if required.</p>	Annually by property band	1 person	2 people	Low	£8,626	£9,939	Medium	£9,939	£11,257	High	£11,257	£12,944	Premium	£12,944	£14,878	Monthly	1 person	2 people	Low	£718.83	£828.25	Medium	£828.25	£938.08	High	£938.08	£1078.67	Premium	£1078.67	£1239.83
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Surrender fee	We apply a surrender fee of 1% of the amount of capital payment owned for each full or part year of property ownership (capped at 10%).																														
Ground rent	There is a nominal 'peppercorn ground rent'. This serves the purely legal purpose of signifying that the Trust has a retained interest in the property.																														
Utilities	<p>Electricity, gas and water utilities are all payable by individual residents. Electricity, gas and water providers are chosen by the resident. There is no gas in Darlisette House.</p> <p>If your property has a gas or electric boiler there will be a £240 annual charge added to the first person service charge which is paid monthly. This covers the maintenance and servicing contract administered by the Trust.</p>																														
Emergency response	The service charge covers the cost of providing a 24-hour emergency response service.																														

## CARE COSTS

Domiciliary care and support	<p>There is no mandatory charge for care, residents pay for domiciliary care and support only if they buy a care and support package.</p> <p>St Monica Trust offers a comprehensive range of options and the charges for these services will vary depending on the level of domiciliary care and support required. Indicative charges for these packages are:</p>
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		Price (inc. VAT))		
		1 hour	45 minutes	30 minutes
	Monday to Sunday *	£28.00	£21.75	£15.00
	Waking nights	£28.50		
	Sleeping nights	Price on request		
* Special rates apply for all bank holidays All prices include VAT				
Nursing care	Nursing care is not provided but may be arranged through the resident's own GP and district nurses.			
ONGOING CHARGES PAYABLE TO THIRD PARTIES				
Council tax	All residents are responsible for paying council tax directly to the council. This is by far the most efficient way of ensuring that any possible allowances are accessible by residents. The banding and amount charged will depend on the property and will be made available on the sale details. Annual 2025/26 charges are:			
	Band	Annual council tax charge		
	C	£2,014.57		
	D	£2,266.39		
	E	£2,770.05		
	F	£3,273.67		
TV licence	Residents do not need to pay for a TV licence as there is a communal arrangement.			
Digital TV	All properties at Sandford Station are connected to a central TV and satellite system, therefore negating the need for multiple aerials and dishes. It is the resident's responsibility to pay for their own satellite TV service.			
Telephone and internet/ broadband	Residents of Sandford Station pay for their own telephony and internet connection and liaise directly with their own provider.			
	Guest WiFi is available in communal areas across the site and is free of charge.			
CHARGES PAYABLE WHEN LEAVING YOUR PROPERTY				
Ongoing charges	When you surrender your property, the Trust will buy it back and return to you the amount of your original capital payment less any outstanding charges and the surrender fee. The surrender fee is 1% of the amount of capital payment owned and is applied for each full or part year of ownership, capped at a maximum of 10%. Once the surrender is legally completed, funds less the surrender fee will be returned within 28 days.			
Dilapidation cost	The Trust will handle any decoration that might be needed to return the property to a sellable condition. These costs will be taken out of your surrender fee.			
Administration fee	St Monica Trust does not apply any administration or legal fee when buying back the property.			
Conveyancing	The Trust does not require residents to use a solicitor to handle the surrender of the lease but residents may wish in any case to seek legal advice.			
INSURANCE				
Arranged by the operator	St Monica Trust arranges and maintains insurance cover for buildings, public liability and employer's liability. Residents contribute to the cost through the service charge.			
Arranged by the resident	It is the resident's responsibility to obtain contents insurance for their home.			

## CONSTRAINTS ON SELLING

Properties cannot be resold on the open market but are instead bought back by the Trust.

Buyers must be at least 55 years of age to purchase a property at Sandford Station. Buyers can be younger than this if they have a care need.

Residents must spend a minimum of six months living in the property in any one year and must provide notice if they are absent for more than three weeks.

<b>Date</b>	Last updated June 2025
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Further information is available in our 'A guide to fees' and 'Lease summary' documents.

Charges stated are correct at the date shown but may change annually or at other intervals over the period of residence.

We encourage you to discuss your housing options with your family and friends and to seek independent legal, financial/benefits advice and any other appropriate advice, support and representation in connection with a move to Sandford Station.

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