

Service takes the hassle out of home adaptations

Elderly and disabled people in parishes across Daventry District are being urged to take the hard work out of private home adaptations with a call to the Care and Repair service.

The team, based at Daventry District Council (DDC), offers practical advice and guidance to people who need repairs or adaptations so they can carry on living in comfort and security in their own homes.

Staff can advise on welfare benefits and any grants that may be available to help complete the work.

But for a small fee they can also organise and project-manage private building work – from garage conversions and extensions to bathroom adaptations and access solutions.

The team will arrange any drawings and specifications required, provide technical advice, arrange for the work to be carried out using trusted contractors, project manage the construction and ensure the work is completed to a high standard.

The service, which has worked on more than 300 projects in the last year, is open to disabled or elderly people across Daventry District and South Northamptonshire. It is funded by Government, DDC, South Northamptonshire Council and Northamptonshire County Council.

Councillor Richard Atterbury, Daventry District Council's Housing and Health Portfolio Holder, said: "Organising home adaptations, particularly big work such as garage conversions or extensions, can be hard. You want to know that the work being carried out is suitable and that the contractors are reliable.

"The Care and Repair service takes the stress out of it, managing the project from start to finish and offering peace of mind that the finished work will be of a high standard."

To find out more, phone the Care and Repair service on 01327 871100, email careandrepair@daventrydc.gov.uk or visit DDC's offices in Lodge Road, Daventry. You can also visit www.daventrydc.gov.uk/careandrepair for more information.