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## The Retreat Centre

Imagine a Retreat and Conference Centre nestling in woodland next to a Stately Home, surrounded by beautiful landscaped gardens and parkland, with an exquisitely beautiful chapel in its midst. The whole place is steeped in peace and tranquillity. No traffic noise whatsoever – only birds singing!

## The History of the Centre

The Ammerdown Centre started life in 1973 as an Adult Education Centre dedicated to dialogue and reconciliation.

It was founded by a group of Christians who had the vision for a venue that would bring together people of different background and beliefs and that would facilitate the breaking down of barriers and prejudices in us all.

Together, they raised money to convert the stable block of Ammerdown House (owned by Lord Hylton, one of the original Founders) into a conference centre.

Today, the Centre runs a variety of day and residential courses that appeal to mind, body and spirit and also welcomes groups of all walks of life that use its facilities for their own events and training.

[www.ammerdown.org](http://www.ammerdown.org)



## Connor Clergy Retreat



10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008

Ammerdown Centre, Bristol

## Location

Ammerdown Centre is situated between Bath and Bristol

## Transport

Flight to Bristol.  
Coach from Bristol airport to Ammerdown



## Dates and Times

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June.  
Leaving Belfast International very early on Tuesday morning and returning late Thursday evening

## Accommodation and food

Accommodation is in single ensuite rooms. All meals are included and taken in the centre's dining room

## Costs

The maximum cost is £20 - this includes all travel, accommodation and meals. The Diocesan Training Council and the Bishop are providing the funding for the retreat and if sufficient persons apply we may be able to return the £20. However, if you book and subsequently do not attend you may be charged the cost of your flight

## Programme

The Retreat is designed to give space for reflection and 'recharging the batteries', rather than as a time of intense study. The programme is being prepared to reflect this intention. We are to be guided over three short sessions by Rev Helen Houston (to be confirmed), there is to be worship and meditation on the Scriptures, but also, there will be plenty of free time, periods of silence and an optional 'prayer walk'. The structured day is not to begin until breakfast at 9.00 a.m. and will finish no later than 8.30 p.m. Spiritual direction available on request



## Communal Space

This includes a Chapel, Dining Room, Lounge, TV room with internet facility, WiFi on ground floor, Library, Bookshop and craft shop

## Recreation

Access to landscaped gardens and parkland, heated outdoor swimming pool, Table Tennis, Croquet and outdoor badminton

## Booking Form

I wish to book a place on the Connor Clergy Retreat to Ammerdown from 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008

I enclose a £20 deposit (cheques made payable to 'Connor Sundry Funds')

Name (this name will be used to book your flight - please print clearly)

Address

Telephone No.

Any special dietary requirements:-

Any further special requirements

*Please return this form to Mrs Rosemary Patterson by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at the latest.*