



**This information is valuable for any retiree who is thinking of moving into a retirement village – not just the Ons Dorp village. My wife and I are both in our eighties and after physically visiting 15 retirement villages and looking virtually (on the internet) at another 15 we have finally made the move to Ons Dorp.**

We have been living at Ons Dorp for about half a year and I think it is good to compare the facilities we have here with some of the other villages we have visited – we don't want to name the others for obvious reasons.

Let us start with the villa's:

72 villa's at Ons Dorp have 2 bedrooms, 6 villa's have 3 bedrooms and 12 villa's have 1 bedroom – each villa has a very spacious feeling due to the unique high sloping ceilings in the lounge/dining/kitchen areas. Also some villas at Ons Dorp have an attached conservatory that makes the living area even more spacious.

Villa's in some of the other villages we have visited felt almost claustrophobic in comparison. Each villa at Ons Dorp has the lounge facing North bringing in lots of sunshine during sunny days. Some other villa's we have visited have sunshine only during the morning hours or only during afternoon hours or others hardly any sun at all.

Each villa at Ons Dorp has an attached garage with an interior door that opens up to the interior of the villa – very important for elderly people when bringing the shopping home. Every garage at Ons Dorp can accommodate extra shelving or cupboards to give additional storage space

Some of the other villages we have visited have the garage 10 -20 m or more away from the their villa – not a good situation to be in at night or when the weather is inclement – some multi-level villages do provide a resident dedicated parking spot in a basement – But all these arrangements makes shopping trips much more cumbersome when you are getting older – Storage space is usually a lockable cupboard.

Visitors to Ons Dorp can usually park their car on the road or right in front of the villa they are visiting. Some other villages have provided limited visitor carparks in a basement or lower levels – at a distance of the residents they are visiting – not easy for handicapped or elderly visitors.

At Ons Dorp all toilets have natural ventilation by means of an opening window and extraction fans. Lots of apartments or townhouses in other villages

have only extraction fans as the toilets are not situated on an external wall.

All newly refurbished villa's at Ons Dorp have 16 solar power roof panels bring the power bills down

significantly. Each villa is also provided with a heat pump.

Every villa at Ons Dorp is sitting on a landscaped piece of land – No cookie-cutter landscaping – each area around each villa is uniquely landscaped.

There are no multi-story apartments or multi-level townhouses at Ons Dorp – giving more privacy – and no lifts or stairs either!

**this is an unsolicited letter for Ons Dorp.**

- anonymous

Let us now look at the village:

The Ons Dorp village grounds are gently sloping down to West to

North-west making for easy walking.

Some villages we visited had very steep grades – mountain goat material – not good at all for elderly or disabled residents.

Ons Dorp is situated away from arterial roads – it's an oasis of peace.

Ons Dorp residents are a good mixture of nationalities. Some other villages are next to arterial roads – bringing associated car fumes and increased noise levels – not healthy for anyone.

The village has been extensively landscaped with mature trees.

The village incorporates a Care Centre – not all villages have this facility.

The village is only a short distance away from Henderson Shopping Centre.

The village has a men's shed.

The village has a bowling green.

The village has a bilingual library of Dutch and English books.

The village has a pavilion that is used for games, activities and social gatherings. The range of activities include card games, Rummikub, bingo, billiards, table tennis, indoor bowls, mini golf and a variety of crafts.

The village has a unique atrium suitable for both indoor and outdoor activities.