

Contributing and keeping active

Mrs Booth is 72 years old and has a Homesharer called Nina with whom she has shared her home for a year. Mrs Booth has a husband who has dementia and who lives in a nursing home in a nearby town.

Mrs Booth has a large number of friends, family and community links and loves to entertain and keep in touch with people. As Mrs Booth has got older she has lost the confidence to be able to drive and this has resulted in her finding it difficult to maintain her friendships and relationships. More importantly Mrs Booth found it difficult to visit her husband which was very distressing for both of them.

As part of the Homeshare arrangement Nina is able to drive Mrs Booth to visit her husband every day and to spend time with her friends. Nina also supports Mrs Booth to cook and entertain at home and to maintain her links within her community. Mrs Booth was also very nervous in the house on her own at night. Having Nina sleeping in the house has given Mrs Booth real peace of mind.



For more information about Homeshare please contact

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How to contact us

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What is Homeshare?

**Do you need some support?
Are you willing to share your home?**

**Do you need accommodation?
Are you willing to give some support in exchange?**

Homeshare is a way of helping people to help each other. It matches people with different needs, who both have something to offer.

A **householder** is someone, often an older person, who needs help and/or companionship and has a room for someone to stay in.

A **homesharer** is someone looking for accommodation and in exchange can offer approximately 10 hours help a week.

Accommodation is provided in exchange for about 10 hours of practical support – such as cooking, cleaning, shopping and gardening – tasks that will be agreed between the two people with support from the Homeshare team.

The length of time the arrangement lasts can vary to suit, and the type of support will vary with each matching.

Homeshare is not live-in care, a live-in housekeeper or a simple lodger arrangement.

Nursing or personal care (such as help with feeding, toileting or bathing) are **not** part of this agreement, and should be provided by a professional.



The benefits of Homeshare

If you're a householder

- Stay in your own home.
- Keep your independence.
- Get help with daily tasks.
- Companionship - reduce isolation and loneliness by increasing engagement and independence.
- Security of having someone in your home at night.
- Help with support you might otherwise have to pay for.
- Peace of mind that we have carried out references and security checks.
- Reassurance for your family and friends that you are not alone.

If you're a homesharer

- Affordable accommodation.
- The chance to live in an area or property that might otherwise be out of your reach financially.
- Living in a safe and friendly environment.
- Companionship – reduce isolation and loneliness by increasing engagement and independence.
- Sharing life skills and experiences.



What we do



The Homeshare Team will:

- Identify suitable homesharers and householders.
- Carry out in-depth interviews with both parties and use this information to carefully match householders with homesharers.
- Carry out Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) enhanced checks and obtain 2 references for Homesharers.
- Ask both parties to enter into a Homeshare agreement and offer support to ensure this agreement is being adhered to, and that the match is working well.
- If the arrangement is not working for either party we will support both parties with the process of ending the agreement and identify new matches where possible.

The costs of Homeshare

Both parties pay a monthly fee to ategi (£100 for householders & £150 for homesharers). As a Not for Profit Charity these fees are reinvested in the scheme to ensure its sustainability and cover costs such as advertising, DBS checks, home visits, matching meetings, reviews etc.

In addition the Homesharer will be expected to pay an agreed amount towards the costs of utilities should these increase once the Homesharer moves in. The Homesharer will also be expected to pay a one-off non-refundable £100 placement fee prior to moving in.

