

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
- Support both parties with any enquiries that they may have
- Provide ongoing monitoring and reviews to ensure that the match is successful
- 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

HOW TO CONTACT US?

Our office is open Monday to Friday
9am to 5pm.

You can also email us and we will get in touch with you as soon as possible.

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WHAT IS HOMESHARE?

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 in the London area.

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

The minimum length of time for the arrangement is 6 months and the type of support will vary with each matching.

There is no exchange of money between Householders and Homesharers and both parties contribute with a small fee to the charity every month to make Homeshare a sustainable non-for-profit service.

The monthly contribution represents only 20% of the cost Householders and Homesharers would incur by hiring a cleaning service or renting a room in the commercial market.



SALLY & ANITA'S HOMESHARE STORY

“I was very worried about the future. I really valued my independence, but it was getting harder for me to cope all on my own. I wasn't ready for a care home and the last thing I wanted was to be a burden on anyone. All I needed was a bit of companionship and a helping hand at home”.

Householder, Sally

“I came to London to work and study for my degree. I needed somewhere affordable and quiet to live as I have lots of coursework”.

Homesharer, Anita

“Homeshare have been wonderful and matched us up perfectly. We get on like a house on fire and have so many stories to share”.

Sally and Anita

THE BENEFITS OF HOMESHARE?

If you're a Householder

- Enables you to remain in your home
- Keep your independence
- Get help with daily tasks
- Companionship
- 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 reach financially
- Living in a safe and friendly environment
- Companionship—reduce isolation and loneliness by increasing engagement and independence
- Sharing life skills and experiences