



FOR SHARERS

# HomeShare

Women helping women!



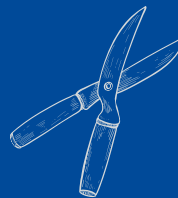
## What is Homesharing?

**Are you an independant woman aged 55+ looking for safe, affordable accommodation?**  
If you're an independant woman aged 55+ in need of accommodation, Homesharing might be the perfect solution for you! It's an innovative way to bring women together by matching **Householders** - women with extra space in their homes - with **Homesharers** who provide companionship and light practical help in exchange for secure, affordable living. It's more than just a place to live - it's an opportunity to form meaningful connections, feel supported, and contribute to someone else's wellbeing.

### WHAT DO HOMESHARERS DO?

Every match is unique but might include:

- Light practical support around the home
- Sharing meals
- Providing companionship



**...and overnight presence in the home.**

While you offer support, this also becomes your home. Having visitors or overnight guests is flexible and can be arranged based on the Householder's situation and the Homeshare agreement.

### HOW MUCH COMMITMENT IS INVOLVED?

Homesharers continue their own daily activities but are asked to:

- Offer practical help and companionship each week
- Arrange days and evenings where you may be late or not come home
- Negotiate weekends away from the home, during which overnight presence is not required
- Commit to the arrangement for at least 6 months

*Homesharers are concerned and interested in contributing to the wellbeing of the Householder*



still interested?...

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## STILL INTERESTED? HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...

If you think Homesharing might be right for you, as part of the process we will:

- Invite you for a personal interview
- Contact two referees - employers, someone you've cared for, or someone who knows you well are all ideal
- Apply for a police check



*We will accompany you on an introduction to a likely suitable match*

## THE HOMESHARE AGREEMENT

*Homeshare will create a clear agreement outlining the details of your arrangement*

- Sharing the cost of household bills and managing your own personal expenses (e.g: food)
- Keeping your own room and shared spaces clean and tidy
- Using your own mobile phone and internet
- The commitment is monitored by a Coordinator to ensure ongoing support



## COST

Currently, there are no registration or matching fees for Householders or Homesharers. A fee structure may be introduced in the future, but it will be based on the ability to pay.



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If this sounds like a good fit for you, get in touch today!

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