

Welcome to Share Home

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Connecting people, creating homes

Share Home is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company built on a simple but powerful idea, bringing people together to share a home in a way that's mutually supportive, professionally managed and beneficial for everyone involved.

As a sustainable alternative to traditional housing or care, Share Home offers a safe, affordable and flexible approach to later-life living.

We match homeowners with a room to spare with like-minded individuals looking for a supportive place to live. Creating shared homes built on companionship, reassurance and tailored support.

Your home, your way

What sets Share Home apart is its adaptability. Whether someone is looking for friendly company, a little practical help or a safer way to remain at home, we create personalised arrangements that suit a wide range of needs and circumstances.

Your trusted partner in shared living

Share Home manages everything for both homeowners and sharers. We take the time to understand your needs and preferences, then find the best match. We carry out checks, arrange and be present at introductions and provide our bespoke licence agreement (the Share Home Agreement). In short, we do everything we can to help you find a compatible housemate in the safest possible way.

We stay involved with regular check-ins to ensure the arrangement works well for everyone. This support is key to safeguarding the wellbeing of both parties. We're also on hand to support you with any help you might need which can include:

- ✓ Linking you to local services
- ✓ Arranging in-home support
- ✓ Assisting with benefit applications
- ✓ Setting up tailored care packages

Uniquely adaptable

Share Home can support people in different life situations:

- **For those feeling lonely**, a shared home can provide companionship and a sense of connection, helping to reduce social isolation.
- **For individuals who need light support**, such as help with shopping, cooking or day-to-day tasks, having a sharer around offers practical assistance.
- **For people no longer feeling safe living alone**, due to health needs or early stages of frailty, it provides a safe and lower cost living arrangement without the need to move into residential care.
- **For people in hospital** it can support hospital discharge, helping people return home sooner and provide a long term supported solution at home.

Benefits of sharing

Sharing is a **win:win** with mutual benefits for both people.

For homeowners

Companionship

Enjoy daily company and a shared home life, reducing loneliness and isolation.

Affordable living

Share household bills and living costs to make your money go further and enjoy a regular income in return for opening your home.

Professional support

Ongoing guidance and regular check-ins to ensure a safe and positive living arrangement.

Remain at home

Stay in the home and community you love, with added support to maintain independence.

Peace of mind

Feel reassured with our thorough vetting, matching and support process.

For sharers

Affordable accommodation

Access lower-cost, supported housing in comfortable and homely settings.

Supportive environment

Live with someone like-minded with professional assistance when needed.

Friendship & belonging

Become part of a shared household where life is less lonely and more fulfilling.

Security

Feel safe with a tailored agreement, built in support and regular check-ins.

Live independently

Gain a stable base with support to live well and independently.

Future proofing

Additional wide ranging support can be added at any time. Enabling this to be a future proof option.

Further benefits

For families & loved ones

Reassurance

Know that your loved one has professional support on hand, is not living alone and has someone to talk to.

Reduced care costs

Share Home can delay or reduce the need to move to costly residential care or care packages.

Enhanced wellbeing

Participants can experience significantly improved emotional, mental and even physical health.

For the community

Strengthens social ties

Builds connections between people and helps tackle loneliness on a local level.

Makes better use of housing

Helps address the housing crisis by putting empty rooms to good use.

Promotes interdependence

Encourages a culture of mutual support rather than dependency. Preventing problems or health needs accelerating.

Sustainable living

Sharing is a long term solution and reduces environmental impact and promotes greener lifestyles.

What Share Home is NOT

Even though Share Home is a very simple concept it is important not to mistake it for other kinds of services and agreements such as:

✗ Live-in care

✗ Live-in housekeeper

✗ Simple lodger arrangements

Hear more on BBC Sounds

Scan the QR code with your phone or tablet's camera to hear from a couple of our sharers and our co-founder Liz Davis on BBC Sounds.



Real stories

Winnie & Maria

Maria (80) and Winnie (75), both retired nurses from South Africa, began sharing a home through Share Home in February 2021 after experiencing loneliness. From the moment they met, they bonded instantly and quickly became inseparable.

“**Together we're strong**”

They cook for each other, watch TV together and offer mutual day-to-day support. When Winnie was in hospital, Maria called her every day and visited often. Their friendship and shared home have brought connection, comfort and companionship into both their lives.

Bushy & Jack

Bushy (73) was feeling deeply isolated and had lost her confidence to go out following the Covid pandemic. Struggling with chronic fatigue and other health issues, everyday tasks like cleaning and shopping became overwhelming.

When we introduced her to Jack (65), they bonded instantly over a shared love of photography. With support from Share Home, they began living together, Jack offering practical help around the house and Bushy receiving extra support through Attendance Allowance and Pension Credit, which we helped her apply for.

“**I have actually started smiling again**”

We also arranged local cleaners and care workers, giving her the support she needed to regain independence. For Jack, who had been living alone, the companionship has been equally rewarding. He now enjoys having someone to share his days with, including regular walks and the occasional treat of a takeaway or visit to the pub.

Their story was even featured on the **BBC One Show**.

The process

Have an initial chat

Simply get in touch for more details or request a telephone call with us so we can understand what you are looking for in a Share Home and answer any questions you have. Members of your family may want to join in, which we welcome.

If you decide to take the next step, we'll arrange a follow-up call to explore in more detail what your ideal housemate and home would look like. The more information you can share at this stage, the better we can help find the right match.

Finding the right match

We take great care in matching people based on personality, lifestyle and interests because the right match makes all the difference.

Share Home will identify one or more people who could be a good fit for you. We'll contact you to talk through the details and if you think you'd be interested in knowing more, we'll arrange an informal meeting.

We'll be present to support you during every conversation and you're welcome to meet as many times as you like before making any decisions.

Setting up your Share Home

Once you've met and decided you'd like to move forward, we'll agree a move-in date and begin setting up your Share Home.

At this stage, we carry out our final checks, including vetting and reference requests from both parties. We'll also go through the Share Home support agreement together, to ensure everything is clear, fair and the way you want to live. Plus, we'll help you sort out the practical aspects of sharing and preparing your home so you feel confident and prepared.

Family or friend support can be included in the process. We can also give a range of additional support where needed (e.g. eligible benefit applications or other practical requests).

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Ongoing support

Throughout your time in a Share Home, we'll take care of the practical side such as rent collection and provide consistent, ongoing support. A monthly support fee, included within the sharer's rent, ensures regular check-ins and a point of contact for both people whenever you need advice or help of any kind.

Our team is always here to support you and is a vital part of what we offer - whether that's giving practical help or simply peace of mind. Ensuring the arrangement works well for everyone.

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I We'd love to hear from you

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