

If you are an older person and own your own home in England or Wales, and would consider donating the property to charity and receiving help with property maintenance and support to stay living there please get in touch to find out if you could benefit from the Gifted Housing Service.

Call **0800 389 52 95** or **01225 447800**
www.ageuk.org.uk/gifted-housing

Or complete the form below quoting reference **GEN2013**

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email

Return to Age UK Gifted Housing Service, FREEPOST (SWB10997), Bath BA2 3ZZ

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Introducing the Gifted Housing Service

Home. It's important to our identity, our independence, our wellbeing. Most people would like to stay in their own homes for as long as possible. But as we grow older, health problems can be a worry, especially if we have no-one to look out for us, and sometimes it's a struggle to keep up with repairs or pay the bills.

When you donate your home to Age UK through the Gifted Housing Service* you'll enjoy all the benefits of the home ownership without the anxiety. Set up 35 years ago, this unique scheme helps you live in your own home for longer.

Under the Gifted Housing service we will:

- provide support to help you stay in your home for longer
- cover the cost of Council Tax, water rates and buildings insurance
- arrange and pay for most maintenance, upkeep and improvements, with your agreement
- help arrange and pay a contribution towards the cost of care at home or elsewhere should you need it.



'We have no close relatives to leave our home to, and it has taken a great weight off our minds knowing that whatever happens we will be well looked after.'

Ms L and Ms J, London

Gill and her husband worried about how she'd manage their home alone as he was terminally ill. Then they heard about Age UK's Gifted Housing service.

'It seemed like a good idea', Gill explains, 'We didn't have close family and I knew Age UK were a long-established and well thought of charity, which gave me confidence.'

Since then, Gill hasn't looked back. The flat still feels like home and no decisions are made without her. She's built up a good relationship with her Care Co-ordinators too:

'They're not intrusive, but if you need any help they're there'

Gill finds it a huge relief not to have to worry about the upkeep of the flat. Whenever she's needed a repair it's been done quickly and efficiently. She gets help with gardening costs too.

While Gill is fit and active today, she's confident that she'll be taken care of if and when she needs it. 'It's very reassuring', Gill says.

All in all, Gill is so happy with the scheme she's recommended it to a number of friends.

'It's excellent – practical help, financial help and someone friendly to support me when I need it. I'm very glad we did it.'

'I have very few in my family, which really made me stop and think. The idea of having help to keep me in my own home was very appealing.'

Mr S, Manchester

