



Supportmatch Homeshare

Affordable - Flexible
Reliable live-in help

Supporting people to find affordable accommodation

- Are you looking for affordable accommodation?
- Do you have some spare time to offer with household tasks and companionship?
- Would you like to share a home with someone needing support?
- Would you like the opportunity to save some money on rent?

A Homesharer can be anyone looking for affordable accommodation and who is willing to offer their help to make a difference to someone else's life.

Cornwall Council have partnered with Supportmatch Homeshare and Cornwall Voluntary Sector Forum to provide the Homeshare Service to our communities.

The Homeshare Service is based on intergenerational living, and is about people helping each other and creating meaningful relationships.

Contact **Supportmatch** for more information on how to apply

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Lorraine's and Robert's Story

Lorraine is a 33 year-old lady who, following her divorce, lost everything, including her home. She desperately searched for a new home and considered all possible options to her. However, there was very little affordable accommodation. Lorraine was offered temporary accommodation in a local hotel but was told it was only for a few weeks. Alongside her divorce, Lorraine lost her job in the local library, and was left with a deep sense of loss and failure. When Lorraine contacted Supportmatch, she mentioned how hopeless she was feeling and how much she was struggling, mentally and financially. She still had a lot to give and all she needed was the opportunity to do so.



Robert is an 81-year-old retired professor. He lost his wife to cancer a couple of years ago and, with his children living far away, his house felt empty.

Although he remained independent, he was finding it difficult to keep his big house in order, but he did not want to move because all of his memories were there.

Robert contacted Supportmatch, as he liked the idea of having company and support with household tasks, such as cleaning and light DIY.



Supportmatch introduced Robert and Lorraine in July 2018. They started the Homeshare arrangement in August 2018. Lorraine helps Robert with taking him to his appointments, light DIY around the house, the weekly food shop and overall good companionship. Lorraine and Robert especially like to share dinner together, watch documentaries some evenings and discuss what they've learned. Lorraine, while living with Robert, managed to go back to study. With her passion being the arts, she wanted to do something with it. So, she trained to become an arts teacher.

Lorraine moved out in September 2021. She'll always remember that feeling of desperation she felt when everything fell apart in her life. She said: "Homeshare gave me a second chance, without it, I would have continued struggling".

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