



# Supportmatch Homeshare

Affordable - Flexible  
Reliable live-in help

## Supporting people at home to live independently

- Do you live alone?
- Do you have a spare room?
- Would you like help with practical tasks such as cooking, cleaning and shopping?
- Would you like the benefit of a friendly companion?

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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## Jean and Kirsten's Story

Jean is an 82 year old lady who has been very independent until she had a minor fall. Jean is someone with a positive attitude and always getting involved in the Church. However, the fall made her feel quite anxious and worried about being alone at home.

When Jean had a fall she spoke to the vicar to see if there was a volunteer to visit her. The vicar suggested she spoke to Supportmatch Homeshare about it. So she did. Jean had a spare room and Supportmatch suggested she had someone under the Homeshare programme so that she didn't have to feel worried about when and for how long someone could be available to help her.

However, she didn't like the idea of having someone living in her home, so Jean said she would think about it. Sadly, Jean had another fall one month later, just on her front door step. This time it was a little more serious and she needed to have an operation. At that point Jean decided to have someone living in with her under the Homeshare programme.



Kirsten is a 52 year old special needs' teacher working in one of the local schools. Kirsten also volunteers at the Church (where Jean goes) often helping with the monthly Sunday lunches.



Kirsten was looking for affordable accommodation as she was going through a divorce and needed to leave her family home. She came to Supportmatch for a Homeshare placement as it was the perfect solution to save on rent and also to be able to live with someone who would benefit from her companionship and help. When Supportmatch mentioned Jean was looking for a Homesharer Kirsten was delighted, she knew Jean well and they really got on. Needless to say Jean was extremely happy to know her Homesharer was going to be Kirsten. Jean knew about Kirsten's divorce and felt she was also helping Kirsten. They were matched within a week, within two weeks Kirsten moved in. Jean managed to have her operation and come back home in a few days.



Jean and Kirsten lived happily together for two years.

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