

Homeshare Case Studies



Smiles

Paula Levi, 94, and Alison Sweatman, 47

Paula left Germany shortly after the end of World War Two to seek a better life in England. After one meeting with homesharer Alison, a self-employed voice-over artist, writer and teacher Paula decided to share her house. Alison provides 10 hours' support a week, cooking occasionally and doing light household chores, such as cleaning, shopping and taking Paula to medical appointments. They have been Homesharing since October 2014.

Paula said "I wanted to remain living in my family home. I have many happy memories in this home and since my mobility is not too bad I don't want to have to move somewhere else." Since her husband died Paula has been living on her own. "Luckily my daughter Emely found out about Homeshare and contacted ategi to see if they could help."

Alison told ategi "I was originally living in Oxford and had previously been a Homesharer in a scheme that subsequently ended. When I saw the ategi website I immediately contacted them as I was keen to participate in a similar scheme again. They matched me with Paula and she is a delightful, quiet and intelligent woman. The match has worked well for both of us and I am very happy to be sharing Paula's home and assisting her when necessary, although she is a very independent lady and can do most things for herself!"

Paula agreed that most days she is able to do things for herself but said she felt less vulnerable, especially at night with someone else in the house. Paula also said that "having Alison around has reassured my family and means they don't have to worry about me so much anymore."

Both Paula & Alison believe that the success of Homeshare very much lies in bringing the right people together and matching their needs as closely as possible.