

## Case Study: Margeret and Holly

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Margaret who is 99, was sharing with Jon for a year & really enjoyed playing scrabble with him. She liked having the comfort and reassurance of him being in the house especially overnight.

Margaret benefitted from this arrangement so much that she asked us to find her another sharer after Jon left.

We have found Holly who is 21 & is studying music at the Arts University, she is an excellent match for Margaret as she loves music. Holly moved in with Margaret at the beginning of July & is loving living with her & spending time together playing scrabble.

This is what Hollys says about her Homesharing with Margaret:

*It felt like an exciting experience because it's not like anything I've done before. We have vastly different lifestyles and it's quite fun how they crossover and I really enjoy the time that we spend together. Margaret is very friendly and has lived a very interesting life so she's great to talk to! I guess the best thing is forming a friendship with someone who I wouldn't typically interact with in a student lifestyle. I like our scrabble evenings.*

And Margaret says:

*I wanted a sharer so that I had the reassurance of someone with me in the house overnight. Sharing with Jon was very positive for me and I asked Martha to find me another sharer when I knew he was leaving. Holly is a very kind, caring young woman she sometimes treats me to a Walnut Whip. She is a vegan & likes*



*cooking, I have tried vegan cake & I love it. My house has always been busy with my 3 boys & then my granddaughters & their friends. I get on well with younger people and I didn't want to live on my own, I have a lot of life experiences and knowledge to give back to a sharer. I've talked to Holly about all my adventures including driving in Europe & getting stopped by the Russian border police. Holly & I get on very well & have never argued, I even let her win at scrabble sometimes.*

This match highlights Leeds Homeshare quality service. Householders benefit so much from having a sharer that when their sharer leaves they want to be re-matched. Homeshare is a tried & tested solution that empowers our Householders & provides a homely family environment for sharers.

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