

Homeshare Evaluation: Time of your life?

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- [Time of your life \(Green Day\)](#)

Another turning point, a fork stuck in the road
Time grabs you by the wrist, directs you where to go
So make the best of this test, and don't ask why
It's not a question, but a lesson learned in time

It's something unpredictable, but in the end it's right.
I hope you had the time of your life.

So take the photographs, and still frames in your mind
Hang it on a shelf in good health and good time
Tattoos of memories and dead skin on trial
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Homeshare: for the times when there is a choice!



Homeshare: Pilot project

- Department of Health funded
- Worked alongside National Association of Adult Placement Services
- West Sussex
- Oxfordshire
- Wiltshire

West Sussex



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Oxfordshire



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Methods

Managers and Coordinators

- In-depth interviews with coordinators and their line managers

Householders and Homesharers

- Quality of Life and health questionnaires–
WHOQOLBREF + EQ-5D
- In-depth interviews with matched participants

Findings

Managers and Coordinators

Expectations

*Person-centred in the real sense of the word rather than sanitised
and safety-centred*

Findings

Managers and Coordinators

Establishment

- *..does need to be nurtured in the beginning in order for it to, you know, put down roots and once it gets down roots, it will I am sure take off a bit on its own accord and be a sort of permanent part of the system.*
- *.. eight months to achieve two matches, you know, given how long it takes to build new houses, you know, that is an extraordinarily swift time.*

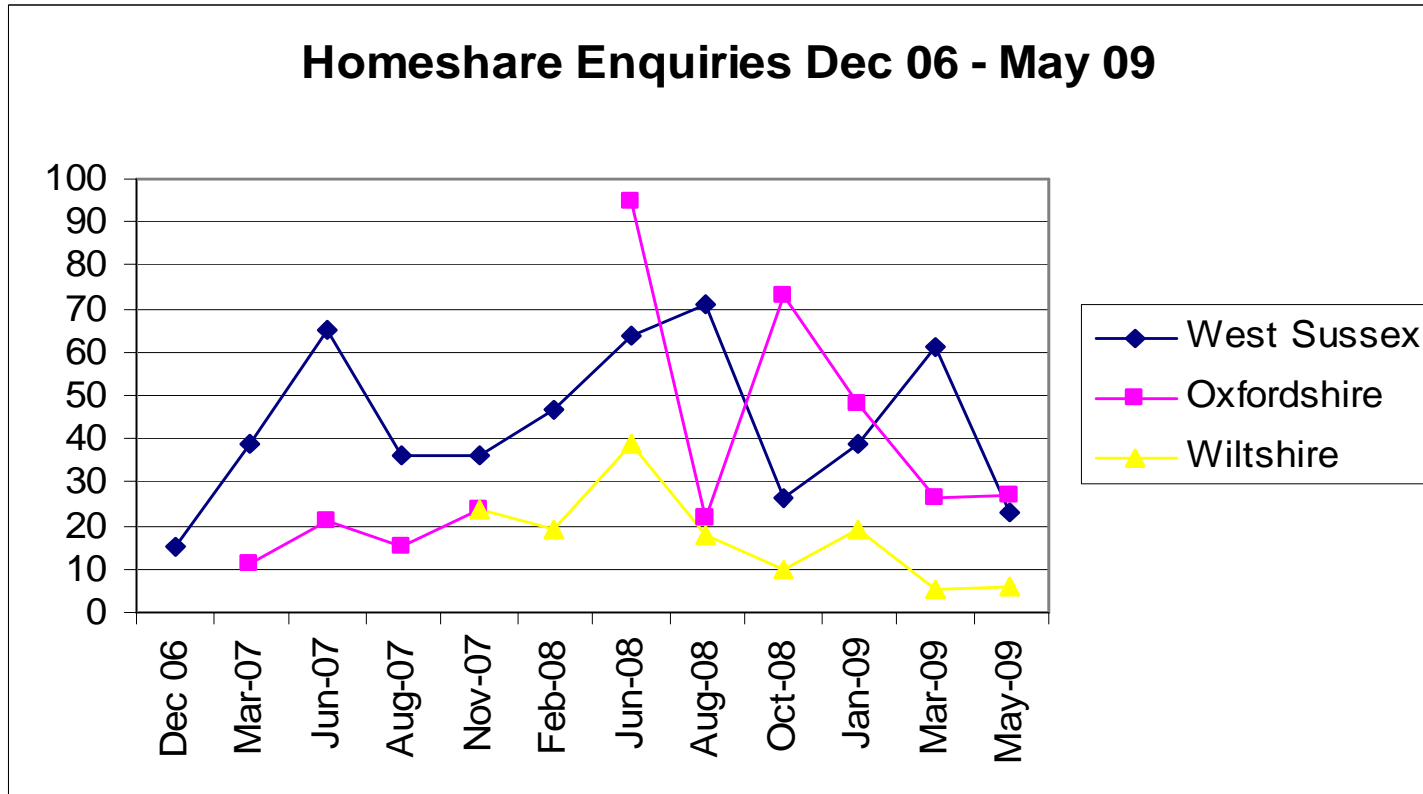
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Managers and Coordinators

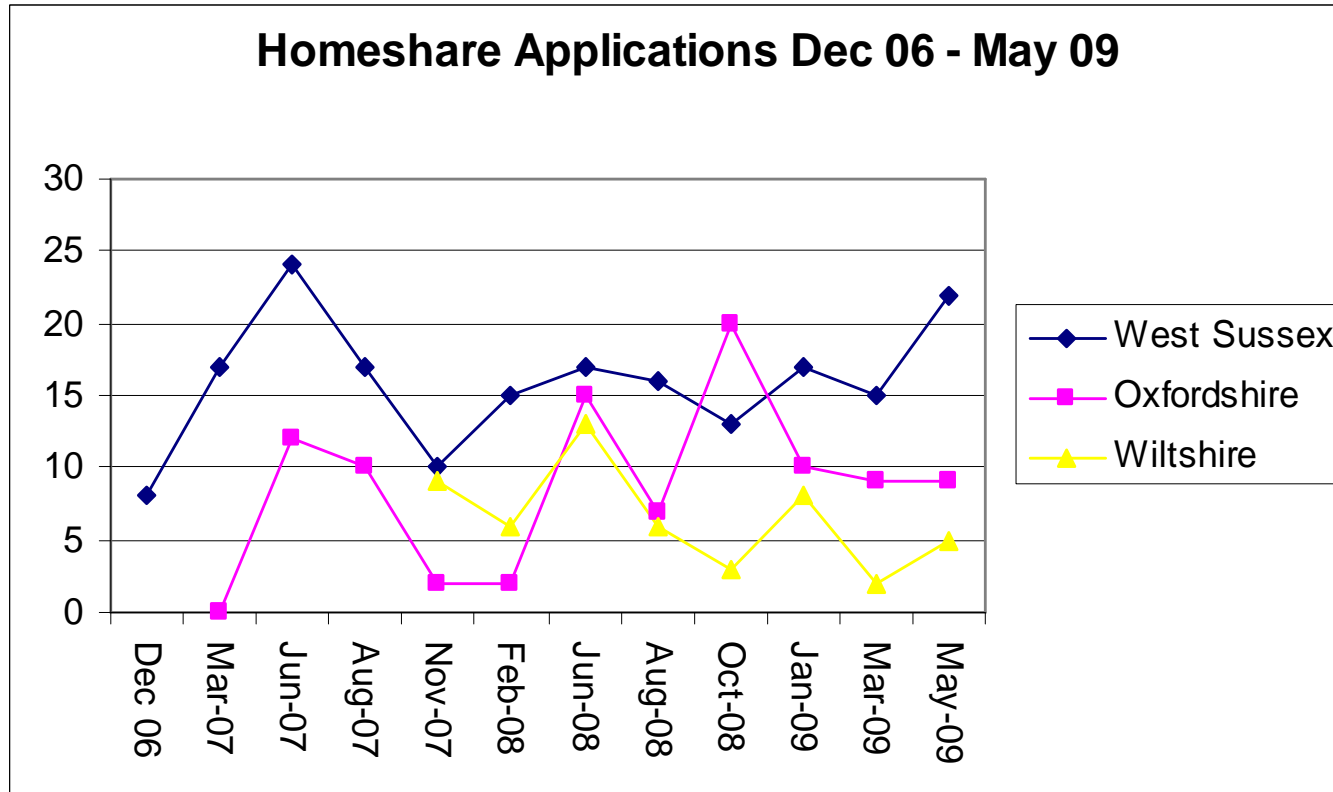
Achievements of the programme ...

you can look outside of this particular project and see how it fits within a broader context and make all sorts of connections. And what we have found is that we felt that with working with the churches on Homeshare and we are now talking very seriously about other initiatives around migrant workers and we have also now pulled in the university.

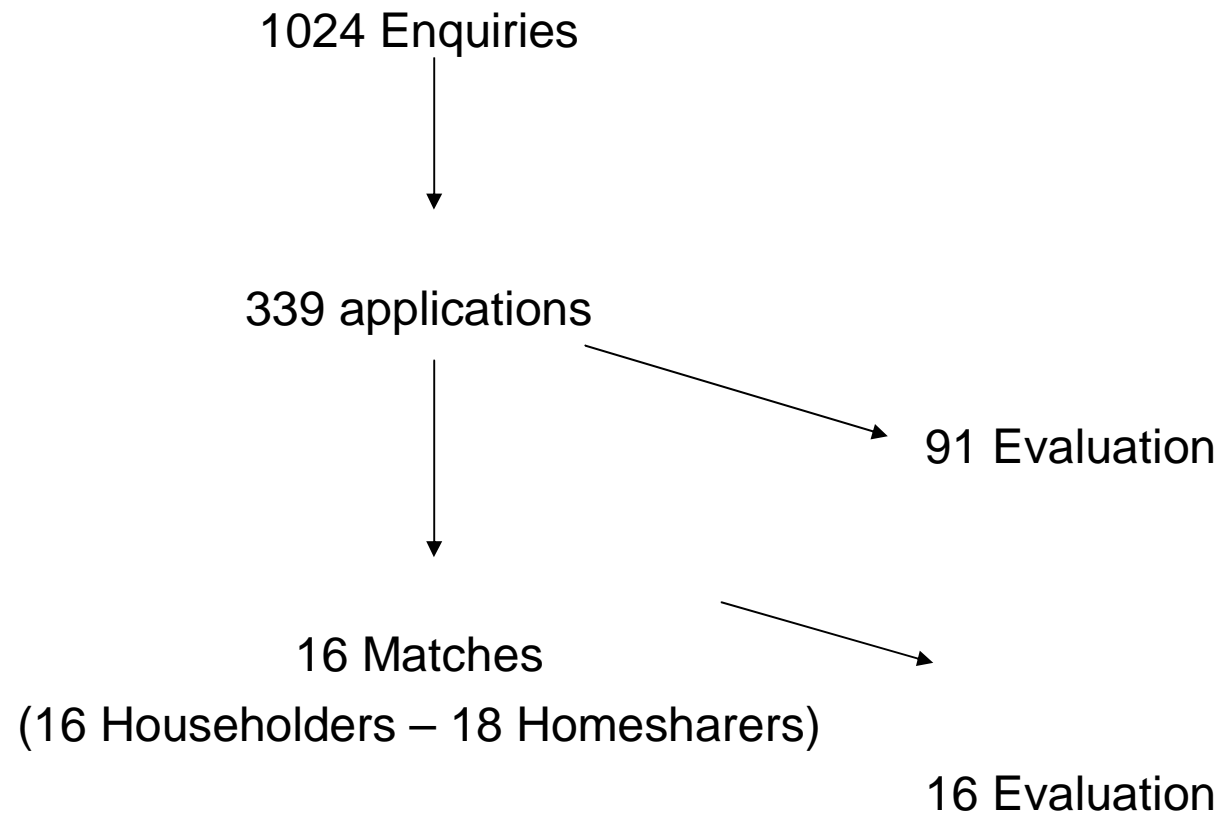
Findings - Homeshare Enquiries



Findings - Homeshare Applications



Summary



Evaluation findings: Profile of Householders and Homesharers

Householders

- 17 female and 7 male
- 29 -94 years old
- Companionship or health problems
- Support needs - company and housework

Homesharers

- 42 female and 25 male
- 23 – 71 years old
- Option, company, wish to save

Homeshare Matches – some reasons given

- 2 HH –gain a home
- HH post stroke
- 2 HH wanting company
- Ready made match
- 2 HH after a fall
- 2 HH increasing frailty
- HH post hospitalisation
- HH couple – husband failing health

Findings – Householder and Homesharer Interviews

Expectations

different from what I envisaged. I imagined to be paired with an elderly couple who needed their bins putting out or the rubbish sorting through or whatever

.. at the beginning I was scared....And I didn't know what I was getting myself into. ... even though I know I can adjust easily because I like trying to adjust and be easy going, I didn't know how the other person was going to be. ...and I was hoping it would work.

Findings – Householder and Homesharer Interviews

Early experiences

[Householder] actually had baked two potatoes and put, she had done baked potatoes and baked beans for both of them. And that doesn't sound very much does it, but it was a real...

.. first thing was it helped me stabilise financially which was important, but certainly not where it ends. Also ... tutorials..... I am getting culture lessons. We actually do eat incredibly well and I am getting an education in wine tasting. So it is wonderful. ...[Homesharer]

Reasons for doing Homeshare: Householders

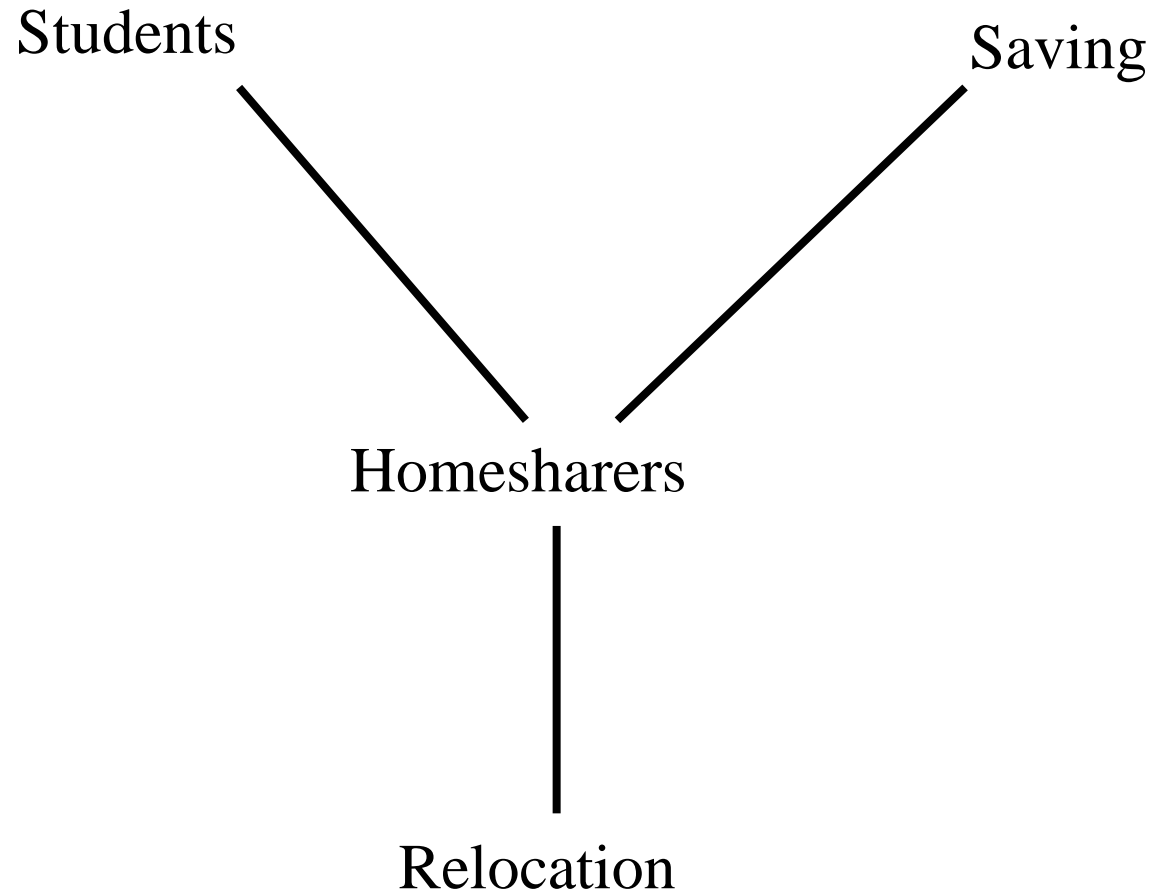
Illness related

Age related

Householders

Disability related

Reasons for doing Homeshare: Homesharers



Conclusions: Lessons learnt

- The team
- The Job
- Staying motivated
- Geography
- When it works it is effective

Homeshare

....I am just an average 25 year- old. It isn't that I am qualified at caring or qualified at anything specific related to home share. Because for me it has been so much about learning what I have got that I take for granted.....

Homeshare

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Any questions?