

Graham and Lee – Age UK Hillingdon, Harrow & Brent



Graham's family were looking for some extra support for their father after he was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia at aged 69. They wanted someone who would be around to remind Graham to take his medication and attend his lunch club. They also wanted Graham to have company and the feeling of security, especially at night.



Lee was living in a bedsit and was looking for more comfortable and affordable accommodation. He had volunteered at a lunch club for older people before the

pandemic and felt that a Homeshare would allow him to continue to support the older generation and at the same time help him find a new home. Lee works in the entertainment industry and can fit his work around the 10 hours per week of support. Lee said, "I have shared with a lot of people before I met Graham. I think Graham is the easiest person I have lived with."

Age UK Hillingdon, Harrow, and Brent matched the couple in June 2022 and since then Lee has found additional groups for Graham to attend, including a Dementia Support Group at the local library and a Walking Football Group. Lee has also taken Graham to play table tennis with a group of his friends and in the Summer, they enjoyed going to the pub!

Graham's family are happy with the Homeshare so far and it gives them peace of mind that Lee is around to support their father. Graham said, "Having someone else in the house at night helps me feel safe. Especially making sure the doors are locked before I go to bed."