



Are you in need of a place to stay?

An introduction to how Sanctuary Hosting may be able to help you

What does Sanctuary Hosting do?

- We find accommodation for people who are **asylum seekers, refugees or vulnerable migrants**.
- The accommodation is with people who offer a spare room in their home.
- We cover Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire.

How do I know if I can use the scheme?

- You need to be from another country and unable to return there.
- You are homeless or about to become homeless. And you must be over 18.
- You must be willing to accept any reasonable accommodation offered to you, including Home Office accommodation.
- People who use the scheme are actively working to resolve their immigration status.
- We are not able to help people who have problems with alcohol or drugs or a serious mental health condition, who have any history of violence or criminal behaviour, or who have come to the UK for economic reasons.

How does the scheme work?

- The scheme offers a temporary solution and accommodation is always offered for an agreed period of time. Some people need to move several times while they are on the scheme, and you should be prepared to do this. Everyone's situation is different and some people stay on the scheme for many months, others for only a few weeks.
- Everyone on the scheme is linked with one of our volunteers, who can help with things like getting to know the local area, finding support services and linking with local activities.
- We do not help with any immigration or legal issues.

Would I have any choice about where I live?

- People who offer a room in their home may live in a town or city such as Oxford, Milton Keynes, or Reading, or in a more rural area.
- You can express a preference and turn down any accommodation offered, though this may sometimes mean we cannot find a room for you.

Do I need to pay anything?

- No, it is completely free. The people who offer a room in their home do not ask for any money.
- If you have no money, Sanctuary Hosting or another charity can usually help with a small amount each week towards things like food, toiletries and phone. We can also help with travel costs.

How independent would I be?

- You will have your own room in someone's home, with use of kitchen and laundry facilities. Some people share meals with those they live with, others prepare their food independently. You will have an opportunity to say what you would like, and to discuss the practical arrangements before moving in.

How do I apply?

- Send an application form to info@sanctuaryhosting.org
- The form is on our website www.sanctuaryhosting.org or it may be given to you by an organisation such as the British Red Cross or another charity who will help you to complete it.
- Please get in touch if you would like to know anything else. You can phone 07818 555 986 or 07378 302 491 or email info@sanctuaryhosting.org.uk. We have assisted around 80 people with temporary housing, and would love to help you if we can.