

Key information about the home

When you buy a home through shared ownership, you enter into a shared ownership lease. The lease is a legal agreement between you (the 'leaseholder') and the landlord. It sets out the rights and responsibilities of both parties.

Before committing to buy a shared ownership property, you should ensure you take independent legal and financial advice.

This key information document is to help you decide if shared ownership is right for you. You should read this document carefully so that you understand what you are buying, and then keep it safe for future reference.

It does not form part of the lease. You should carefully consider the information and the accompanying lease, and discuss any issues with your solicitor before signing the lease.

Failure to pay your rent or service charge or your mortgage could mean your house is at risk of repossession.

Examples and figures provided in this key information document are correct at the time of issue but will change over time in accordance with changes in house prices and the terms of the shared ownership lease.

Personal details

Address	117, Flat 12, Barton Fields Road, Oxford, OX3 9WR
Property type	Two bedroom, third floor apartment – The Merton
Scheme	Shared ownership
Full market value	£395,000
Share purchase price	The share purchase price offered to you will be based on an assessment of what you can afford.

Rents and payments

Rent

If you buy a 25% share, the rent will be £678.91 a month.

If you buy a larger share, you'll pay less rent.

Share	Share Purchase Price	Monthly Rent
20%	£79,000	£724.17
30%	£118,500	£633.65
40%	£158,000	£543.13
50%	£197,500	£452.60
60%	£237,000	£362.08
70%	£276,500	£271.56
75%	£296,250	£226.30

The percentage share and rent amount will change depending on the amount you can afford. You'll receive a worked example after a financial assessment.

Your annual rent is calculated as 2.75% of the remaining share of the full market value owned by the landlord.

Monthly payment to the landlord

The monthly payment to the landlord includes (example of 25% share used):

Rent	£678.91
Service charge	£0
Estate charge	£93.53
Buildings insurance	£12.50
Management fee	£24.95 (plus a one off joining fee of £114)
PFP Management Charge	£10.67
Reserve fund payment	£0
Total monthly payment (not including the one off joining fee detailed above)	£820.56

Reservation

Reservation fee

£500

You'll need to pay a reservation fee to secure your home. When you pay the fee, no one else will be able to reserve the home.

The reservation fee secures the home for 70 days. If you buy the home, the fee will be taken off the final amount you pay on completion. If you do not buy the home, the fee is refundable.

Eligibility and requirements

Eligibility

To assess your eligibility, you'll need to register with a Help to Buy agent.

You can apply to buy the home if both of the following apply:

- your household income is **£80,000** or less
- you cannot afford all of the deposit and mortgage payments to buy a home that meets your needs

One of the following must also be true:

- you're a first-time buyer
- you used to own a home but cannot afford to buy one now
- you're forming a new household - for example, after a relationship breakdown
- you're an existing shared owner, and you want to move
- you own a home and want to move but cannot afford a new home for your needs

If you own a home, you must have completed the sale of the home on or before the date you complete your shared ownership purchase.

You must have a good credit record. Your application will involve an assessment of your finances.

Tenure

Leasehold

Lease type

Shared ownership house lease

Lease term

999 years

Shared ownership details

Maximum share
you can own

You can buy up to 100% of your home.

Landlord

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Under a shared ownership lease, you pay for a percentage share of the market value of a home. You enter into a lease agreement with the landlord, and agree to pay rent to the landlord on the remaining share.

Other details

Initial repair period

Up to £500 a year for the first 10 years to help with essential repairs. For more information, see section 5, 'Maintaining and living in the home', in the 'Key information about shared ownership' document.

Landlord's first option to buy

When you give the landlord notice that you intend to sell your share in your home, the landlord has 4 weeks to find a buyer. (The landlord may offer to buy back your share, but only in exceptional circumstances and if they have funds available.) If they do not find a buyer within 4 weeks, you can sell your share yourself on the open market. For example, through an estate agent.

Pets

You can keep one small dog or one house cat at the home but you must obtain permission from the landlord as per the lease.

Subletting

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You can rent out a room in the home at any time, but you must live there at the same time.

You cannot sublet (rent out) your entire home unless either:

- **you own a 100% share**
- **you have your landlord's permission, which they will only give in exceptional circumstances**

If you're a serving member of the armed forces, and you're required to serve away from the area where you live for a fixed period, you may sublet the entire home subject to the landlord's permission.