

Sarah-Jayne's guide to organising swaps

Finding the perfect home can be hard – and keeping track of all your potential swaps can be even trickier!

HomeSwapper user, Sarah-Jayne created a smart way of keeping on top of things. Here she's sharing her tips for staying organised.



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Work out what's most important to you about a new home. Is it outdoor space? Or perhaps being near to good schools?

Sarah-Jayne says: *"Obviously, you can't get everything you want, so you need to note next to a property what things were good and what things you're compromising on."*

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Work out how you find it easiest to view information. For Sarah-Jayne, she preferred to use a spreadsheet.

Sarah-Jayne says: *"I built a spreadsheet that could help me to capture all of the extra elements. I love using spreadsheets; it was a natural thing for me to use to organise everything."*



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Make sure you use all the information that HomeSwapper gives you. That includes the location, the type of home, the features included and the number of bedrooms.

Sarah-Jayne says: "It was just about using the information from HomeSwapper and putting it into a view list, which helped highlight and compare the things that were important to me when I was looking for a property."

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It's also important to note what it is that the other person is looking for. This will help you to see if your home could be an option for them.



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Using a spreadsheet or a list can help you to see more clearly the swaps you really want. It will add some time to the process, but it will be worth it in the long run!

Sarah-Jayne says: "Whenever I did spend some time on it - which is a good couple of hours at a time once you get into it - I could know where I was with each one. So, I put a note next to one going, 'You're waiting on them', or, 'This is a great property, you love it, make sure you chase it' and prioritised them based on my interactions and the property type."

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Make sure you're also using the HomeSwapper tools available to you.

- Clicking 'Like' on a home will add it to your 'Homes I like' list, and the other person will receive a message telling them you've liked their home
- If you click 'Don't like' on a home, it will be hidden from any future searches or matches. Don't worry, the other person isn't notified of this!
- Clicking 'Save' on a home is similar to the 'Like' button – the home will be added to your 'Saved for later' list but the other person won't get a message.

Sarah-Jayne built a great system for keeping track of all her potential swaps and helping her to work out which features were essential to her and which she could compromise on. Why not give it a go for yourself – it could be just the thing that makes the difference on your swapping journey!

Sarah-Jayne says: *"It's about helping to manage the interactions and managing the process between people and being able to manage more than one opportunity at one point - the better chance you have of finding some kind of swap."*