

Housekeepers - the answer for hectic households

Who wants to run a household when you've been running an office all day? Who wouldn't rather spend quality time with the kids than with the ironing board? How would you like to come home from work with your partner to find a piping hot meal ready for you both on the table?

No wonder more and more families, couples and even single professionals are increasingly employing a housekeeper!

Traditionally associated with the old British aristocracy, housekeepers have become more and more popular over recent years as people look for help with everyday duties from the laundry and shopping to cooking, cleaning and even organising builders and tradesmen. And it's all kinds of households that are turning to housekeepers - whether full-time and part-time:

- The increase of two income households, has lead to couples in particular hiring housekeepers. These busy professionals find that neither of them has the time or energy to keep the home going.
- For families, having a housekeeper to take care of household tasks, gives parents the chance to spend more quality time with their children.
- Housekeepers are also invaluable to single professionals who are often cash rich but time poor.

Professionals like Journalist and Communication Consultant Tira Shubart say they're a godsend. "My housekeeper Purita is wonderful," she says. "She's my spiritual advisor. I don't know what I'd do without her."

According to Jean Birtles, director of Mrs Hunt's Staffing, "hiring a full-time, or part-time, housekeeper can make life so much better if you're the kind of person who likes a house to look, feel and smell like a home, but you don't have the time or inclination to make it that way yourself."

"We've noticed that housekeepers are increasingly in demand by busy professionals who are realising that it's worth their while to pay somebody else to do the jobs that they don't want to do. They find that it means they can focus on doing the things that interest them and that they're good at," she says.

Housekeepers come from all over the world these days and each individual offers something different. Many people are taken with their culinary skills.

Other housekeepers come with childcare experience and offer babysitting services in addition to their other duties.

Tira Shubart has employed her housekeeper for 15 years and says that the cleaning services are only part of the benefit. "Purita's like a friend to me. She's not only a good cleaner but also a very caring person. She's my support system," she says.

It's important to employ a housekeeper who has been properly vetted and interviewed, though. Mrs Hunt's Staffing has many decades of experience in interviewing and placing housekeepers. "A good housekeeper must be enormously organised. All our housekeepers are experienced cleaners, cooks and household managers," Mrs Birtles says. "We check *all* our housekeepers' references thoroughly and run criminal record checks to ensure our customers are provided with a high-quality beneficial service."

For more information about hiring a housekeeper from Mrs Hunts Staffing go to www.mrshunts.co.uk or ring 020 7565 2649.

Editor's Notes:

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Mrs Hunt's can offer housekeepers and clients for interview.

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