

Employees needing to be closer to work aren't moving home...

They're renting a weekday room with mondaytofriday.com instead

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mondaytofriday.com says that the economy is inevitably making people take a different stance on how and where they work and live. In 2008, double the number of lodgers registered with the service compared to 2007 – particularly in the final quarter of last year – as employees and contractors invariably sought employment further away from home, and realised that they could improve their flexibility by living near to work Monday to Friday, and returning home each weekend.

Equally, Mondaytofriday's landlord registrations increased 177.35% over the same period, as homeowner landlords rented out their spare rooms to earn vital extra income in the increasingly uncertain economic climate.

Mondaytofriday.com's Managing Director, Judy Niner, says: "Everyone is having to be more flexible. Companies are striving to retain their existing clients and contracts, while continuing to attract new ones. They may have been forced to make redundancies, and need to deploy their existing manpower to other sites, in order to maintain client service levels.

"And many employees are faced with having to travel further afield either to keep their current jobs, or to progress their careers. Commuting daily from, say, Leicestershire or

Norfolk to London is not always feasible logistically, or financially – especially with the New Year’s 6% rise in rail fares.”

She adds that today, selling and buying a house, and relocating, is extremely difficult, and also may not be desirable or practical for employees. And moreover, as a result of some of these “emerging circumstances” and tricky decisions that people have to make, family lives are becoming complicated and disrupted. But the flexibility of being able to rent a room in someone else’s home closer to work during the week, and returning home each weekend, is a win-win for them, and a cost effective solution for their employers.

Mondaytofriday.com lodger Colin McNulty, who lives in Manchester, and lodges in London, comments:

“Working on short and mid-term contracts means that ‘wherever I lay my hat is home’. Being a mondaytofriday.com lodger allows me to take up work contracts anywhere, and live where I need to during the week.”

Niner concludes: “As the economic situation continues to bite, lodger and homeowner registrations are increasing steadily. And while that’s good for our service, we’re also proud that in some way, we’re helping people to manage their working lives better. By renting a room nearer to their workplaces Monday to Friday, people can take, or retain, jobs far away from home. Employers can be confident that staff can live comfortably while working away from home. “

About mondaytofriday.com

- Mondaytofriday.com was launched in 2004
- Mondaytofriday.com **lodgers**...
 - Register **free of charge**, for unlimited room searching and contact with homeowners
 - **Beat the daily commute**, with many saving considerable money on travel fares by living closer to their work during the week, and returning home every weekend
 - Typical mondaytofriday lodgers work in industries including, but not limited to, **IT, Banking, Insurance, Government, Construction** and **Engineering**, but also **Entertainment**,

Healthcare and Media...

- **Reduce their personal carbon footprints** by travelling less
- Mondaytofriday.com **homeowners...**
 - **Pay £29.95** to post their room on the mondaytofriday.com site for **three months**
 - Rent out their spare rooms to a lodger during the week, and can **earn up to £4,250 rental per annum tax free**, through the Government's rent-a-room scheme
 - **Reclaim their privacy – and their spare room – every weekend** when their lodger goes home

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