



NAKED CHEF VOTED THE NATION'S ULTIMATE FANTASY

Chef Jamie Oliver is the person we'd most like to live with according to new research out today. The nation's official flat mate from hell is Pete Doherty, 'troubled' rocker and ex of Kate Moss.

These findings are part of a study of 1,200 UK adults conducted by Gumtree.com, the UK's number one website for local community classifieds, to discover their attitudes to flat sharing.

Fantasy flat mates

The general mateyness and talents in the kitchen of Jamie Oliver (22%) counted for more than flatmate's eye candy. A gender split in voting saw Johnny Depp (18%) and Scarlett Johansson (16%) come second and third respectively. Celebrity Big Brother winner, Chantelle Houghton polled just 3% of the vote (see end for full results).

Flat share nightmares

Almost a quarter (23%) of those surveyed nominated Doherty, whose previous shared accommodation includes HM Pentonville, as their nightmare flat mate. Catty cross-dresser Pete Burns (19%), loudmouth Jade Goody (16%), and temperamental supermodel, Naomi Campbell (13%) followed close behind.

Other key findings include:

- **Sense of humour** is the key quality we look for in our dream flat mate according to exactly half those surveyed (50%). Cleanliness and tidiness was the second most important (30%). Wealth and Ambition both polled less than 1%
- **Not compromising** (28%) is the quality most despised in nightmare flat mates, followed by being lazy (17%) and leaving post-it notes with petty complaints (15%)
- **Friends** is the TV show or film which most closely mirrors the co-habiting experience grabbing a third (32%) of the vote - proving that flat share contains plenty of romance, comedy and camaraderie

Big Brother (15%), Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps (14%) and Men Behaving Badly (12%) also polled highly. Just 2% voted for seminal flat share film The Odd Couple

- **Being a great way to meet new people** (27%) was the most popular attribute people felt about their flat share experiences. Only 1% claim to have never had a good experience
- **Most people think they make a pretty good housemate** (51%) despite a few faults. 10% believe they are 'a dream flat mate' while 15% concede they are difficult to live with
- **75% of people stay in touch** with flat mates after they've moved on

According to Sophy Silver, spokesperson for Gumtree.com, 'Jamie Oliver represents everything we hope for in finding a flat mate. He's chatty, easy-going and might possibly knock up a snack for you in front of the TV. By contrast, it's hard to imagine a quiet night in with Pete Doherty!'

'Choosing who you live with is actually one of the biggest decisions we have to make, but finding a dream flat mate is far from impossible. The key is to get to be open and candid about what you do, what you like and then see if you click. [With Gumtree.com, London's largest flatshare service, there's no need for the process of choosing a flatmate to turn into a Babushambles!](#)'

	Top Ten Fantasy Flat Mates	Top Ten Nightmare Flat Mates
1	Jamie Oliver (22%)	Pete Doherty (23%)
2	Johnny Depp (18%)	Pete Burns (19%)
3	Scarlett Johansson (16%)	Jade Goody (16%)
4	Charlotte Church (10%)	Naomi Campbell (14%)
5	Peter Kay (8%)	George Gallaway (9%)
6	Davina McCall ((8%)	Simon Cowell (6%)
7	Ricky Gervais (7%)	Trinny Woodhall (4%)
8	Gordon Ramsey (6%)	Roy Keane (3%)
9	Steven Fry (5%)	Gordon Ramsey (3%)
10	Chantelle Houghton (3%)	Alan Sugar (2%)