

Homeshare accommodation in Oxfordshire – January 2026 v1

Age UK Oxfordshire's Homeshare service carefully matches older people who are looking for help or companionship at home, with another person who can lend a hand, and needs affordable accommodation.

In return for the accommodation **the Sharer gives the Householder up to 10 hours of their time each week as a combination of companionship and practical help** and makes a monthly payment to Homeshare Oxfordshire of £200 pcm and an agreed contribution to the Householder towards bills.

Homeshare opportunity in Oxford, close to St Clements/Headington OX4 (Ref 116)

Are you an engaging person who enjoys stimulating conversation whilst also appreciating a quiet, peaceful lifestyle? We are looking for the right person to share the lovely East Oxford home (looking onto South Park) of a retired scientist and teacher who has led a full and busy life but who would prefer to not be living alone.

The Householder, a widower in his eighties, trained in biology and veterinary science, has been working as an epidemiologist (infectious diseases) for the past 50 years mainly at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Although recently retired, as an emeritus professor he still often spends three or four days a week in London when the Sharer would be alone in the home for half the week.

Fit and active, the Householder has broad interests – from the outdoors and natural history to science, history and law & government and keeps abreast of news and world affairs (usually watching the 10 o'clock news). He is a five-string banjo player and enjoys and appreciates music, including Radio 3 evening concerts. A member of a book group and a poetry group, literature and reading are also key pleasures. Travel and work overseas, including an extensive project in Malawi, are also in the frame.

We are looking for a someone who would also value shared time and engaging conversation, most likely an hour or two in the evening over a meal, perhaps taking it in turns to cook, as well as weekends. Someone who could lend a hand with tech issues from time to time is important and anyone green-fingered who likes to help in the garden, would be welcome – all the more so if they liked growing flowers! The main requirement however is a compatible person for shared company, intellectual exchange and stimulating conversation.

This opportunity would suit someone who appreciates a quiet, calm environment and likes to keep a tidy, organised house. An enjoyment of cooking would be good. Politically the Householder is left of centre and likely to get on best with someone similarly positioned. Someone musical would be a bonus.

The living space is quite open plan, where the Householder likes to have time to be peaceful, reading or listening to the radio, but at other times this could be shared.

Homeshare opportunity in Witney OX28 (Ref 121)

Are you an easy going female, with a sense of fun and who enjoys a good chat? Do you also have a kind, caring nature? We are looking for the right person to provide companionship, easy company and a reassuring presence overnight for a kind-natured Witney Housholder.

The Householder, in her seventies, is a very friendly, sociable person with a good sense of fun - she enjoys chatting with people and listening to their stories. She used to love tea dancing and singing but still enjoys listening to music from all eras. She enjoys watching television, reading and attempting quizzes in her favourite magazines, seeing local friends who pop in and spending time with family.

Owing to some health issues, including mild cognitive issues, carers visit twice daily visit at 9am for breakfast and 5pm for dinner. During the day she may watch TV, listen to music or enjoy sitting in the garden or going out for a short walk if the weather is ok. Local friends pop in and family visit at the weekend.

Since losing her husband last year the Householder has lost some confidence and can at times feel lonely. She is looking for someone who is mainly around during the evenings to spend relaxed time together, watching TV and having a friendly chat. A little help around the house if needed would be appreciated. The Householder would also be happy to do things of shared interest together outside of the house – a browse round charity shops, a cup of coffee or even a trip to the tea dance!

The house is a good size with plenty of shared space - dining room, living room and sunroom.

Visit homeshareoxfordshire.org.uk for information about Homesharing and the application process which includes:

- Completing an application form and providing contacts for 3 referees
- An enhanced DBS check
- Interview

If you feel that Homesharing could be right for you and that you could be the right person for one of these opportunities, please contact us via the **'Make an enquiry' form** at homeshareoxfordshire.org.uk

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