

## Affordable accommodation in Oxfordshire with Homeshare Oxford

**A Homeshare arrangement brings together older people who may need some practical help, companionship or reassurance in their home, with someone who needs affordable accommodation, would enjoy sharing the home of an older person and is happy to lend a hand.**

In return for accommodation, the Sharer gives (up to) 10 hours of help/companionship each week and pays £200 monthly to Homeshare Oxford, plus a contribution to household costs.

### Headington home, OX3 (Ref 039)



**Are you a caring, friendly person who would like to be part of a friendly, relaxed, family home on Headley Way and able to provide regular late afternoon /early evening company to an older lady before her family return from their daily commute?**

The main help required is checking in on the Householder with a cup of tea before leaving for work, spending a bit of time together over a cup of tea on return home from work, ideally not later than 5 pm, and preparing or heating up an evening meal.

This would suit an independent, relaxed, understanding person who is sympathetic to some of the issues that can be associated with memory loss. Someone who might enjoy watching a bit of TV together, reading the paper or doing the odd Wordsearch from time to time, could work well.

This opportunity has arisen owing to the current Sharer having to move on from what has been a really positive Homeshare experience and who would be happy to talk about this more with a prospective, replacement Sharer.

### Witney home, OX28 (Ref 035)



**Would you like to share the home of a friendly older person in a spacious house in central Witney? The Householder is interested in art, literature, gardening, education, theatre, cinema.** She has been involved in voluntary work with refugees, local politics and the Peace Movement and has always been interested in other cultures and has travelled widely in Europe, Africa and China. Human rights and social justice are areas of interest too. The Householder has previously been successfully involved in Homeshare.

Owing to health limits, and a recent fall, the Householder is looking for a little help around the home and physical assistance with moving the odd box or piece of furniture, putting out the rubbish bins and helping with some clearing out and taking things to rubbish/recycling centres. Sharing company and having meals together when convenient would also be a part the Homeshare.

The reassurance of having someone in the house at night is important and a car driver is essential to help take things to the recycling centre and for lifts to places in town at convenient times. This would suit a considerate, friendly, helpful person who would also enjoy company and conversation and who shared some of the Householder's interests. Someone who would be generally around evenings and overnight and who would be happy to provide the support outlined above.

### Chipping Norton home, OX7 (Ref 034)



Would you like to share a spacious, light and peaceful home of a friendly, welcoming couple, both retired secondary school teachers, in a quiet part of Chipping Norton, a short walk from the town centre?

In the past the couple have both been active in the community and have enjoyed a variety of pursuits (theatre, music, walking, cycling) but this is now much reduced owing to the wife now being physically frail and living with mild dementia (primarily short term memory loss and confusion).

Having someone else in the house to provide extra companionship at times, and a reassuring presence when the husband is not in the immediate vicinity (may be in the garden or garage) would be much appreciated. Someone who could commit to being home regularly on Thursday evenings to provide quiet companionship whilst the husband is out, is essential.

The help needed at other times is more flexible and could be negotiated depending on circumstances. Some assistance with light household chores, gardening and the odd bit of shopping might be welcome. This would suit an independent, kind and friendly female, who would be happy to provide the companionship and reassurance outlined above. There is plenty of space to park a car if need be and even the opportunity to help out on an allotment if desirable!

### Botley home, OX3 (Ref 032)



There is an opportunity for someone to share a quiet home in Botley (close to Brookes Harcourt Hill campus) with an elderly lady who is returning home after a period of convalescence following a fall. Daily carers are in place and supportive family are living close by.

Although increasingly frail and with some health issues, the homeowner is warm, young-hearted, humorous and independently minded, with interests in gardens and gardening, art, theatre, cinema, sports (especially cricket) and watching TV. She has had a successful

Homeshare in the past.

This would suit a relaxed, friendly person, perhaps with some experience of spending time with an older person in a similar situation and sympathetic to the needs of someone who has been very independent but who is now much more frail. Someone who would be able to help with an early evening meal and would mainly be at home in the evenings and overnights (and happy to spend a little time with the Householder, but also happy to be independent) would be ideal. A chat over a cup of tea or lunch at weekends would be appreciated and perhaps some encouragement of the Householder in her interests.

The house is small-ish with 3 bedrooms and a shared bathroom. The Sharer could mainly have access to a small room which could be used as a study, in addition to the bedroom. The house is close to Harcourt Hill campus, the local park and bus routes to the city centre. Off street parking is available.

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### Sutton Courtenay home, OX14 (Ref 023)



There is an opportunity to share a comfortable and spacious home in the pretty village of Sutton Courtenay, three miles south of Abingdon and a mile from Culham.

This gentle, quiet homeowner enjoys a peaceful home, is interested in classical music and is involved in the local church. She is living independently with mild dementia and has family living fairly close by.

The homeowner would like some companionship and to share meals from time to time. A car driver, able to help with lifts to shops and appointments, is essential, using the Householder's car if necessary. The reassuring presence of someone else in house, especially overnight, is important.

This would suit an independent, kind, understanding person who is sympathetic to, and may have some experience of, some of the issues that can be associated with living with memory loss.

**If you feel you could be the right person for any of the opportunities listed and would like to be considered, please visit our webpage [www.homeshareoxford.org.uk](http://www.homeshareoxford.org.uk), check that you meet the eligibility criteria on page 5 of the 'Applying to Homeshare Oxford' pdf document, and contact us via the online 'register your interest' form on the webpage. (The Homeshare Oxford webpage can be accessed via the [www.ageukoxfordshire.org.uk](http://www.ageukoxfordshire.org.uk) if necessary).**

**Application form, references, DBS check and interview are all requirements of the Homeshare process.**

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