

Affordable accommodation in Oxfordshire with Homeshare Oxford – September 2020

**** COVID-19 – CORONAVIRUS: We welcome enquiries and applications from Householders looking for support and from Sharers seeking accommodation. We are taking all necessary steps and precautions to ensure that we are operating in as safe a way as possible, taking into account the individual circumstances and wishes of all Householders and Sharers which are of paramount importance and in our matching processes. ****

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.

***** New opportunities in Garsington, Didcot and Oxford are in the pipeline and are likely to be advertised imminently *****

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. Shared company and some 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 for help with the odd errand and taking things to the recycling centre.

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.

Owing to age and health issues, the Householder needs to be extremely careful in the light of the Covid 19 virus, and this opportunity would most suit someone who will be wholly attentive to this, and whose own circumstances and lifestyle are very low risk in terms of exposure.

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Aylesbury HP22 (ref 041)



Would you like to share the spacious, comfortable home and garden of a retired army officer on a residential estate in Aylesbury?

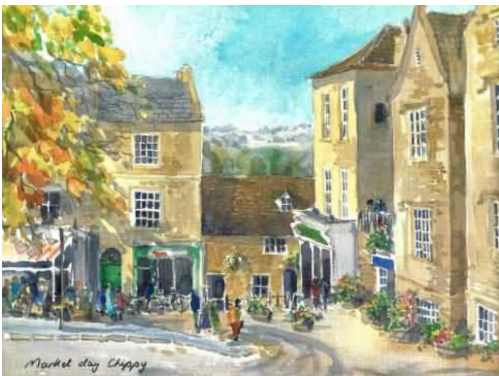
The Householder is a sociable person who has led a full and active life. Rugby, and more recently, golf, have been important in his life, and gardening, cooking, food, history and sport are all key interests. Owing to severe visual impairment and reduced mobility due to arthritis, the Householder would now very much like to find the right person to share his home.

The householder would like someone who would like to feel 'at home', mainly be around in the evenings and who enjoys food, cooking and good, stimulating conversation. Someone who enjoyed listening to stories and probably shared some of the Householder's interests could be a good match.

The Householder has regular, ongoing support, with cleaning, shopping, household tasks and paperwork. Someone who would be happy to help a little with light housework would be appreciated, but essentially this Homeshare arrangement is about companionship and some help with cooking.

This would suit an independent female, of any age, who shares some of the Householder's interests, is understanding of someone with 'old fashioned values' and would be happy to help in the ways outlined above. A car driver would be ideal.

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). However, she still retains her lovely, gentle personality and sense of humour.

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 would be at home on Thursday evenings to provide quite companionship, for when the husband's Thursday evening commitment is back in place, is essential

The help needed at other times is more flexible and could be negotiated depending on circumstances. Some assistance with shopping, light household chores and gardening 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!

Sutton Courtenay home, OX14 (Ref 023)



There is a lovely opportunity to share a comfortable and spacious home, set in a large garden, 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. Classical music has been an important part of her life and she has been in the local church and community. She continues to live independently,

with memory impairment. She has supportive family living close by and additional drop-in support 4 times a week.

The homeowner is used to having people in the house, having had lodgers in the past, and would enjoy quiet companionship and the reassurance of there being someone else around. Whilst she is happy to prepare her own food and have meals independently, she would welcome some company in the evenings, perhaps a chat over a cup or tea, listening to music, watching a bit of TV together, or a game of cards.

A car driver, able to help with shopping and the odd lift to a friend's house for example, would be important.

This would suit an independent, kind, understanding person who is sympathetic to, and may have experience of, some of the issues that can be associated with memory loss. Someone who may need to work from home some of the time would be welcome too.

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 and contact us via the online 'register your interest' form on the webpage.

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

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