

Homeshare opportunity in Chalgrove, OX44 (Ref 050)

Could you be a reassuring presence, sharing the quiet, cul-de-sac home of an older person in the village of Chalgrove (approximately 10 miles from Oxford, Thame and Wallingford)?

In the past this Householder has enjoyed being part of a friendly village community, attending clubs and taking part in events. Due to now living with dementia and being physically very frail, this is no longer the case. The Householder however still retains her good humour and calm personality and is by no means a demanding person.

Having been hospitalised with COVID-19, the Householder has recovered well, is settled back at home, but is mentally and physically more frail. Now in a wheelchair, she has help from carers 4 times day who take care of all her needs and meals. Family are actively involved and visit regularly.

Someone to provide a reassuring presence in the home is the main requirement of this Homeshare. Spending a bit of time together over an evening cup of tea or tv programme, maybe reminiscing about the past, would also be much appreciated. A scrabble player might help resurrect an interest in the game, the Householder having been a keen player in the past! In better weather, a gentle trip together down the road might be welcome.

This would suit an independent person with a kind, caring and patient personality. Someone who is sympathetic to the Householder's circumstances, ideally with some understanding of memory loss and dementia, and who would be happy to spend a bit of time with the Householder each day would be ideal.

This Homeshare would suit someone who was out at work in the day. Equally, it would be fine if they needed to work from home some of the time. Being away some weekends, with advance notice, is fine. The Householder's family would keep in good contact with the Sharer.

Homeshare Oxfordshire carefully matches an older person, or couple, looking for help, companionship or reassurance at home, with another person who is happy to lend a hand, and who needs low-cost accommodation. **The Sharer gives the Householder up to 10 hours of their time each week as a combination of companionship and practical help, as agreed.** Each party pays a monthly fee to Homeshare Oxfordshire.



Chalgrove village

Location and accommodation:

The dormer bungalow is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac in the friendly, community village.

The Sharer would have sole use of the upstairs, comprised of bedroom, bathroom, and a smaller bedroom with desk which could be used as a study.

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|  | fully furnished |  | separate study |
|  | separate bathroom |  | wifi |
|  | parking |  | bike storage |
| | |  | non-smoking |

Costs:

- £200 monthly fee payable to Homeshare Oxfordshire
- Up to £25 contribution to bills payable monthly to Householder

Summary of support needed in this Homeshare arrangement:

Time together

- Being a reassuring, gentle presence in the house, to fit around working hours
- Sharing a cup of tea together, companionship
- Occasional shared meal, not essential, but would be nice
- Time over a shared tv programme or game of scrabble
- Getting outside for gentle trip 'round the block' weather permitting

Help in the house and garden

- Occasional light housework

Help out and about

- Occasional shopping, eg for milk if it has unexpectedly run out

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 (see opposite), and that you could be the right person for this opportunity, please contact us via the 'Register your interest' form at homeshareoxfordshire.org.uk

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Could Homesharing be right for you?

• Age

Sharers are aged 21 or over (**and eligible to live in the UK**)

• Support commitment

Sharers can happily give up to 10 hours each week as practical help or companionship to the Householder.
(No personal care is involved).

• Shared living

Sharers would enjoy and value living with an older person, or possibly an older couple. Sharers are emotionally mature, clean and tidy, kind and considerate.

• Circumstances

Sharers have an established work/study pattern. The risk of the Sharer's exposure to COVID-19 usually needs to be taken into account. NB Homeshare is not usually suitable for people working long hours or shifts. Sharers are generally not expected to be away overnight unless pre-arranged.

• Duration of Homeshare

Sharers are able to commit to a minimum of 9 months, although most Homeshare arrangements last considerably longer.

• References and checks

Sharers are able to provide three referees (usually character, employer or institution and landlord). Sharers must tell us about any spent or unspent convictions and undergo an enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check.

• Financial commitment

Sharers should be able to demonstrate that they can meet the monthly fee requirements plus the contribution to household costs.