

Homeshare opportunity in Chipping Norton, 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 just 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, and volunteering) but this is now much reduced owing to the wife now being physically frail, with poor mobility and living with 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 gentle companionship and be a reassuring presence when the husband is not in the immediate vicinity (maybe in the garden or garage involved with practical tasks) is the main requirement of the Homeshare. The timing of the help needed is flexible and can be agreed depending on circumstances. However, someone who would be able to be around for a couple of hours in the afternoon, a couple of times a week, to enable the husband to nip out for a walk, or down to the allotment, would be ideal.

Some assistance with shopping, light household chores, and gardening might be welcome. Someone who would like to cook a shared meal from time to time might be very much appreciated.

This would suit an independent, kind, and friendly female, who would be happy to provide the companionship and reassurance outlined above. Regarding COVID-19, your risk of being exposed to the virus would need to be extremely low. Someone who needed to work from home, some or all of the time, would be welcome.

There is plenty of space to park a car if need be and even the opportunity to help out on an allotment if desirable!

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.



Market Square, Chipping Norton

Location and accommodation:

The house is in a small, quiet and friendly modern development on the edge of town with no through traffic.

The accommodation offered is a light, spacious, room at the top of the house, fully furnished with desk.



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garden



wifi



non-smoking



parking



bike storage

Costs:

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

Summary of support needed in this Homeshare arrangement:

Time together

- Providing a reassuring, gentle presence in the house at agreed times
- Shared meals together from time to time

Help in the house and garden

- A little help with light housework from time to time
- Good cook welcome, but not essential!
- Gardening, if someone would like to, including allotment

Help out and about

- Shopping / errands

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.