

## Affordable accommodation in Oxfordshire in return for help and companionship

**Homeshare Oxford personally matches older people who have a spare room in their house, and who need practical help or companionship, with a person needing affordable accommodation, happy to help and who would enjoy sharing the home of an older person.**

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

### Summertown home, OX2 (Ref 030)



Would you like to share a large, comfortable home in Summertown, North Oxford with a delightful, friendly lady? Just a short walk to the local shops and with direct bus routes to the city centre and to the hospitals. The house has a lovely garden and there is space available for parking a car or bicycle.

The homeowner has an active social life, with friends visiting often and plays bridge every couple of weeks. She broke her hip two years but she is still able to get around and likes to be as independent as possible. She is very close to her son and daughter. Her son lives in a separate flat within the house and her daughter lives in Portugal but visits every few months. There is also a cat in the house!

This would suit a quiet, kind, independent female Sharer who could help with some practical household chores and would enjoy sharing company.

### North Oxford home, OX2 (Ref 028)



Would you like to share a comfortable home in North Oxford (outside the ring road) with a friendly, welcoming couple (and two cats!)? The house is a short walk to a lovely local park.

The Householders enjoy classical music, museums, concerts, cooking, chess, jigsaws, gardening, keeping up with current affairs and eating out from time to time.

The husband's mobility and speech has been affected by a stroke. He uses a wheelchair but walks in the house as much as he can. His wife maintains an active lifestyle and is the main carer, supported by Carers who come daily to help with the morning routine. They have family living close by.

This would suit a friendly person who would help with some household tasks, some cooking and would enjoy sharing meals together from time to time. Someone who might like to accompany on a park stroll or museum visits would be welcome. Having the reassurance of there being someone in the house most nights is very important.

A driver would be a bonus (with the possibility of using the owners' car) to help with lifts from time to time, but not essential. A chess player would also be a bonus!

### New Marston home, OX3 (Ref 031)



Would you like to share a comfortable, quiet home in Oxford, just off the Marston Road on the cycle track between Oxford, the JR and Brookes University, near the No.13 bus route, and close to beautiful meadows. There is parking available and also secure bicycle storage.

The homeowner is an elderly, independent lady with interests in playing music with friends, painting, visiting museums, art galleries, theatre and watching TV. She would enjoy sharing any of these activities with the Sharer if they had similar interests.

The homeowner drives, but has problems in walking far, so would value occasional lifts to GPs surgery, and hospital appointments. Help with some day to day practical chores would be appreciated and offers to cooks and share meals would be a bonus, as would computer skills when the computer goes wrong!

This may suit someone who works or studies in the University, at Brookes or at the JR.

### Botley home, OX3 (Ref 032)



There is an opportunity to share a quiet home in Botley, close to Brookes Harcourt Hill campus and to bus routes to the City Centre and the Hospitals. There is parking available.

The homeowner is an easy going, elderly lady with interests in gardens and gardening, theatre, cinema, sports (especially cricket) and watching TV.

Due to increasingly frailty, the homeowner now has daily carers to help with meals. A little company in the evenings would be appreciated, as would little help around the house and, possibly, the garden. Family are living nearby, however the reassurance of there being someone in the house at night is very important.

This would suit a relaxed, friendly person, who would be sympathetic to the needs of someone who has been very independent but who now more frail. Someone happy to be mainly around in the house in the evenings and overnight would suit best.

### Brill village (Ref 033)



Would you like to share the lovely home of a friendly, elderly lady in the beautiful village of Brill close to the Oxfordshire/Bucks border? A few miles from Thames and 25 minute drive to Oxford.

The Householder has always loved music and playing the violin – including in quartets with friends and local orchestras. She has always enjoyed the company of other people and interesting conversation about art, history and ideas in general. Other interests include gardening, painting, arts and family. The Householder is very close to her family, some of whom live close by.

Some shared company and shared meals together would be welcome, along with someone to help with very light housework now and then. Having the reassuring presence of someone else in the house overnight is important.

This would suit someone is kind, friendly and patient and who shared some of the Householder's interests. Someone who had some experience of people with short term memory problems would be an asset.

### **Goring-on-Thames cottage, OX10 (Ref 024)**



There is an opportunity to share a spacious cottage in Goring-on-Thames, six miles from Wallingford and 13 minutes by train to Reading. The area is close to the beautiful Ridgeway and Chilterns.

The homeowner is a friendly and active person. She has an interest in music, sewing and local church activities. She lives independently and would enjoy having someone to provide a reassuring presence especially at night.

This would suit a friendly and kind person who has some free times in the evenings and weekends to share company and who would enjoy a small dog being around.

### **Dorchester-on-Thames cottage, OX10 (Ref 022)**



Would you like to share a comfortable home in Dorchester-on-Thames, eight miles south of Oxford and close to shops, transport and the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside.

The homeowner is a friendly, sociable and active person. She lives independently with some memory impairment. She is interested current affairs, human rights, Africa and is actively involved in the church. This

would suit a friendly and kind person who has some evenings free to share mealtimes and could help with day to day household tasks.

### **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 homeowner enjoys a peaceful home, is interested in classical music and is involved in the local church. She is living independently with some

memory impairment 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, would be ideal.

This would suit an independent and understanding person.

**See overleaf for contact details:**

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please visit our webpage [www.homeshareoxford.org.uk](http://www.homeshareoxford.org.uk) for more information and to and check you are happy with the criteria on the 'Applying to Homeshare Oxford' pdf. Please then contact us via the online form or by emailing [homeshare@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:homeshare@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk) to request an application form. We look forward to hearing from you.

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