

Homeshare opportunity in Leaffield, OX29 (Ref 048)

Would you like to share the home of an active and engaging older person in the hill-top village of Leaffield, near Witney?

The Householder, now retired from careers in pharmacy, teaching and computer systems, has continued to lead a very active life. Only Covid-19 has got in the way of windsurfing weekends, sailing and skiing holidays. Caravanning and walking holidays are also in the frame, along with cycling and golf.

The Householder's interests are varied and include art & photography, music, reading, languages, as well as gardening, growing food and cooking. He is also involved in voluntary work with Fieldpaths as a walk leader, and with the British Society for Research into Ageing.

First and foremost, the Householder is looking forward to having someone else around in the house to share company, interesting conversation and most evening meals together. The odd bit of local shopping (in between deliveries) would be appreciated and some light housework could be welcome. Help in the garden (with flowers and herbs) would be appreciated and there is the opportunity to help out on the allotment if of interest, not to mention cooking! If local cycle rides and walks together were of appeal, and potentially trips further afield, these could be a bonus.

This would suit a considerate, friendly and professional person who would enjoy lively, stimulating conversation and share some of the Householder's interests. Someone willing to help in the ways outlined above and who would mainly be around evenings and weekends would work well.

The Householder is looking for a Sharer whose lifestyle is very Covid secure and they would either need to be working in a Covid-secure environment, or working from home.

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.



View from the house

Location and accommodation:

A warm home, with stunning views, in this quiet, friendly village with local shop, pub and church.

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|  | fully furnished bedroom | | |
|  | Shared bathroom | | |
|  | wifi |  | non-smoking |
|  | parking |  | bike storage |

Costs:

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

Summary of support needed in this Homeshare arrangement:

Time together

- Company and interesting conversation
- Shared meals, sometimes
- (Local walks, cycle rides – or even trips further afield) - bonus

Help in the house and garden

- Occasional light housework
- Help with the garden (allotment a possibility too for anyone interested)
- Cooking (for anyone who is keen)

Help out and about

- Occasional shopping to top up Householder's online delivery

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.