

Homeshare opportunity in Oxford, Greater Leys, OX4 (Ref 049)

Would you like to share the spacious, clutter-free home of a calm, warm person in her 60s living in quiet cul-de-sac in Greater Leys?

The Householder's career has been in social care, as a social worker and senior lecturer on a social work degree and masters course. She is currently working in commissioning for local government. Interests include theatre, travel, food (including eating out) and gardening, none of which are possible at the moment, due the pandemic. Diversity, equality and social justice are very important to the householder both in her personal life and in her professional life.

Owing to a long-term disability since childhood and some recent health issues, the Householder can experience a high level of fatigue and needs to rest quite a bit, evenings and weekends. She enjoys a wide range of TV programmes (drama, current affairs, documentaries, soaps and films) and some reading. The combination of living alone during the Covid pandemic, working from home, and friends having recently moved from Oxford has highlighted a need for company and conversation to prevent social isolation.

This would suit an emotionally mature, tidy and practical person, who is considerate and calm in nature and not overly loud or boisterous. Someone with a good sense of humour, who enjoys good company, conversation and being with people, whilst at the same time is independent and mindful of the needs of others, would be very good. Someone who is open minded, socially aware and who shares some of the Householder's interests would work well.

Not least owing to health issues, the Householder needs to be extremely careful in the light of Covid-19 and therefore someone whose own circumstances and lifestyle were extremely low risk in terms of exposure to the virus is essential. Having initially been shielding due to her disability which affects the respiratory system, the Householder needs to be strict about hygiene and social distancing. The Sharer would either need to be working in a Covid-secure environment and avoiding public transport, or largely 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.



Location and accommodation:

The 3 bedroom house, with front and back garden, is situated in a friendly, quiet cul-de-sac on the edge of Greater Leys, close to green fields.

	fully furnished bedroom		shared bathroom
	garden		accessible
	wifi		non-smoking
	parking		bike storage

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

- Shared some meals together
- Post Covid, a shared meal out, theatre outing or trip to a garden centre

Help in the house and garden

- Light housework
- Hanging out washing
- Help in the garden

Help out and about

- Occasional help with shopping, to top up the Householder's online shops

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 in Greater Leys, Oxford, 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.