

Homeshare opportunity in central Witney, OX28 (Ref 035)

Would you like to share the home of a friendly older person in a peaceful and spacious house in central Witney?

The Householder is interested in art, literature, gardening, education, theatre, cinema. She has been involved in voluntary work with refugees, local politics and the Peace Movement and has always been interested in other cultures and has travelled widely in Europe, Africa and China. Human rights and social justice are areas of interest too. The Householder has previously been successfully involved in Homeshare.

Owing to health limits, and a recent fall, the Householder is looking for a little help around the home and physical assistance with moving the odd box or piece of furniture, putting out the rubbish bins and helping with some clearing out and taking things to rubbish/recycling centres. Shared company and some meals together would also be a part the Homeshare.

The reassurance of having someone in the house at night is important and a car driver is essential for help with the odd errand and taking things to the recycling centre.

This would suit a considerate, friendly, helpful person who would also enjoy company and conversation and who shared some of the Householder's interests. Someone who would be generally around evenings and overnight and who would be happy to provide the support outlined above. It could suit someone who needed to work from home some of the time.

Owing to age and health issues, the Householder needs to be extremely careful in the light of Covid-19 and this opportunity would most suit someone who will be wholly attentive to this, and whose own circumstances and lifestyle are very low risk in terms of exposure to the virus.

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.



Witney town centre

Location and accommodation:

The house is situated on a lovely street within easy walking distance of the centre of town.

The bedroom offered is fully furnished. The bathroom is shared, although there is a sink in an adjacent room which can be used.



fully furnished



garden



wifi



non-smoking



Parking permit



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

- Providing a reassuring, gentle presence in the house at agreed times
- Shared some meals together
- Trips together, cinema/theatre (in a post-COVID-19 world!)

Help in the house and garden

- Odd jobs around the house
- Help with occasional sorting, moving of boxes and the like
- Putting bins out

Help out and about

- Shopping, errands and recycling centre drop - offs

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 Witney, 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.