

Affordable accommodation in Oxfordshire with Homeshare Oxford – July 2020

**** COVID-19 – CORONAVIRUS: We are welcoming enquiries and applications from Householders looking for support and from Sharers seeking accommodation. We follow Homeshare UK and Age UK Oxfordshire guidance in assessing and minimising risk in view of Covid-19, which may require a Sharer to self-isolate prior to a Homeshare arrangement. We are taking all necessary steps and precautions to ensure that we are operating as safely as possible. Please do talk to us about this if you need further information at this stage.****

A Homeshare arrangement brings together older people who may need some practical help, companionship or reassurance in their home, with someone who needs affordable accommodation, would enjoy sharing the home of an older person and is happy to lend a hand.

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

Mapledurham RG4, 4 miles from Reading



Would you like to share the spacious home and garden of a 94 year old lady in the beautiful, secluded South Oxfordshire village of Mapledurham? Just 4 miles from Reading, 7 miles from Goring-on-Thames and 10 miles from Henley.

The Householder is an independently-minded, sociable person who has been active in her community and has loved cooking and gardening, but owing to increasingly frailty and some health limitations, she is now looking for a like minded person to help with small household tasks, shared evening meals together and some company. The Householder already has some ongoing, regular support in place too and supportive family.

The reassurance of having someone in the house at night is important and a car driver would be essential. Someone who had some flexibility in their schedule to go out for a short very local walk on some days would be ideal, but not essential.

This would suit a considerate, flexible, confident female, who values their own independence whilst also being sensitive to the needs of the Householder. Someone who enjoys food and cooking and who would be generally around in the evenings to help with this would be ideal, as would someone who appreciated the countryside and rural living.

Hardwick, Aylesbury HP22

Would you like to share the spacious, comfortable home and garden of a retired army officer on a residential estate in Hardwick?

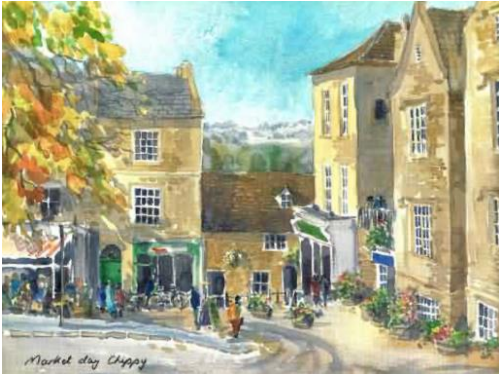
The Householder is a sociable person who has led a full and active life. Rugby, and more recently, golf have been important in his life and gardening, cooking, food and sport are all key interests. Owing to severe visual impairment and reduced mobility due to arthritis, the Householder would now very much like to find the right person to share his home.

The householder would like someone who would mainly be around in the evenings, who enjoys food, cooking and stimulating conversation. Someone who enjoyed listening to stories and perhaps with an interest in military history and photography might be a good match, but not essential of course.

The Householder has regular, ongoing support, three times a week and family close by.

This would suit an independent female, of any age, who would like to feel 'at home' and would be happy to help in the ways outlined above. A car driver would be ideal.

Chipping Norton home, 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, 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) but this is now much reduced owing to the wife now being physically frail and living with mild 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 companionship at times, and a reassuring presence when the husband is not in the immediate vicinity (may be in the garden or garage) would be much appreciated. Someone who would be at home on Thursday evenings to provide quite companionship, for when the husband's Thursday evening commitment is back in place, is essential

The help needed at other times is more flexible and could be negotiated depending on circumstances. Some assistance with shopping, light household chores and gardening might be welcome.

This would suit an independent, kind and friendly female, who would be happy to provide the companionship and reassurance outlined above. There is plenty of space to park a car if need be and even the opportunity to help out on an allotment if desirable!

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, quiet homeowner enjoys a peaceful home, is interested in classical music and is involved in the local church. She is living independently with mild dementia and has family living fairly close by and additional drop in support 4 times a week.

The homeowner would like some companionship and to share meals from time to time and help with shopping. A car driver, able to help with lifts to shops and appointments in due course, is essential, using the Householder's car if necessary. The reassuring presence of someone else in house, especially overnight, is important.

This would suit an independent, kind, understanding person who is sympathetic to, and may have experience of, some of the issues that can be associated with living with memory loss.

If you feel you could be the right person for any of the opportunities listed and would like to be considered, please visit our webpage www.homeshareoxford.org.uk, check that you meet the eligibility criteria on page 5 of the 'Applying to Homeshare Oxford' pdf document, and contact us via the online 'register your interest' form on the webpage. (The Homeshare Oxford webpage can be accessed via the www.ageukoxfordshire.org.uk if necessary).

Application form, references, DBS check and interview are requirements of the Homeshare process.

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