

Homeshare opportunity in Abingdon OX14 (Ref 120)

Are you a caring and broadminded female, with a keen interest in the environment and society? We are looking for the right person who can provide gentle companionship, plus a bit of practical help, to a sociable, eco-conscious older person in a quiet area of Abingdon?

The Householder, in her eighties, has a scientific background and worked as a programme producer in the early days of BBC2. She retired from a career in education social work and voluntary work for a variety of charitable causes. She still has an active social life – going out for book club, coffees, cinema/theatre with friends. She has a love of classical music and used to sing in her church choir.

The Householder cares deeply about nature/wildlife, the wider environment, animal welfare, community and a caring society. She is an animal lover, especially cats! She is open minded and interested in exploring questions of faith and spirituality and regularly attends her local church.

Rising early, she may go out socially during the morning or afternoon but is home for her main meal of the day at lunchtime. When at home she enjoys reading, listening to music, watching TV especially nature programmes including Spring Watch and Countryfile and likes to be in bed by 11pm. In the warmer weather she enjoys potting on house plants and encouraging wildlife in the garden.

The Householder is looking for some gentle companionship at home eg sharing a meal, watching TV, low key chatting about each other's day and subjects of interest. A like-minded independent, younger person, keen to live in an eco-conscious way, a driver with their own car, able to help with the odd lift, would be ideal. A friendly cat would also be welcome!

She has a regular cleaner, gardener and IT support. The shared areas - bathroom, downstairs toilet, kitchen and garden would also be shared with a quiet, male lodger.

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 is looking for affordable accommodation. **The Sharer gives the Householder 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 house is in a quiet residential area off the Oxford Road, close to bus routes to Oxford and a 20-minute walk to Abingdon town centre. The single room is on the smaller side.



fully furnished



garden



wifi



non-smoking



parking on drive



bike storage



shared
bathroom



has a lodger

Costs:

- £ 200 monthly fee payable to Homeshare Oxfordshire
- Contribution to bills payable monthly to Householder

Summary of support needed in this Homeshare arrangement

Time together: companionship at home eg sharing a meal (ideally at lunchtime if at home), watching TV together, low key chatting about each other's day and subjects of interest.

Help in the home and garden: occasional practical help eg lifting, preparing vegetables, light plant watering; occasional support with the computer/mobile phone when needed.

Help out and about: able to offer occasional lifts to appointments, possibly running occasional errands eg picking up a prescription.

Visit homeshareoxfordshire.org.uk for information about Homesharing and the application process which includes:

- Completing an application form and providing contacts for three 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 in the first instance via the 'Make an Enquiry' 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 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, with the exception of weekends away, holidays etc

• 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.