

Homeshare opportunity in Central North Oxford, OX2 (Ref 073)

A former headteacher and academic, now in his early 90s and writing on European literary history themes and personalities, would welcome a quiet, clean and tidy and quietly purposeful person to live with him in his spacious and peaceful North Oxford home.

The Householder is an exceptionally thoughtful, kind and perceptive person. More a supporter than an activist these days: on the side of victims, fair society, human rights, reform of government, international action for the environment, resolution of conflict.

Having broken his back a few years ago, the Householder's has limited mobility and walks with the aid of a rollator or stick. He is unable to stand for long unsupported, nor do things above shoulder level, but is keen to cope and to do as much as he can. He has regular help in the house and garden but recognises it could be helpful to have someone around to help with the odd things that crop up. His supportive family do not live close by but visit regularly.

First and foremost, the reassuring presence of someone in the house at night is important to the Householder. Help with items of shopping from time to time would also be appreciated. Someone who enjoyed cooking and might like to share a simple meal together a couple of times a week could also work well, but this not essential. Whilst the Householder would welcome some company, he is also very independent, is used to living alone and prefers meaningful conversation to small talk.

Someone with an interest in books, who might be willing to help with the reorganisation of bookshelves and who may, potentially, be able to provide assistance in sorting through archived papers, could be helpful.

This Homeshare would suit someone who shared some of the Householders interests and who would seldom be away overnight, except for pre-arranged occasional weekends and holidays. Someone thoughtful, independent, interested but discreet, and perceptive if a helping hand was needed, would work well. The Householder speaks fluent French and German and someone who spoke either language could be a bonus. A piano is available to a pianist and a keen vegetable grower might like to set up a patch in the garden.

The Householder is fully vaccinated and very cautious in the light of Covid-19. The Sharer should also be fully vaccinated, similarly cautious and willing to take strict precautions to avoid 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.



The home is a 5-minute walk from the River Cherwell

Location and accommodation:

This lovely, beautifully-kept home is located in a peaceful street in Central North Oxford - 10 minutes' walk from Summertown, 10 minutes to University Parks and 5 minutes from the River Cherwell and Wolfson Meadows. The room on offer is spacious, fully furnished and overlooks the garden.



fully furnished



Shared bathroom



wifi



non-smoking



parking



bike storage

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:

The Householder is quiet and used to being alone. He would welcome company at times, preferring meaningful conversation to small talk. Sharing a simple meal, a couple of evenings a week, might be welcome.

Help in the home and garden:

Odd things that crop up around the house. Some careful, methodical assistance with going through books, reorganising bookshelves and sorting through archived papers could be helpful.

Help out and about:

Occasional bits of shopping

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 in the first instance 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 will usually 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.