

Homeshare opportunity in Checkendon, RG8 (Ref 067)

Would you like to share the lovely home of an engaging and friendly older person in the peaceful South Oxfordshire village of Checkendon, 8 miles from Wallingford, Reading and Henley and 20 miles from Oxford?

The householder is an ex-primary school teacher and campaigner who worked at her local Citizens Advice Bureau, CAB, for 27 years and has been involved in her local community for the past 47 years. She is interested in local history and has written a couple of books. She is also interested in philosophy, current affairs, reading and crafts. Travel, walking and exploring new places have been very much part of her life.

The Householder lost her husband just under two years ago and she is missing companionship. Increasingly poor balance and a loss of some mobility has led to a degree of anxiety about falling and prevents her from doing practical, simple jobs around the house, for example taking rubbish out to the bins. She has assistance with cleaning and gardening.

First and foremost, the householder is looking for companionship and conversation. The odd game of scrabble or cards would be welcome and, in time, trips to the cinema or shopping expeditions would be a bonus. Someone who was interested in food and cooking and would like to share some meals would be desirable.

This opportunity would suit a considerate, caring, and tolerant person who would be happy to help out in the ways outlined above but who would also enjoy their own space. The householder would like the Sharer to feel very at home and they would be welcome to share all the living space and garden. It would suit someone with a love of the countryside rather than the hustle of the town or city.

The Householder is vaccinated and still being cautious in the light of Covid-19. The Sharer must also be double vaccinated.

Checkendon is in a small, rural location which provides a variety of walking opportunities and cycle rides. There is no local bus service so this would probably only suit someone with their own transport.

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:

Checkendon has two pubs, a church, a Village Hall and a school. It lost its Village Shop, Post Office and bus service 4 years ago but the nearby Village of Woodcote 1½ miles away provides a supermarket, some shops and a regular bus service direct to Reading and Oxford.

The home is a large family house with a lovely garden front and back. The Sharer would have the use of an en-suite bedroom and shared living spaces.

	fully furnished		garden
	wifi		non-smoking
	parking		bike storage
	en-suite bathroom		village location

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:

- Company and a gentle re-assuring presence in the home
- Share some meals together
- Occasional game of scrabble or cards and the occasional trip out

Help in the house:

- Odd jobs around the house when required

Help out and about

- The odd errand – e.g. posting a letter

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 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.