

Homeshare opportunity in Chipping Norton OX7 (Ref 076)

Are you a compassionate, helpful and tidy professional female who would like to share the welcoming home of an independent and private lady in the peaceful setting of a retirement community just a stone's throw from Chipping Norton's Market Square?

The friendly Householder is a former manager of a large catering workforce. She has varied interests including reading, tennis, eventing, TV – dramas, quiz shows (not games) – books, history and travel.

The main requirement of the Homeshare is to provide a helping hand with household chores that the Householder finds increasingly difficult to manage due to her increasing lack of mobility. Help with things that are not onerous such as changing bed linen, keeping kitchen storage areas clean and the like, would make a big difference. Someone who likes to cook healthy, traditional meals and who would enjoy sharing them 2 or 3 nights a week, as agreed together, would be ideal.

The Householder has a very supportive family who are very important to her and who visit regularly with their adorable retriever dog. She has regular support from cleaners and a weekly groceries delivery.

The Homeshare would suit someone who is tidy and organised, discreet and sensitive and who would be happy to help in the ways described above. Someone who shares some of the Householders interests and who enjoys meaningful and stimulating conversation (about almost anything!) would be welcome.

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



Market Place, Chipping Norton

Location and accommodation:

The house is one of a peaceful retirement community of 33 houses, set in a quiet, central location.

The spacious bedroom has fitted wardrobes, a chest of drawers, a small desk and an arm chair with TV if required. There is an ensuite shower room.



fully furnished



small terrace area



wifi



non-smoking



parking space



en-suite bathroom

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:

Shared meals and conversations.

Help in the home and garden:

Small household chores that are hard for the Householder due to limited mobility and dexterity. Cooking meals a few nights and week.

Assistance with 3 small pots on the patio.

Help out and about:

Not required but might be mutually beneficial.

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.