

Homeshare opportunity in Church Hanborough, OX29 (Ref 070)

Sharing with an active, independent and friendly retired architect in his late sixties, offering ensuite accommodation in the annex of a lovely Cotswolds cottage.

The Householder is interested in art, history and enjoys reading, radio and films, documentaries and news on TV. He regularly goes for long walks, plays golf and tennis on a regular basis and is a keen skier.

Although still active, having recently been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, the Householder finds certain tasks more of a challenge. He has lived on his own for the past 10 years and values quiet time alone but would now enjoy regular company and to feel reassured that there is someone around. He has a very supportive family who visit occasionally but who do not live close by.

Help with household chores, tidying and a little day to day admin and IT help would be great. Someone who enjoys food, would be happy to cook several times a week and share good conversation over an evening meal would be much appreciated. A dog-lover who would be happy to help with occasional dog walking and dog-sitting from time to time is essential!

This opportunity would suit someone easy going, friendly, independent and sensitive, who would enjoy interesting and good-natured company whilst being happy to help in the ways outlined above. It would best suit someone who worked from home, at least part of the time, or had flexibility in their schedule. It would not be suitable for someone away from the house for long working days. Although the Householder is still currently driving, someone with a driving license and able to give the odd lift from time to time would be ideal.

The Householder is usually away few times a year for around a long weekend or week, during when dog-sitting could be welcomed. The dog is a very good natured 8-year-old rescue-Labrador who likes two daily walks and doesn't like to be left alone – so ideally the Sharer would be able to work from home (or possibly take the dog to work!) when dog-sitting is required.

The Householder is fully vaccinated and sensibly cautious. The Sharer should also be fully vaccinated, and willing to take precautions to avoid exposure to the virus and adhere to COVID regulations.

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.



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Location and accommodation:

The cottage is in the peaceful village of Church Hanborough, on the edge of the Cotswolds, 7 miles from Oxford and 6 miles from Witney. Nearby Long Hanborough rail station connects to Oxford (6 minutes) and London (60 minutes).

The accommodation offered is in a small annex with ensuite bathroom, mezzanine office/living space and connects to a large shared kitchen.

	fully furnished		garden
	wifi		non-smoking
	parking		bike storage
	annex with ensuite and connecting to shared kitchen		pet dog

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: Some shared evening meals a week, cups of tea and the occasional walk.

Help in the home and garden: The Householder has a cleaner who comes once a week, but help with a little day to day housework/ tidying appreciated. Help with cooking evening meals a few times a week. Help in the garden would also be welcomed, but is not a requirement.

Help out and about: Not required currently, but someone who drive and who could potentially help with the odd lift would be ideal.

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.