

Homeshare opportunity in Church Hanborough, OX29 (Ref 070)

Sharing with an active, independent and friendly retired architect (and his dog!) offering ensuite accommodation in the small 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 walks, plays golf and tennis on a regular basis and is a keen skier.

Although still active, due to having Parkinson's disease the Householder finds certain tasks more of a challenge. A recent Homeshare arrangement has sadly come to an end (due to the Sharer moving to Scotland) hence this opportunity being available. The Householder values quiet time alone but also enjoys regular company and feels reassured that there is someone around. He has a supportive family who visit occasionally but who do not live close by.

Someone who enjoys food, would be happy to cook several times a week and share good conversation over lunches and/or evening meals would be much appreciated. Help with a few household chores, tidying and a little admin and IT help would be very welcome. A dog-lover who would be happy to help with regular dog walking and occasional dog-sitting is essential!

This opportunity would suit a 40+ female who is easy going, friendly, independent and sensitive and 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 and was around a fair bit, with both Householder and Sharer getting on with their own independent lives. 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 a 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 has two daily walks and who doesn't like to be left alone. So a Sharer who is either home-based or who would be able to work from home when the Householder was away (or maybe take the dog to work!) 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: Shared meals mainly when both Householder and Sharer at at home.

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 lunches and/or 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.

(Homeshare is not usually suitable for people working long hours or shifts. Sharers are generally not expected to often be away overnight unless pre-arranged, with the exception of weekends away, holidays etc).

NB. The risk of the Sharer's exposure to COVID-19 sometimes needs to be taken into account.

• 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.