

## Homeshare opportunity in Crowmarsh, nr Wallingford OX10 (Ref 080)

**A lovely opportunity to share the home of an independent retired lecturer in his mid-eighties on the edge of the village of Crowmarsh Gifford, a stone's throw from Wallingford, 14 miles from Oxford, 13 miles from Reading and Abingdon and 10 miles from Henley.**

Having made a good recovery from a stroke in 2020 and survived the isolation of lockdown, the Householder does have some age-related health issues, but still drives. However, the presence of another person will provide helpful reassurance. A relative currently staying is due to move on imminently.

Other requirements of this relaxed and flexible Homeshare arrangement would be some companionship and someone who would be happy to cook and eat together several evenings a week would be very welcome.

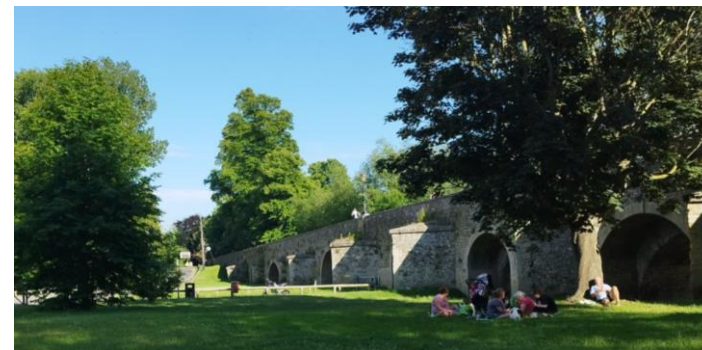
Whilst the Householder has the assistance of a weekly cleaner, sharing light housework could be appreciated. Someone who could be called on to help with the odd small physical task, when the Householder feels they are lacking energy or strength could also be a big help. Grass cutting could be helpful. Someone who would like to help with general upkeep of the garden would be welcome to lend a hand – although this is not essential. Someone tech-savvy would be a bonus.

The Householder's sweet-natured, elderly Saluki-cross is an important member of the Household and dog walking could be a part of the Homeshare.

This opportunity would suit a compatible, empathetic and understanding person, or couple, who would enjoy living in a semi-rural location. The Householder's interests include family history, the outdoors and gardening. Dog walking is an important part of the daily routine. The Householder would like anyone sharing with him to feel very much at home and to use the living space flexibly, as pre-agreed.

The Householder is fully vaccinated. The Sharer should also be fully vaccinated 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.



*The home is a 15-minute walk from the River Thames*

### Location and accommodation:

The spacious house is in a quiet and friendly neighbourhood, a mile from local shops with a bus stop close by. The accommodation is flexible and an office/living room is available if required,

	fully furnished		garden
	wifi		non-smoking
	off road parking		bike storage
	own bathroom		work/study room available
	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:** Presence around the house and overnight, sharing meals together.

**Help in the home and garden:** As needed.

**Help out and about: Occasional** – Shopping, accompanying to hospital appointments (if possible).

Visit [homeshareoxfordshire.org.uk](https://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](https://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.