

Homeshare opportunity in Botley/Cumnor, Oxford, OX2 (Ref 106)

Would you like to share the warm, comfortable home of friendly, young-at-heart older person with a good sense of humour and independence of mind, along with her much-loved cat?

The Householder is a retired teacher of modern languages – French and German. She is a keen pianist, singer and enjoys concerts as well as theatre. She is big reader and also a Scrabble devotee! Her Persian cat is a joy to her (and it is important that the person who moves in also loves cats!). The Householder is very sociable and has a good network of friends.

Owing to being disabled (and needing to walk with a frame) and recovering (well) from a stroke (in early 2023) the Householder is looking to a Homeshare arrangement for help with a few tasks. This would be in addition the support she receives from her long-term carer and friend who would continue to come regularly. Primarily help is needed in the morning with feeding the cat and emptying the cat litter tray as well as leaving out breakfast items for the Householder and, potentially, a simple salad for lunch. Help with putting out the bins would be appreciated as well as the occasional trip to the shop for anything missing from the online shop. Help with technology might sometimes be very welcome too.

Whilst the Householder is welcoming and friendly, she also is used to her own space and enjoys her own company, not to mention spending a fair bit of time playing the piano each day. So, someone who is also self-sufficient and happy to spend time alone would work well.

This Homeshare would suit an intelligent, witty person who is emotionally mature, easy going, good natured, thoughtful and kind. Someone open minded and liberal, but 'not too political', and easy to communicate with. They must like cats! A musical person would be welcome and a good scrabble player would be a real bonus! Someone who might like also enjoy theatre, cinema and music concerts would be great. A car driver could be helpful for the occasional lift, though not essential.

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, a service of Age UK Oxfordshire.



Raleigh Park nature reserve is nearby

Location and accommodation:

The home is in a quiet and very friendly close, two minutes from the bottom of Cumnor Hill with easy access to shops and local bus routes. An additional room, adjacent to the bedroom, is available for desk space/own sitting room.



fully furnished



garden



Wifi



non-smoking



off street
Parking



bike
storage



own bathroom



pet cat



additional
room for
study/own
space

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: A companionable relationship but also reasonably independent of each other. The Householder enjoys her own space and the Sharer would have their own sitting room. But, doing things together such as to theatre, cinema, or concert, would be much appreciated. Scrabble player would be welcome!

Help in the home and garden: Primarily help with feeding the cat and emptying the litter tray. Plus putting out breakfast items and, on some days, preparing simple salad to leave in the fridge for the Householder's lunch. Help with IT would sometimes be useful too.

Help out and about: Odd bits of shopping if anything has been missed in the main shop.

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.