

Homeshare opportunity in East Oxford, OX4 (Ref 128)

We are looking for a kind, friendly and relaxed person to join a kind-natured, understanding and patient Householder in his East Oxford home, a 10-minute cycle ride to central Oxford.

Prior to moving to Oxford in 2009 to be closer to family, the Householder worked in garden centres for many years and volunteered in local parish church activities and in the Scouts. He cycled everywhere and enjoyed sport and music and theatre. Soon after moving to Oxford, he was diagnosed as having Bardet Biedl syndrome, which causes blindness amongst other things. He is registered SSI (Severely Sight Impaired) and moves slowly.

The Householder enjoys listening to Radio 3 & 4, and Radio Oxford. He is interested in current affairs and follows cricket, rugby, snooker, tennis, cookery and gardening programmes on TV. He enjoys company and likes chatting but does need time to process new ideas and may respond slowly to questions. He has a good sense of humour. Friends and learning about people have always been important to him.

Well supported by a lovely care team, a carer comes each morning to prepare breakfast and meals for the rest of the day. Local volunteers come twice a week to accompany the Householder on short local walks and very supportive family live close by. The Householder really appreciates having someone else living in the house, which helps him to feel safe. His current Homesharer is imminently relocating and the Householder is looking forward to welcoming a new person into his home and to a forming a new friendship.

The key requirement of the arrangement would be a little shared company and time together each day, most likely early evening, but the timing is flexible. Reading a book to the Householder, who can no longer see to read, would be great. Someone clean and tidy who would help to keep things clean and orderly would also be appreciated. The Sharer would ideally have a couple of hours free on a Thursday morning to accompany the Householder on a local Health Walk and would be able to take him to the local Church every other Sunday.

This Homeshare would suit someone who might share some of the Householder's interests and who could help in the ways outlined above, at a steady and kind pace. Someone who enjoys spending a fair bit of time at home and who may even work from home some days, could work well. A car driver, to help with occasional lifts, would be a bonus. The house is spacious, warm and bright.

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.



Nearby Florence Park

Location and accommodation:

A peaceful, light house on a quiet street between Cowley and Iffley Road. Good sized bedroom (which could double up as an office) and sole use of upstairs bathroom.



fully furnished



garden



wifi



non-smoking



Street parking



bike storage



Separate
shower room

Costs:

- £ 200 monthly fee payable to Homeshare Oxfordshire
- Contribution to bills payable monthly to Householder

Summary of support needed in this Homeshare arrangement

Help in the home and garden: Light housework, to help keep things clean and tidy. Occasional help in the garden possibly.

Time together: Company in the house, reading aloud, gentle conversation. Maybe watching some TV together.

Help out and about: Ideally accompanying the Householder on his Thursday morning Health Walk. Taking to church every other Sunday.

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 are well-suited to this opportunity, please contact us in the first instance via the [enquiry 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.

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.