

Homeshare opportunity in Oxford, Headington, OX3 (Ref 039)

Are you a caring, friendly person who would like to be part of a relaxed, family home on Headley Way (very close to the JR Hospital) and able to provide early evening companionship to an elderly lady prior to her daughter and son-in-law returning from work?

The main requirements are to take a cup of tea to the Householder before leaving for work and to share a chat over a cuppa on return from work. Heating up and helping with a pre-prepared evening meal each evening, Monday to Friday is also needed.

Weekday lunchtimes are covered by carers and the family take care of the weekends by and large, although the Sharer may be asked to help at weekends from time to time.

Whilst the Householder is quite introverted, she can also be chatty.

This opportunity would suit an independent, responsible, and self-reliant person who is understanding of, and sympathetic to, some of the issues that can be associated with memory loss. Someone to take an interest, maybe enjoying a bit of TV together, looking at the newspaper or doing a wordsearch would work well.

This family have had two previous Homeshare arrangements which have both worked really well for all involved.

The living arrangements are relaxed, with the Sharer having free access to the communal parts of the house and as much interaction as they felt they need. The family have two adult children, in their twenties, who do not live at home but who stay from time to time.

The family are fully vaccinated. The Sharer should also be double vaccinated and responsible in the light of COVID.

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.



Location and accommodation:

This light and spacious home is on Headley Way, Headington, 5 minutes away from the John Radcliffe hospital. The room is fully furnished and on the ground floor.



fully furnished



garden



wifi



non-smoking



parking



bike storage



shared
bathroom

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:

An hour or two each weekday late afternoon and evening. Popping in with a cup of tea each weekday morning before leaving for work.

Help in the home and garden:

Cups of tea, heating up pre-prepared evening meal, relaxed company

The Sharer would not be required to help on weekends, in the main. During the week, Monday to Friday, they would need to be around and help as outlined above.

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.