

## Affordable accommodation in Oxfordshire in return for help and companionship

**Homeshare Oxford personally matches older people who would like some practical help or companionship, with someone who would enjoy sharing the home of an older person, is happy to lend a hand and is seeking affordable accommodation.**

In return for accommodation, the Sharer gives (up to) 10 hours of help/companionship each week and pays £200 monthly to Homeshare, plus a contribution towards household costs.

### North Oxford home, OX2 (Ref 028)



Would you like to share a comfortable home in North Oxford (outside the ring road) with a friendly, welcoming couple (and two indoor cats)? The house is a short walk to a lovely local park.

The Householders enjoy classical music, radio 3, museums, concerts, cooking, chess, jigsaws, gardening, keeping up with current affairs and eating out from time to time.

The husband's mobility and speech has been affected by a stroke. He uses a wheelchair but walks in the house as much as he can. His wife maintains an active lifestyle and is the main carer, supported by Carers who come daily to help with the morning routine. The couple have very supportive family living close by.

This would suit a relaxed, kind, friendly, person who would also enjoy living with cats and who could help with household tasks, some cooking and would enjoy sharing meals together from time to time. A patient person with some understanding of stroke and of short term memory issues would be an asset. The reassurance of there being someone in the house most nights is very important.

Someone who might like to accompany the Householders on a park stroll or museum visit would be welcome. A driver would be a bonus (with the possibility of using the owners' car) to help with lifts, but not essential. A chess player would also be a bonus!

### Botley home, OX3 (Ref 032)



There is an opportunity for someone who works or studies from home to share a quiet home in Botley (close to Brookes Harcourt Hill campus), with an elderly lady who is returning home after a period of convalescence following a fall.

Although increasingly frail and with some health issues, the homeowner is warm, young-hearted, humorous and independently minded, with interests in gardens and gardening, art, theatre, cinema, sports (especially cricket) and watching TV.

This would suit a relaxed, friendly person, perhaps with some experience of spending time with an older person in a similar situations and sympathetic to the needs of someone who has been very independent but who is now more frail. Someone to touch base morning and evening and who would be happy to take breaks from their daytime work or studies to spend a bit of time with the homeowner, having a chat over a cup of tea or lunch, and encouraging the householder in her interests, would be ideal.

Arrangements for daily carers, morning and evening, will be in place, and an overnight carer will be on hand (although may not always be called upon). Very supportive family are also living close by.

The house is small-ish with 3 bedrooms and a shared bathroom. It is close to the local park and bus routes to the city centre. Off street parking is available.

### **Brill village (Ref 033)**



Would you like to share the lovely home of a friendly, elderly lady in the beautiful village of Brill close to the Oxfordshire/Bucks border? A few miles from Thame and 25 minute drive to Oxford.

The Householder has always loved music and playing the violin – including in quartets with friends and local orchestras. She has enjoyed the company of other people and interesting conversation about art, history and ideas in general. Other interests include gardening, painting, arts and family. The Householder living independently with some memory impairment and is very close to her family, some of whom live close by.

Sharing company and some meals together would be ideal. Help with light housework now and then be welcome. The reassuring presence of someone else in the house overnight is important.

This would suit someone is friendly, patient and who shares some of the Householder's interests. A kind, understanding person who is sympathetic to, and may have some experience of, some of the issues that can be associated with memory loss, would be ideal.

### **Dorchester-on-Thames cottage, OX10 (Ref 022)**



Would you like to share a comfortable home in Dorchester-on-Thames, eight miles south of Oxford and close to shops, transport and the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside.

The homeowner is a friendly, sociable and active person. She lives independently with some memory loss. She is interested in current affairs, human rights, Africa and is actively involved in the church.

This opportunity would suit a friendly person who has some evenings free to share mealtimes and could help with day to day household tasks. A kind, understanding person who is sympathetic to, and may have some experience of, some of the issues that can be associated with memory loss, would be most welcome.

## Sutton Courtenay home, OX14 (Ref 023)



There is an opportunity to share a comfortable and spacious home in the pretty village of Sutton Courtenay, three miles south of Abingdon and a mile from Culham.

This gentle, quiet homeowner enjoys a peaceful home, is interested in classical music and is involved in the local church. She is living independently with

mild dementia and has family living fairly close by.

The homeowner would like some companionship and to share meals from time to time. A car driver, able to help with lifts to shops and appointments, is essential, using the Householder's car if necessary. The reassuring presence of someone else in house, especially overnight, is important.

This would suit an independent, kind, understanding person who is sympathetic to, and may have some experience of, some of the issues that can be associated with living with memory loss.

*NB. Homeshare accommodation in North Oxford, Jericho and Abingdon is likely to become available in September/October.*

**If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please visit our webpage [www.homeshareoxford.org.uk](http://www.homeshareoxford.org.uk) and see the 'Applying to Homeshare Oxford' pdf document. If you would like to apply, please contact us via the online form or by emailing [homeshare@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:homeshare@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk) . We look forward to hearing from you.**

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