

Homeshare accommodation in Oxfordshire – July 2021 (v2)

*COVID-19 – CORONAVIRUS *

We are taking all necessary precautions to ensure that we are operating safely, following guidelines and protocols, and taking into account individual circumstances and needs. Please contact us to talk this through if you would like to.

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 who support the arrangement on an ongoing basis.

COMING SOON – new opportunities in Abingdon and Oxford. It's worth checking our webpage www.homeshareoxfordhire.org.uk and following us on social media for new opportunities as they come in.

Woodstock (Ref057)



Would you like to live in a self-contained annexe attached to the house of an older person in the heart of Woodstock, just a stone's throw from Blenheim palace? The house is in a quiet backstreet of old Woodstock and looks out onto a sheltered garden.

The householder is a widow in her 80s, who is very 'young at heart' and enjoys company, conversation and outings on her scooter around Blenheim. She is very well-travelled, having lived overseas in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and loves meeting people from around the world, reading, films, music and theatre.

The Householder is increasingly physically frail, with limited vision and mobility and is in need of someone to keep an eye on things. With all her family now living abroad, she would like to find a warm, friendly and kind person, who may have similar interests and who can provide companionship and some support around the house.

The Householder has some existing support in place to help with housework, gardening and paperwork. Whilst the Homeshare arrangement is chiefly about companionship and some shared meals, additional help with some of the following would be of interest: **cooking, general IT support, odd jobs in the house and garden and a weekly online shop.** A car driver is not essential but would be helpful.

This position would suit someone friendly, kind, easy-going and sociable, with a fairly relaxed lifestyle and, ideally, room for some flexibility. Someone who would, on occasion, enjoy a walk or expedition together, could work well. If someone were available to do additional hours, over and above the ten Homeshare hours, this could be of interest.

Usually a very sociable person, who enjoys meeting friends for meals, walks and cinema/theatre outings, the householder has had to limit her social activities over the past year due to COVID. She continues to be

cautious having had two vaccines. She is looking for someone who is vaccinated and who is also prepared to be cautious and maintain a low-risk lifestyle.

North Moreton, nr Didcot (Ref062)



Would you like to share the home of a positive, engaged and engaging older person in the peaceful village of North Moreton?

The Householder, an engineer/mathematician by trade, has had a full and active life and has recently spent 16 years working as a CAB adviser. He has enjoyed photography and travel and his interests include the

English language and literature, music, crosswords and, until recently, physical work, gardening and walking.

Now physically less strong, with some back issues and poor balance, the Householder recognises that he would benefit from a bit of help and would be reassured by there being someone else around. Some help with light housework, and particularly with hoovering, would be much appreciated. Help with mowing the lawn and gardening, likewise.

Someone interesting and who would also enjoy good-humoured conversation would be very welcome. The Householder is looking forward to being able to enjoy trips out again, seeing family and friends and enjoying cafes and restaurants. The Householder is deaf, but cochlear implants enable him to hear well.

This Homeshare would suit someone free-thinking, good humoured with an outgoing personality. A pragmatic, thoughtful person who is happy to help out but who would also enjoy their own space. The local bus service is very limited so this opportunity would be best for someone with their own transport.

The Householder has had two vaccine jabs and is still being cautious in the light of Covid-19. Ideally the Sharer would be vaccinated and respectful of all COVID regulations.

Leafield, near Witney (Ref 048)



Would you like to wake up to this view, sharing the home of an active and engaging older person in the hill-top village of Leafield, near Witney?

The Householder, now retired from careers in pharmacy, teaching and computer systems, has continued to lead a very active life. Only Covid-19 has got in the way of windsurfing weekends, sailing, and skiing holidays.

Caravanning and walking, cycling and golf are also in the frame.

The Householder's interests are varied and include art & photography, music, reading, languages, as well as gardening, growing food and cooking. He is also involved in voluntary work with Fieldpaths as a walk leader, and with the British Society for Research into Ageing.

First and foremost, the Householder is looking forward to having someone else around in the house to share company, interesting conversation, and most evening meals together. The odd bit of local shopping (in between deliveries) would be appreciated and some light housework could be welcome.

Help in the garden (with flowers and herbs) would be appreciated and there is the opportunity to help out on the allotment if of interest, not to mention cooking! If local cycle rides and walks together were of appeal, and potentially trips further afield, these could be a bonus.

This would suit a considerate, friendly, and professional person who would enjoy lively, stimulating conversation and share some of the Householder's interests. Someone willing to help out in the ways outlined above and who would mainly be around evenings and weekends would work well.

The Householder has had both Covid-19 vaccines and is ideally looking for a Sharer who has also been vaccinated and/or who whose own circumstances and lifestyle are low risk in terms of exposure to the virus.

Sutton Courtenay, Oxford (Ref 023)



Are you a kind, understanding person who could provide a gentle reassuring presence, sharing the spacious home of a gentle, quiet Householder in the pretty village of Sutton Courtenay, three miles south of Abingdon and a mile from Culham?

The Householder lives independently and is currently supported by a Homeshare arrangement (which is due to end soon), drop-in carer/companion visits each afternoon of the week, and supportive family close by.

Classical music has previously been an important part of the Householder's life as has the local church and community. Owing to short- and long-term memory impairment life is more limited at the moment and more so owing to the pandemic. The Householder enjoys listening to the radio, sudoku and cards.

Someone who would be happy to cook and share an evening meal and spend a bit of time together most evenings would be ideal. A Monday to Friday Homeshare arrangement might be a possibility.

The homeowner is used to having people in the house, having had lodgers in the past, and appreciates quiet companionship and the reassurance of there being someone else around in the evenings.

A car driver, able to help with shopping and the odd lift to a friend's house for example, would be ideal.

This Homeshare would suit an independent, patient and understanding person who has an understanding of some of the issues that can be associated with memory loss and would be happy to be there to provide a reassuring presence in the home.

Witney, West End, OX28 (Ref 035)



Would you like to share the pleasant home and garden of a thoughtful, elderly person living within easy walking distance of central Witney?

The Householder has wide and varied interest including art, music literature, education, gardening, social justice and human rights. She has been involved in voluntary work with the peace movement, local politics and refugees and has had

a life-long interest in other developing countries and other cultures, having travelled widely in Europe, Africa, and China.

Due to health limitations, decreased mobility and being at risk of falls, the Householder would welcome a little help around the home and garden and assistance with, for example, putting out the rubbish bins.

Shared company would also be a key element of the Homeshare and someone who would often be around in the evenings, who would enjoy sharing some meals together, or watching the news together, would work well. In time, trips to the cinema or theatre together would be a bonus.

A reassuring overnight presence is important and therefore the opportunity would therefore best suit someone who was not often away overnight, with the exception of the odd pre-planned night away, some weekends and holidays.

A car driver would be preferable, for help with the odd errand or lift and for occasional trips out together, but not essential.

This would suit a responsible, considerate, friendly and tidy person who would enjoy company and conversation and who shared some of the Householder's interests. Someone of a similar socialist political stance, open about their views and who enjoys debate and discussion could be very welcome.

The Householder is fully vaccinated against COVID-19. She is looking for a Sharer who has also had two vaccines, who works in a low-risk environment with few daily contacts and whose lifestyle, in general, would be low risk in terms of exposure to COVID. Someone who is similarly careful and concerned about the virus, and whose social life is limited in terms of person-to-person contacts, would be well suited.

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 and that you could be the right person for one of these opportunities, please contact us via the **'Register your interest' form** at homeshareoxfordshire.org.uk

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