

Homeshare accommodation in Oxfordshire – Dec 2021 / Jan 2022



Warm seasonal greetings from the Homeshare Oxfordshire Team – we're very much looking forward to being in touch with you in the new year.



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.

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COMING SOON... new opportunities coming up in Abingdon and Oxford.

Church Hanborough (7 miles from Oxford and 6 miles from Witney) (Ref 070)



Sharing with an active, independent, friendly retired architect in his late sixties, offering an en-suite room in the annex of a lovely Cotswolds cottage.

The Householder would enjoy company on a daily basis but equally appreciates quiet time alone.

He has recently been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and although remains active, finds certain tasks more of a challenge.

Help with a little day to day admin and IT would be much appreciated. Someone who enjoyed food and cooking would be bonus. A dog-lover who would be happy to dog-sit from time to time is essential!

Witney (10 minutes' walk from Witney Community Hospital) (Ref 069)



Sharing with a friendly, independent older lady who values her own company and privacy but would now feel reassured by having someone in the home due to deteriorating eyesight.

Some help with small household tasks, cooking from time to time, basic IT and reading would be much appreciated

Would best suit someone who likes to live quietly, someone reasonably self-sufficient but who would also enjoy some shared company. The house is very close to Witney Community Hospital.

[Oxford, Headington \(close to JR hospital\) \(Ref 039\)](#)



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 vaccinated and responsible in the light of COVID.

[Oxford, Old Headington \(Ref 068\)](#)



Would you like to share the peaceful home of an older person in Oxford's Old Headington, just a stone's throw from the John Radcliffe hospital?

The householder has led an active life and originally came to Oxford to teach Crafts on an Occupational Therapy course - including pottery, basketry and letter press printing. She has an interest in music and singing and has enjoyed attending many different classes and concerts over the years. She is a member of her local church and has been active in the local community.

The Householder's husband has recently moved into a care home, and she is not used to being on her own. She would enjoy company and would value the reassurance of someone being around, especially at night.

Poor balance, risk of falls, and poor mobility prevent the Householder from doing much of what she has done in the past. The Householder also has poor eyesight owing to a rare eye condition. She has daily support visits to help with some meals and practical tasks and has a regular assistance with cleaning and gardening.

First and foremost, the householder is looking to a Homeshare arrangement for companionship. Some help with things around the house, bits of shopping, potentially some cooking and other errands would also be appreciated. A car driver would be desirable as lifts would be helpful from time to time.

This Homeshare would suit a female who is sensitive and attentive and who shared some of the Householder's interests – books, crafts and music. Someone who was often around in the evenings and would be happy to spend a bit of time together, maybe watching some TV (current affairs, documentaries, and some film, drama and the odd reality show) would be ideal.

The Householder is fully vaccinated and cautious in the light of COVID. The Sharer should also be fully vaccinated.

[Leaffield, near Witney \(Ref 048\)](#)



Would you like to share the home of an active and engaging older person in the hill-top village of Leaffield, near Witney?

The Householder, now retired from careers in pharmacy, teaching and computer systems, has continued to lead a very active life. He is a keen windsurfer, sailor and skier. He also enjoys walking, cycling and golf and has had many great walking and caravanning holidays.

The Householder's interests are varied and include art and 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. Some help with 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. Someone who would be happy to cook from time to time would be great. A cycling or walking companion would be most welcome.

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 is fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and is looking for a Sharer who has also been fully vaccinated and whose own circumstances and lifestyle are low risk in terms of exposure to the virus.

AVAILABLE FROM MARCH / APRIL 2022



[Witney, West End, OX28 \(Ref 035\)](#)

Would you like to share the pleasant home and garden of a thoughtful and engaging 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 nights 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. The Sharer must be double vaccinated. Someone who is similarly careful and concerned about the virus, whose general lifestyle is low risk and whose person-to-person contact is limited, 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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