

## Homeshare accommodation in Oxfordshire - April 2021 (v3)

### \*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.

### Summertown, Oxford (Ref 056)

#### Would you like to share the lovely Summertown home of a welcoming, young-at-heart older person?

The Householder, in her eighties, is a 'people person' and very much enjoys and values the younger generations. She has had a full and varied life and has a very supportive family. Family, friends, and fun are all very important to her. She has been active in her friendly community and is also very involved in a national initiative which helps reduce loneliness and encourages young and old to share experiences and stories. Other interests include theatre, cinema, writing and people, especially children.

The reassurance of there being someone in the house at night is a key requirement of this Homeshare. Help with shopping and local errands would also be appreciated as would someone who could provide straightforward help with IT (iPad) from time to time. Someone who would also enjoy having a chat at the kitchen table, in the garden, spending some time together in the evenings, maybe watching a film or tv programme, would be the right person.

A car driver, with their own car, would be ideal as the odd trip out to the countryside, or lift to family living locally would be a real bonus. The Householder is in good touch with her family which comprises of four generations and who are looking forward to being able to visit more often again.

This Homeshare would suit a young person who mixes well with people and who may share some of the Householders interests. Someone who is aware, has a sense of fun and who would be good company. Personality is more important than politics in this instance.

The Householder has had two vaccine jabs but is still being cautious in the light of Covid-19. The ideal Sharer will also have been vaccinated or is planning on being vaccinated (which Homeshare may be able to help with) and their lifestyle would be low risk in terms of exposure to the virus.

**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 and, until recently,

physical work, gardening and walking. Motorcycles and motorcycling are a passion, both in terms of restoration (in a large workshop adjoined to the house) and riding (a Honda 750cc with side car). Cryptic crosswords are also in the picture!

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 intelligent, interesting and fun, and who would also enjoy good-humoured conversation would be very welcome, not least after a year of isolation owing to the pandemic. The Householder looks 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.

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. Being into motorcycles would be a real bonus (but is not a requirement!). 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. The Sharer should also be someone who is careful, responsible and is respecting 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 is vaccinated against Covid-19 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.

### Witney home, OX28 (Ref 035)



#### Would you like to share the home of a friendly older person in a spacious house in central Witney?

The Householder is interested in art, literature, gardening, education, theatre, and cinema. She has been involved in voluntary work with refugees, local politics, and the Peace Movement. She has always been interested in other cultures, having travelled widely in Europe, Africa, and China. Human rights and social justice are also

important to her. The Householder has previously been successfully involved in Homeshare.

Due to health limitations and a recent fall, the Householder is looking for a little help around the home as well as physical assistance with moving the odd box or piece of furniture, putting out the rubbish bins, helping with some clearing and taking things to rubbish/recycling centres. Shared company and some meals together would also be a part of the Homeshare.

The reassurance of having someone in the house at night is important and a car driver is essential for help with the odd errand and taking things to the recycling centre.

This would suit a considerate, friendly, helpful person who would enjoy company and conversation and share some of the Householder's interests. Someone who would be generally around in evenings and overnight and would be happy to provide the support outlined above would be good. It could suit someone who needed to work from home some of the time.

Whilst the Householder has had one COVID-19 vaccine at this point, owing to age and health issues, the Householder needs to be extremely careful in the light of Covid-19 and this opportunity would most suit someone who has also been vaccinated and/or whose own circumstances and lifestyle are very low risk in terms of exposure to the virus.

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- 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](https://homeshareoxfordshire.org.uk)

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