



Homeshare accommodation in Oxfordshire – August 2023 v1

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. **The Sharer gives the Householder up to 10 hours of their time each week as a combination of companionship and practical help, as agreed,** and makes a monthly payment to Homeshare Oxfordshire of £200 pcm, as well as an agreed contribution towards bills to the Householder.

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COMING SOON... We have new opportunities coming up in:

- Oxford – Iffley, Headington Quarry, Iffley Borders/Rose Hill
- Faringdon
- Bampton
- Kidlington
- Woodstock
- Abingdon
- Sonning Common

Abingdon, OX14 (Ref 096)



Are you a homely, kind and caring female, 30+, with Christian principles, who could provide gentle companionship and be a reassuring presence to a friendly, kind older person in a quiet residential area of Abingdon?

The householder's early career was in nursing and, later, in education with children with additional needs. She is a committed Christian and involved in her local church and wider community activities. She is artistic and finds relaxation in drawing and painting. Singing, creative dance and swimming have been important in the Householder's life but, owing to

arthritis, some limitation in walking and having less energy these days, she has found these activities hard to keep up.

The Householder lost her husband some years ago. She has a network of good friends whom she sees regularly but has recently started to feel a little anxious at times about living alone. Just the simple presence of a someone around in the house would be very reassuring to her. A homely, warm person to talk to about day-to-day things and to help make small day to day decisions would be very valuable. Help with the odd internet and mobile phone issue would be appreciated, as would the occasional lift in a car to activities or social events.

A cleaner and gardener regularly come to the house but help with the simple household tasks would be welcome – for example, help with changing bed sheets, putting out the bins, reading the meters etc. Whilst gardening help is not needed, if someone would enjoy helping in the large, natural, garden (which is a source of great pleasure to the Householder) that would be fine.

This would suit a kind, caring and empathetic female, 30+, with Christian principles, who would enjoy spending time at home and would usually be around in the evenings and most weekends, especially on Saturdays. There is the option to work or study from home as well. Whilst companionship is an important element of the Homeshare and the Householder would enjoy having a chat over a cup of tea and sharing some evening meals or watching some TV together, this is not rigid and there would be plenty of space for both Householder and Sharer to lead their independent lives. A car driver would be ideal.

Radway, Nr Banbury (Ref 091)



Sharing with an independent man in his mid-nineties, offering en-suite accommodation and, potentially, some separate personal space, in a farmhouse in the small, quiet village of Radway, 7 miles north-west of Banbury.

The Householder is a farmer by background and farmed in Kenya in his earlier life. He has been heavily involved with horses, very much enjoys the countryside and still does occasional work outside

and in the garden. An avid Bridge player, this forms a major part of the Householder's life – since the pandemic mainly playing online, but more recently attending a regular weekly club again. The Householder also enjoys watching a wide range of sport on TV, along with crosswords and puzzles.

Following recovery from a recent virus, although still fairly independent, the Householder is aware that he is a bit more vulnerable and would feel reassured by having someone else in the house. He tends to lack energy in the mornings, and although has a prescription hearing aid, does have some difficulty hearing. Otherwise, he is in reasonably good health. Having been bereaved almost a year ago, life can feel a bit lonely at times and someone sympathetic to this whilst, at the same time, recognising the Householder's need for his own privacy, would be important.

The Householder currently takes care of his own needs, shopping and cooking and has a very clear daily routine. He has help in the house twice a week, regular help outside and supportive family living close by. If help with outdoor tasks would be attractive to someone, whilst this is not a requirement of the Homeshare, an option to help occasionally could be desirable.

This Homeshare would suit an easy-going person who would feel at home in a quiet, rural location and would be happy to keep an eye, providing a fairly arms-length reassuring presence in the home.

Someone whose daily routine would enable them to check in with the Householder mornings and afternoons/evenings, to make sure everything is ok and perhaps cook and share lunch together (traditional food) from time to time, or share the odd cup of coffee, could be ideal. The Homeshare would not be suited to someone who was working away from the house every day. Someone who is clean and tidy and who would be in the house overnight are also important considerations.

Whilst the Householder is currently well and active, and the Homeshare expected to be fairly light touch, someone who might be in a position to offer additional help if and when needed in the future– e.g. help with cooking, shopping, light housework, occasional lifts – would be ideal.

[Church Hanborough, OX29 \(Ref 070\)](#)



Sharing with an active, independent and friendly retired architect (and his dog!) offering ensuite accommodation in the small annex of a lovely Cotswolds cottage.

The Householder is interested in art, history and enjoys reading, radio and films, documentaries and news on TV. He regularly goes for walks, plays golf and tennis on a regular basis and is a keen skier.

Although still active, due to having Parkinson's disease the Householder finds certain tasks more of a challenge. A

recent Homeshare arrangement has sadly come to an end (due to the Sharer moving to Scotland) hence this opportunity being available. The Householder values quiet time alone but also enjoys regular company and feels reassured that there is someone around. He has a supportive family who visit occasionally but who do not live close by.

Someone who enjoys food, would be happy to cook several times a week and share good conversation over lunches and/or evening meals would be much appreciated. Help with a few household chores, tidying and a little admin and IT help would be very welcome. A dog-lover who would be happy to help with regular dog walking and occasional dog-sitting is essential!

This opportunity would suit a 40+ female who is easy going, friendly, independent and sensitive and who would enjoy interesting and good-natured company whilst being happy to help in the ways outlined above. It would best suit someone who worked from home and was around a fair bit, with both Householder and Sharer getting on with their own independent lives. Although the Householder is still currently driving, someone with a driving license and able to give the odd lift from time to time would be ideal.

The Householder is usually away a few times a year for around a long weekend or week, during when dog-sitting could be welcomed. The dog is a very good natured 8-year-old rescue-Labrador who has two daily walks and who doesn't like to be left alone. So a Sharer who is either home-based or who would be able to work from home when the Householder was away (or maybe take the dog to work!) is required.

The Householder is fully vaccinated and sensibly cautious. The Sharer should also be fully vaccinated, and willing to take precautions to avoid exposure to the virus and adhere to COVID regulations.

***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.

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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**

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