

Homeshare accommodation in Oxfordshire – December 2021 (v1)

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 Oxford (East Oxford and North Oxford) & Abingdon ***

*** Witney (10 minutes' walk from Witney Community Hospital)

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.

*** Church Hanborough (7 miles from Oxford and 6 miles from Witney)

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!

[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.

[Checkendon \(Ref 067\)](#)



Would you like to share the lovely home of an engaging and friendly older person in the peaceful South Oxfordshire village of Checkendon, 8 miles from Wallingford, Reading and Henley and 20 miles from Oxford?

The householder is an ex-primary school teacher and campaigner who worked at her local Citizens Advice Bureau, CAB, for 27 years and has been involved in her local community for the past 47 years. She is interested

in local history and has written a couple of books. She is

also interested in philosophy, current affairs, reading and crafts. Travel, walking and exploring new places have been very much part of her life.

The Householder lost her husband just under two years ago and she is missing companionship. Increasingly poor balance and a loss of some mobility has led to a degree of anxiety about falling and prevents her from doing practical, simple jobs around the house, for example taking rubbish out to the bins. She has assistance with cleaning and gardening.

First and foremost, the householder is looking for companionship and conversation. The odd game of scrabble or cards would be welcome and, in time, trips to the cinema or shopping expeditions would be a bonus. Someone who was interested in food and cooking and would like to share some meals would be desirable.

This opportunity would suit a considerate, caring, and tolerant person who would be happy to help out in the ways outlined above but who would also enjoy their own space. The householder would like the Sharer to feel very at home and they would be welcome to share all the living space and garden. It would suit someone with a love of the countryside rather than the hustle of the town or city.

The Householder is fully vaccinated and cautious in the light of Covid-19. The Sharer must also be fully vaccinated.

Checkendon is in a small, rural location which provides a variety of walking opportunities and cycle rides. There is no local bus service so this would probably only suit someone with their own transport

[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.

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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