

## Homeshare accommodation in Oxfordshire – July 2022 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... new opportunities coming up in North Oxford and South Oxford.

### [NEW Crowmarsh, nr Wallingford OX10 \(Ref 080\)](#)



**A lovely opportunity to share the home of an independent retired lecturer in his mid-eighties on the edge of the village of Crowmarsh Gifford, a stone's throw from Wallingford, 14 miles from Oxford, 13 miles from Reading and Abingdon and 10 miles from Henley.**

Having made a good recovery from a stroke in 2020 and survived the isolation of lockdown, the Householder does have some age-related health issues, but still drives. However, the presence of another person will provide helpful reassurance. A relative currently staying is due to move on imminently.

Other requirements of this relaxed and flexible Homeshare arrangement would be some companionship and someone who would be happy to cook and eat together several evenings a week would be very welcome.

Whilst the Householder has the assistance of a weekly cleaner, sharing light housework could be appreciated. Someone who could be called on to help with the odd small physical task, when the Householder feels they are lacking energy or strength could also be a big help. Grass cutting could be helpful. Someone who would like to help with general upkeep of the garden would be welcome to lend a hand – although this is not essential. Someone tech-savvy would be a bonus.

The Householder's sweet-natured, elderly Saluki-cross is an important member of the Household and dog walking could be a part of the Homeshare.

This opportunity would suit a compatible, empathetic and understanding person, or couple, who would enjoy living in a semi-rural location. The Householder's interests include family history, the outdoors and gardening. Dog walking is an important part of the daily routine. The Householder would like anyone sharing with him to feel very much at home and to use the living space flexibly, as pre-agreed.

The Householder is fully vaccinated. The Sharer should also be fully vaccinated and willing to take precautions to avoid exposure to the virus.

## [Headington, Oxford, OX3 \(Ref 079\)](#)



**Would you like to share the pleasant home and garden of a considerate, kind-natured, elderly gentleman living within easy walking distance of Headington shops and transport?**

The householder is a retired, widowed French teacher, who led a full, active and independent life. He used to enjoy travelling to visit his daughters and used to spend long periods of time in the family holiday home in France. He still has good mobility but Alzheimer's disease and the isolation of Covid 19 lockdowns have changed

things considerably for him and he is no longer able to live on his own. He has previously had lodgers and is very used to there being other people in the house. It is important to the Householder that he remains as independent as possible.

The Householder has supportive family who visit regularly but do not live close by. He has daily help from a carer mornings and lunchtimes and for one hour each evening. The main requirement of the Homeshare would be to provide a reassuring presence in the home and quiet, gentle company on some evenings - maybe watching TV together. Help with some domestic duties and putting online food shopping away, putting out the bins and helping the Householder to communicate with family, some of whom live abroad, would be required. The reassurance of there being someone in the house overnight during the week and at weekends is vital.

The Householder has always had an interest in theatre, cinema and literature and he still enjoys watching films and tv, listening to the radio and some light gardening when in company. He likes to go for short walks to the shops and local parks (accompanied) and he enjoys sitting in his garden weather permitting. He has a keen interest in Scotland where he spent the early part of his life and still likes to chat in French whenever possible.

The Householder has enjoyed cooking and good food but is no longer able to prepare food for himself. Someone who would be happy to cook and share some evening meals would be desirable although the carer is also able to help with this.

This Homeshare would suit a tidy, discreet, understanding and patient person whose routine would easily allow their Homeshare duties to be performed evenings and weekends. It could suit someone who works locally, works from home or who is studying and wishes to have a calm, peaceful working and home environment. The opportunity would work best for someone with an understanding of some of the issues that can be associated with memory loss. Someone caring and independent who understands that conversation would be fairly limited but is happy to be there to provide a gentle reassuring presence in the home.

The Householder is fully vaccinated and cautious in the light of Covid-19. The Sharer should also be fully vaccinated, similarly cautious and willing to take precautions to avoid exposure to the virus.

## [Church Hanborough \(7 miles from Oxford and 6 miles from Witney\) \(Ref 070\)](#)



**Sharing with an active, independent and friendly retired architect in his late sixties, offering ensuite accommodation in the 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 long walks, plays golf and tennis on a regular basis and is a keen skier.

Although still active, having recently been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, the Householder finds certain tasks more of a challenge. He has lived on his own for the past 10 years and values quiet time alone but

would now enjoy regular company and to feel reassured that there is someone around. He has a very supportive family who visit occasionally but who do not live close by.

Help with household chores, tidying and a little day to day admin and IT help would be great. Someone who enjoys food, would be happy to cook several times a week and share good conversation over an evening meal would be much appreciated. A dog-lover who would be happy to help with occasional dog walking and dog-sitting from time to time is essential!

This opportunity would suit someone easy going, friendly, independent and sensitive, 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, at least part of the time, or had flexibility in their schedule. It would not be suitable for someone away from the house for long working days. 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 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 likes two daily walks and doesn't like to be left alone – so ideally the Sharer would be able to work from home (or possibly take the dog to work!) when dog-sitting 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.

### **Abingdon, OX14 (Ref 074)**



**Sharing with an elderly gentleman, who since being widowed 10 years ago, continued to lead a full, active and independent life. A stroke in March 2021 changed things considerably for him and whilst certain challenges remain - including some speech and memory issues particularly when more tired - overall things have improved significantly and it is important to the Householder that he remains as independent as possible.**

The Householder is passionate about Sport – golf, football, motor racing, cricket, tennis and enjoys watching any or all of these on TV. Prior to his stroke he played both golf and bowls twice a week. Exercise and the outdoors continue to be important to him and he likes to get out for a walk each day, longer walks when accompanied and shorter walks when alone. Reading is another interest – mainly crime novels, some military non-fiction and the newspaper. Through his work as an industrial chemist the Householder has travelled extensively.

The Householder has supportive family who visit regularly but do not live close by. He has weekly help from a cleaner and a gardener. The main requirements of the Homeshare are to cook a good evening meal and to provide quiet company in the evenings (maybe watching TV together, sharing a cuppa, reading alongside each other – relaxed company rather than constant chat!). A sociable person by nature, both the stroke and the pandemic have made this harder. The reassurance of there being someone in the house overnight is also important although help is not needed at night. Someone who would be happy to accompany the Householder on a stroll along the river or who might also enjoy visits to national trust properties or gardens on a weekend, could be very welcome.

This Homeshare would suit a warm, friendly and caring person, a good cook and someone who likes spending time at home and who would be around evenings and overnight. It is important to the Householder to find someone clean and tidy who would help maintain the tidy and orderly environment. If they had an interest in Sport that would be a bonus! A car driver would be ideal for help with the

occasional lift or visit. Owing to some level of deafness, this would best suit someone who is clear communicator and easy to hear and understand.

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.

### [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.

### [Witney, Tower Hill \(10 minutes' walk from Witney Community Hospital\) \(Ref 069\)](#)

**Available September 2022**



**Sharing the tidy, well-kept home of a friendly and independent older lady who very much values her own company and privacy, is self-sufficient in many ways but owing to deteriorating eyesight, would now feel reassured knowing that there is someone else in the house.**

The Householder has been a keen painter, a knowledgeable gardener, and a lover of the ballet but these things are less possible now due to failing eyesight. She currently listens to radio, has the news on tv and has appreciated having a volunteer reader for books, articles and other written materials.

Help with small household tasks, IT matters and other things that crop up would be very useful. Although the Householder has always enjoyed cooking, it has become increasingly hard to prepare food, so someone who enjoyed cooking and would be happy to prepare a meal from time to time would be a real bonus. A reader to share books and help with the odd set of instructions would be much appreciated too. The Householder is very sociable and has a wide network of friends. She has regular help from a gardener and someone who helps with shopping. Her supportive family visit regularly but do not live close by.

This Homeshare would suit someone easy going, friendly and who likes to live a quiet life. It is important that the Sharer would be tidy and help to keep an orderly environment that is particularly necessary because of the Householder's poor sight. Someone who enjoys their own space, is content in their own company, is as happy talking as not talking, but who would equally enjoy gentle companionship would be a good match! It would be well suited to a good communicator who speaks clearly and is easy to hear and understand. A car driver who may be able to give the occasional lift would be a bonus.

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 \***

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- An enhanced DBS check
- Interview

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