

Homeshare accommodation in Oxfordshire – June 2021 (v2)

*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.

COMING SOON – new opportunities in Headington, Oxford. It's worth checking the webpage and following us on social media for new opportunities as they come in.

Sutton Courtenay, Oxford (Ref 023)



Are you a kind, understanding person who could provide a gentle reassuring presence, sharing the spacious home of a gentle, quiet Householder in the pretty village of Sutton Courtenay, three miles south of Abingdon and a mile from Culham?

The Householder lives independently and is currently supported by a Homeshare arrangement (which is due to end soon), drop-in carer/companion visits each afternoon of the

week, and supportive family close by.

Classical music has previously been an important part of the Householder's life as has the local church and community. Owing to short- and long-term memory impairment life is more limited at the moment and more so owing to the pandemic. The Householder enjoys listening to the radio, sudoku and cards.

Someone who would be happy to cook and share an evening meal and spend a bit of time together most evenings would be ideal. A Monday to Friday Homeshare arrangement might be a possibility.

The homeowner is used to having people in the house, having had lodgers in the past, and appreciates quiet companionship and the reassurance of there being someone else around in the evenings.

A car driver, able to help with shopping and the odd lift to a friend's house for example, would be ideal.

This Homeshare would suit an independent, patient and understanding person who has an understanding of some of the issues that can be associated with memory loss and would be happy to be there to provide a reassuring presence in the home.

Witney, Woodgreen, (Ref 047)



Would you like to share the lovely home of an interesting older person in the Woodgreen area of Witney, along with her two small and energetic dogs?

The Householder is a 'people person' and has wide and varied interests including creative writing, poetry and painting. An enduring interest in current affairs, politics and economics stems from having

taught in higher education over a number of years. Travel has also been an important part of the Householder's working and personal life, across member states when working as a European Consultant, as well as North America, Africa and latterly, the Middle East, Asia and Russia. More restricted in her adventures over the past few years, she loves to watch the news and travel programmes and discuss world issues. Involvement in Christian activities, particularly those working with other faiths including Islam has been an important aspect of life. Most recently the Householder is involved with the Quakers.

The Householder lives with bipolar disorder and is well supported through the GP surgery and fortnightly visits from a Community Mental Health Nurse. She has some physical health issues too, which are managed through daily medication and regular hospital monitoring. Family are very important to the Householder and they are fully involved and supportive but do not live locally. The householder visits family often and enjoys having them to stay too. The Householder has a strong network of friends. Support with household work, gardening and social visits are in place.

This opportunity would suit someone who is lively and confident and has an interest in the world. Companionship, conversation and some shared meals would be an important part of the arrangement. Someone to walk the dogs would be ideal and someone to help with light housework and gardening would be a bonus. Due to the bipolar disorder, there are times when the Householder feels very sociable and energetic and others when she is much quieter and in lower mood. It is important that the Householder and Sharer not only 'click' and feel right for each other, but that the Sharer would feel comfortable with the Householder's fluctuations in mood.

Regular contact and support will be in place both with the family and with the Homeshare team. If the Sharer needed to be away some weekends this would be fine. Although the Householder has been vaccinated against Covid-19, it is expected that Sharer's own circumstances are low risk in relation to the virus and that they would follow government guidelines.

Leaffield, 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 Leaffield, 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 has had both Covid-19 vaccines 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, West End, 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 now had both COVID-19 vaccines, owing to age and health issues she needs to be extremely careful in the light of Covid-19. 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.

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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