

Homeshare accommodation in Oxfordshire – March 2022 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. **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 no more than £200 pcm.**

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*** NEW *** [Chipping Norton, OX7 \(Ref 076\)](#)



Sharing the welcoming home of an independent and private lady in the peaceful setting of a retirement community just a stone's throw from Chipping Norton's Market Square. The friendly Householder is a former manager of a large catering workforce. She has varied interests including reading, tennis, eventing, TV – dramas, quiz shows (not games) – books, history and travel.

The main requirement of the Homeshare is to provide a helping hand with household chores that the Householder finds increasingly difficult to manage due to her increasing lack of mobility. Help with things that are not onerous such as changing bed linen, keeping kitchen storage areas clean and the like, would make a big difference. Someone who likes to cook healthy, traditional meals and who would enjoy sharing them 2 or 3 nights a week, as agreed together, would be ideal.

The Householder has a very supportive family who are very important to her and who visit regularly with their adorable retriever dog. She has regular support from cleaners and a weekly groceries delivery. The Homeshare would suit someone who is tidy and organised, discreet and sensitive and who would be happy to help in the ways described above. Someone who shares some of the Householders interests and who enjoys meaningful and stimulating conversation (about almost anything!) would be welcome.

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.

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



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.

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 much appreciated. Someone who enjoys food and cooking and who would be happy to share an evening meal a few times a week would be a big bonus. 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 and conversation 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.

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.

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.

[Leafield, near Witney \(Ref 048\)](#)



Would you like to share 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. 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.

Central North Oxford OX2 (Ref 073)



A former headteacher and academic, now in his early 90s and writing on European literary history themes and personalities, would welcome a quiet, clean and tidy and quietly purposeful person to live with him in his spacious and peaceful North Oxford home.

The Householder is an exceptionally thoughtful, kind and perceptive person. More a supporter than an activist these days: on the side of victims, fair society, human rights, reform of government, international action for the environment, resolution of conflict.

Having broken his back a few years ago, the Householder's has limited mobility and walks with the aid of a rollator or stick. He is unable to stand for long unsupported, nor do things above shoulder level, but is keen to cope and to do as much as he can. He has regular help in the house and garden but recognises it could be helpful to have someone around to help with the odd things that crop up. His supportive family do not live close by but visit regularly.

First and foremost, the reassuring presence of someone in the house at night is important to the Householder. Help with items of shopping from time to time would also be appreciated. Someone who enjoyed cooking and might like to share a simple meal together a couple of times a week could also work well, but this not essential. Whilst the Householder would welcome some company, he is also very independent, is used to living alone and prefers meaningful conversation to small talk.

Someone with an interest in books, who might be willing to help with the reorganisation of bookshelves and who may, potentially, be able to provide assistance in sorting through archived papers, could be helpful.

This Homeshare would suit someone who shared some of the Householders interests and who would seldom be away overnight, except for pre-arranged occasional weekends and holidays. Someone thoughtful, independent, interested but discreet, and perceptive if a helping hand was needed, would work well. The Householder speaks fluent French and German and someone who spoke either language could be a bonus. A piano is available to a pianist and a keen vegetable grower might like to set up a patch in the garden.

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

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.

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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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