

Homeshare accommodation in Oxfordshire – May 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 £200 pcm, as well as an agreed contribution towards bills to the Householder.

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COMING SOON... new opportunities coming up in Oxford and Cumnor.

[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 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.

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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.

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[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.

[Checkendon, RG8, Ref067](#)



Would you like to share the lovely home of an engaging, 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 current affairs, reading and crafts. Travel,

walking and exploring new places have been very much part of her life.

The Householder lost her husband two and a half 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. Someone who was interested in food and cooking and would like to share some meals is important. The odd game of scrabble or cards would be welcome and, in time, trips to the cinema, local events or shopping expeditions would be a bonus.

This opportunity would suit a considerate, caring, understanding and tolerant person whose routine would easily allow for time together most evenings and often at the weekends. 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 who would also enjoy having their own space and someone with a love of the countryside rather than the hustle of the town or city.

The Householder is vaccinated and still being cautious in the light of Covid-19. The Sharer must also be double 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 only suit someone with their own transport.

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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