

Homeshare accommodation in Oxfordshire – October 2023 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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[Sonning Common, RG4 \(Ref103\)](#)



Would you like to share the family home of a lovely, independent lady and her dog (a friendly 10-year-old cockapoo) in the popular South Oxfordshire village of Sonning Common (<5 miles from Henley and Reading, and about 20 miles from Oxford)?

Until the COVID-19 lockdowns, this Householder, who is just turning ninety, enjoyed an active life playing golf, gardening, and walking her dog, with many related social activities. Back and shoulder pain/stiffness and increasing frailty have limited these activities and her life is consequently much quieter – although she still walks her dog in the beautiful countryside surrounding the village.

The Householder values her independence but also enjoys company. She still drives short distances so is able to get out and about locally. Her hearing is not so good now and any potential sharer will need to be patient and speak clearly. She has a supportive family who visit regularly but do not live close by.

The main requirement of the Homeshare is to provide company and a reassuring, empathetic presence in the home. In addition, help with IT/technology would be much appreciated, as well as help with household tasks requiring manual dexterity/strength/balance.

This Homeshare would suit an easy-going, cheerful, proactive person who loves dogs and is kind, caring, sensitive and patient. Ideally someone with an interest in sport and who will play the occasional game of cards/scrabble and provide genuine companionship. It would be appropriate for someone who is out at work during the day - although working from home some of the time is also fine.

Family members will often visit/stay over at weekends (and occasionally during the week) so this Homeshare would work well for someone who needs or wants to be away some weekends (but is equally welcome to stay 7-days a week!).

The Householder and her family are 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, OX29 \(Ref 070\)](#)



Sharing with an active, independent and friendly retired architect (and his dog!) offering ensuite accommodation in the small 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 walks, plays golf and tennis on a regular basis and is a keen skier.

Although still active, due to having Parkinson's disease the Householder finds certain tasks more of a challenge. A

recent Homeshare arrangement has sadly come to an end (due to the Sharer moving to Scotland) hence this opportunity being available. The Householder values quiet time alone but also enjoys regular company and feels reassured that there is someone around. He has a supportive family who visit occasionally but who do not live close by.

Someone who enjoys food, would be happy to cook several times a week and share good conversation over lunches and/or evening meals would be much appreciated. Help with a few household chores, tidying and a little admin and IT help would be very welcome. A dog-lover who would be happy to help with regular dog walking and occasional dog-sitting is essential!

This opportunity would suit a 40+ female who is easy going, friendly, independent and sensitive and 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 and was around a fair bit, with both Householder and Sharer getting on with their own independent lives. 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 a 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 has two daily walks and who doesn't like to be left alone. So a Sharer who is either home-based or who would be able to work from home when the Householder was away (or maybe take the dog to work!) 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.

COVID-19 – CORONAVIRUS

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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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