



Homeshare accommodation in Oxfordshire – June 2025

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 and an agreed contribution to the Householder towards bills.

Iffley, Oxford (ref 124)

An engaging and independent Householder, musician, activist and 'life-long leftie' is looking for a self-contained, 'easy-to-get-along-with' female to join her in her Iffley home, a 15 minute cycle ride to central Oxford and a short walk to the river Thames.

The Householder is a young, active 90 year old to whom living in harmony with nature and an eco-conscious lifestyle is important. When at home the days are mostly spent working on the computer or practicing music, with a short walk and good nap in the afternoon. The large wildlife garden and birdlife are a joy and the Guardian and Positive News are the Householder's 'go-to' for news. Listening to audio books and the occasional game of Scrabble takes the place of TV which is rarely watched. Community is also an important aspect of life.

Although she leads an independent life, still driving, shopping and being out and about, the Householder notices that she is tiring more easily and would appreciate some practical help as well as light companionship from time to time. Someone who would be happy to take over the laundry and help carry upstairs would be very helpful along with small things like opening jars, reaching for things from high shelves amongst other household tasks. Ironing could also be a big plus. Help with carrying in shopping from the van would be appreciated. No gardening is required, but the garden is large and would suit someone who would enjoy wildlife or may like to grow vegetables. Cooking and sharing meals, maybe once or twice a week, could be nice.

The ideal Sharer would be female, possibly an academic, most likely 40 - 50 years old and who mainly works away from home during the day. Someone who would appreciate and contribute to a clean, organised, eco-friendly household. A car driver is essential, with the option of being put on the Householder's small van insurance. The opportunity would **not** be suitable for a fellow musician who would need to practice at home. A love of nature and gardening would be a bonus.

Abingdon (ref 120)

Are you a caring and broadminded female, with a keen interest in the environment and society? We are looking for the right person who can provide gentle companionship, plus a bit of practical help, to a sociable, eco-conscious older person in a quiet area of Abingdon?

The Householder, in her eighties, has a scientific background and worked as a programme producer in the early days of BBC2. She retired from a career in education social work and voluntary work for a variety of charitable causes. She still has an active social life – going out for book club, coffees, cinema/theatre with friends. She has a love of classical music and used to sing in her church choir.

The Householder cares deeply about nature/wildlife, the wider environment, animal welfare, community and a caring society. She is an animal lover, especially cats! She is open minded and interested in exploring questions of faith and spirituality and regularly attends her local church.

Rising early, she may go out socially during the morning or afternoon but is home for her main meal of the day at lunchtime. When at home she enjoys reading, listening to music, watching TV especially nature programmes including Spring Watch and Countryfile and likes to be in bed by 11pm. In the warmer weather she enjoys potting on house plants and encouraging wildlife in the garden.

The Householder is looking for some gentle companionship at home eg sharing a meal, watching TV, low key chatting about each other's day and subjects of interest. A like-minded independent, younger person, keen to live in an eco-conscious way, a driver with their own car, able to help with the odd lift, would be ideal. A friendly cat would also be welcome!

She has a regular cleaner, gardener and IT support. The shared areas - bathroom, downstairs toilet, kitchen and garden would also be shared with a quiet, male lodger.

Lower Shiplake, nr Henley on Thames (ref 114)

Are you kind, considerate and friendly person with a quiet lifestyle who could provide light companionship and a reassuring presence in the home to a friendly, interesting Householder in the peaceful village of Lower Shiplake, two miles from Henley and with excellent public transport links to London, Reading and Twyford?

The Householder, in her nineties, has spent much of her life living abroad and has extensive life experience of travelling the world. She is young hearted and remarkably fit for her age (a former golfer and still attending pilates classes) and loves her garden, looking after the birds and fish. She has a broad range of interests including painting, music, reading, crosswords and playing bridge and enjoys relaxing during the evenings and watching TV.

Whilst the Householder prides herself on her independence and would like someone who would be happy to live fairly independently too – for example, sometimes cooking and eating meals at separate times – she recognises that a little support and light companionship would now be helpful. Someone who could help with a weekly shop, occasional trips and happy to have chats over a cup of tea, but who had their own interests and discreet lifestyle would be ideal. A reassuring overnight presence is an important factor. The Householder has close and supportive family living nearby and enjoys their regular visits.

This Homeshare opportunity would suit someone, preferably female, who is kind and helpful, prefers to live a quiet lifestyle mainly spending time at home in the evenings but with their own interests and independent life. A car driver would be essential. Because it is easier for family to visit over the weekend, it would be fine for the Sharer to be away at weekends.

The bedroom is slightly separate from the rest of the house, with its own bathroom and an attached dining room rarely used by the Householder day-to-day which could be used as a working space.

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 **'Make an enquiry' form** at homeshareoxfordshire.org.uk

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