



Homeshare accommodation in Oxfordshire – September 2024

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.

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***** More opportunities coming soon in South Oxfordshire and other areas *****

East Oxford OX4 (ref 108)

We are looking for a kind and independent female, who enjoys cooking, to share the house of a good-natured woman, who is severely visually impaired, along with her much loved Sphinx (hairless) cat.

The Householder was brought up and educated in Russia, where she trained as a Librarian in a Research Institute. Part of her childhood was spent in French-speaking West Africa. She is bilingual in English and Russian, and used to speak French fluently too. She is also trained as a homeopath.

The Householder worked for many years in the public sector supporting people with learning difficulties. She had to retire a year or so ago on health grounds because of loss of eyesight and limited mobility resulting from long-term diabetes and kidney damage. Following a period of time in hospital her mobility is steadily improving. She receives help with medical needs and personal care and NHS staff come in each night to set up her dialysis. Family stay in close touch and help with personal needs and online shopping.

The key requirement of the Homeshare arrangement is around help with meal planning and cooking. Being available to help with early evening meals most days (to eat around 6pm) is important, as well as leaving out simple food or breakfast/brunch in the morning. The Householder eats quite simply - chicken or fish and fresh vegetables with potatoes, rice or noodles, often in the form of stews or soups - though she is also naturally adventurous and happy to try new things. Getting on with, and helping with the feeding and litter tray of, an exotic cat is also essential. Owing to the Householder's loss of sight, it is important that the Sharer becomes familiar with how this affects her and helps to keep things in familiar places.

This Homeshare would suit a female of any age or background so long as she is kind, considerate, mature and has common sense. As the Householder is generally happy in her own company, enjoying watching Russian TV in the company of her cat and talking on the phone to family, it would best suit someone equally friendly and helpful but happy to live quite independently, using their room as a bed/sitting room. So long as the Sharer is able to help in the ways outlined above, there is flexibility, in terms of routine, for the right person.

Abingdon, OX14 (ref 96)

Are you a homely, kind and caring female, 30+, with Christian principles, who could provide gentle companionship and be a reassuring presence to a friendly, interesting and interested, kind older person in a quiet residential area of Abingdon?

The householder's early career was in nursing and, later, in education with children with additional needs. She cares about social issues, is a committed Christian and involved in her local church and wider community activities. She is artistic and finds relaxation in drawing and painting. Singing, creative dance and swimming have been important in the Householder's life but, owing to arthritis, some limitation in walking and having less energy these days, she has found these activities hard to keep up.

The Householder lost her husband some years ago. She has a network of good friends whom she sees regularly but does feel a little anxious at times about living alone. Just the simple presence of someone around in the house would be very reassuring to her. A homely, warm person who enjoyed conversation and who would be happy to talk to about day to day things and to help talk through everyday decisions sometimes would be very valuable. Help with internet and mobile phone issues that crop up would be appreciated, as would the occasional lift in a car to activities or social events.

A cleaner and gardener regularly come to the house but help with the simple household tasks would be welcome – for example, help with changing bed sheets, putting out the bins, reading the meters etc. Whilst gardening help is not needed, if someone would enjoy helping in the large, natural, garden (which is a source of great pleasure to the Householder) that would be fine.

This would suit a kind, caring and empathetic female, 30+, with Christian principles. Someone who likes to mainly spend time at home in the evenings, rather than being out, would work best. And some company at weekends especially on Saturdays, would be welcome. There is also the option to work or study from home as well. Whilst companionship is an important element of the Homeshare and the Householder would enjoy having a chat over a cup of tea and sharing some evening meals or watching some TV together, this is not rigid and there would be plenty of space for both Householder and Sharer to lead their independent lives. A car driver would be ideal.

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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