

## Homeshare opportunity in Kennington, Oxford OX1 (Ref109)

**We are looking for a kind, friendly, independent female, who mainly likes to spend time at home in the evenings, to share the peaceful Kennington home of a gentle and friendly Householder in her early eighties.**

The Householder has a background in the caring profession and used to work as a psychiatric nurse and counsellor. She has many interests including theatre, cinema, cooking and recipes, gardening and walking and choir singing.

Having been recently bereaved, the Householder would now like to have someone sharing the house with her and would greatly appreciate the companionship that this would bring. Supportive and caring family also live close by and visit regularly and often.

A little help with light housework would be appreciated and someone who would like to share an early evening meal a few times a week would work well. Local strolls together, the odd shopping trip and visit to the cinema or theatre are also things that the Householder would like to do together from time to time. A car driver would be a bonus for the odd lift.

This Homeshare would suit someone who is gentle, sensitive and considerate, has their own independent life and shares some of the Householder's interests. It may suit someone who also has a caring profession background. Whilst we are looking for someone who would also enjoy interesting conversation and spending some time with the Householder, equally it is important that they also value their own independence and, as would the Householder, be considerate and respectful of each other's space and privacy.

The house looks out onto a natural garden and is a short walk from the river Thames. Someone who appreciates nature and a peaceful environment would be well suited. If they would like to help with any gardening they would be welcome to do so.

The Householder is fully vaccinated for Covid-19. The Sharer should also be fully vaccinated.

**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, and who needs low-cost accommodation. **The Sharer gives the Householder up to 10 hours of their time each week as a combination of companionship and practical help, as agreed.** Each party pays a monthly fee to Homeshare Oxfordshire.



*Sandford Lock on the River Thames is a short walk from the house*

### Location and accommodation:

The home is set back from the road and is very close to nature. It is a stone's throw from the bus stops to central Oxford (via Abingdon Road) in one direction and to Abingdon in the other.



fully furnished



garden



wifi



non-smoking



off-street  
parking



bike storage



shared  
bathroom

No pets



study space

## Summary of support needed in this Homeshare arrangement

**Time together:** Local strolls together, the odd shopping trip and visit to the cinema or theatre. Shared evening meals a few times a week.

**Help in the home and garden:** A little help with light housework would be appreciated. Help in garden welcome if someone would like to.

Visit [homeshareoxfordshire.org.uk](https://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 (see opposite), and that you could be the right person for this opportunity, please contact us in the first instance via the **'Register your interest' form** at [homeshareoxfordshire.org.uk](https://homeshareoxfordshire.org.uk)

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## Could Homesharing be right for you?

### • Age

Sharers are aged 21 or over (and eligible to live in the UK)

### • Support commitment

Sharers can happily give up to 10 hours each week as practical help or companionship to the Householder.

(No personal care is involved).

### • Shared living

Sharers would enjoy and value living with an older person, or possibly an older couple. Sharers are emotionally mature, clean and tidy, kind and considerate.

### • Circumstances

Sharers have an established work/study pattern. The risk of the Sharer's exposure to COVID-19 usually needs to be taken into account.

NB Homeshare is not usually suitable for people working long hours or shifts. Sharers are generally not expected to be away overnight unless pre-arranged, with the exception of weekends away, holidays etc

### • Duration of Homeshare

Sharers are able to commit to a minimum of 9 months, although most Homeshare arrangements last considerably longer.

### • References and checks

Sharers are able to provide three referees (usually character, employer or institution and landlord). Sharers must tell us about any spent or unspent convictions and undergo an enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check.

### • Financial commitment

Sharers should be able to demonstrate that they can meet the monthly fee requirements plus the contribution to household costs.