

Homeshare opportunity in North Oxford OX2 (Ref 119)

Are you a caring 30 + year old female, gentle, kind and patient, who would enjoy engaging conversation whilst also appreciating a peaceful home life? We are looking for the right person to share the lovely North Oxford home of a widely travelled writer and artist, with a particular love of the natural environment.

The Householder, in her early eighties, has recently been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, which although not affecting her overall independence, has brought with it a few new challenges. Some practical help, particularly cooking, and the reassurance of having someone in the house would be much appreciated. Help with other small day to day tasks, that are now less easy for the Householder would be much appreciated. Regular help with cleaning and gardening is in place. Someone who would be happy to accompany the Householder on short walks would be good. Similarly, a driver with their own car, able to help with the odd lift, perhaps a trip to a garden centre, would be ideal.

The Householder has worked as a Conchologist (science of shells) and has a global perspective from extensive travelling. Her home environment is very important to her where she leads a quiet lifestyle, spending time writing, keeping up with news in the papers and listening to Radio 4. She keeps in good contact with friends and family.

This Homeshare would suit a kindred spirit, someone who also has a good sense of humour, who appreciates living a quiet lifestyle and who is organised and tidy. Someone working and with their own independent life. Someone who has an enjoyment of cooking is important and who would like to share most evening meals together. Car driver required.

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.



The home is close to the Canal and to Port Meadow

Location and accommodation:

This lovely light and beautifully kept home is close to Port Meadow with space for a car on the driveway.



fully furnished



garden



wifi



non-smoking



parking on
drive



bike storage



shared
bathroom

Costs:

- £ 200 monthly fee payable to Homeshare Oxfordshire
- Contribution to bills payable monthly to Householder

Summary of support needed in this Homeshare arrangement

Time together: Shared evening meals, walks and the odd social trip out to a garden centre for example.

Help in the home and garden: The Householder has a regular cleaner and gardener. Help required from the Sharer will be other day to day tasks (fetching and carrying) around the house.

Help out and about: A driver with a car for some lifts.

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 (see opposite), and that you could be the right person for this opportunity, please contact us in the first instance via the **Enquiry form** at 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. 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.