

Homeshare opportunity in Old Headington, Oxford, OX3 (Ref 068)

Would you like to share the peaceful home of an older person in Oxford's Old Headington, just a stone's throw from the John Radcliffe hospital?

The householder has led an active life and originally came to Oxford to teach Crafts on an Occupational Therapy course - including pottery, basketry and even letter press printing. She has an interest in music and singing and has enjoyed attending many different classes and concerts over the years. She is a member of her local church and has been active in the local community.

The Householder's husband has recently moved into a care home and she is not accustomed to being on her own. She would enjoy company and would value the reassurance of someone being around, especially at night. Poor balance, risk of falls, and poor mobility prevent the Householder from doing much of what she has done in the past. The Householder also has poor eyesight owing to a rare eye condition. She has daily support visits to help with some meals and practical tasks and has a regular assistance with cleaning and gardening.

Primarily, the householder is looking to a Homeshare arrangement for companionship. Some help with things around the house, bits of shopping, potentially some cooking and other errands would also be appreciated. A car driver is essential in order to be able to provide lifts from time to time.

This Homeshare would suit someone who is sensitive and attentive and who shared some of the Householder's interests – books, crafts and music. Someone who was mainly around in the evenings to provide some companionship and maybe watch some TV together (some reality tv shows, current affairs and documentaries, and some film and drama) would be ideal. Equally, both Householder and Sharer would need have their own space too.

The Householder has had two vaccine jabs but is still being cautious in the light of Covid-19. The Sharer should be double vaccinated and would abide by all COVID regulations.

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.



Old Headington

Location and accommodation:

The home is in Old Headington, very close to the JR Hospital. The bedroom is on the small side but with plenty of room for bed, desk, and chair. The Sharer would have main use of the shower room adjacent to the room.



fully furnished



garden



Wifi possible



non-smoking



parking



bike storage



separate shower room



garage

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:

Gentle companionship in the evening would be appreciated. This might sometimes include watching a bit of TV together.

Help in the home:

Little things around the house. Occasional cooking, but not essential.

Help out and about:

The odd lift would be appreciated **so a car driver is essential** because the Householder does not drive.

Shopping from time to time.

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 'Register your interest' 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. 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.