

Homeshare opportunity in Iffley Fields, Oxford, OX4 (Ref 071)

We are looking for a sensitive, kind, and responsible person, to share the lovely home of a quiet, introverted woman in her sixties, whose life is much changed owing to recent brain surgery.

The householder is a recently single woman with three adult children who live out of Oxford. No longer a practising artist, she still enjoys art immensely along with exhibitions, films, music (a keen Radio 6 listener) gardens and food. In the past long walks, tending to her allotment and travel (Asia, the Middle East, and Europe) were her passions, she now lives a quieter, slower life with occasional visits from friends.

The Householder had brain surgery a year or so ago and whilst her long term memory is impeccable, she struggles in the short term; her mood can be low and life can be confusing and challenging. Arthritis in her knees has made mobility difficult.

Carers visit on a daily basis and support from a cleaner and help with the garden is in place. The key requirements from the Homeshare arrangement will be company, cooking/sharing vegetarian evening meals (Monday to Friday) and the reassuring presence of someone in the house. Some tech help would also be useful. A family member will visit and help at weekends, but occasional assistance during the week with laundry, the bins and some tidying would be appreciated.

This opportunity would suit a warm, friendly, gentle, and patient person, who would ideally share many of the Householder's interests. Someone with a love of cooking is important. Someone understanding of, and perhaps with some knowledge of, the circumstances affecting the Householder would be ideal.

Not essential, but if someone had hours over and above the 10 Homeshare hours to help with odd jobs about the house/garden, organising, tidying, or IT issues that crop up, this is something that could be of interest and could be discussed. Similarly, someone who might enjoy a gentle walk or outing together on occasion could be a bonus. A car driver is not essential but would be helpful.

The Householder has had two vaccine jabs and is still being cautious in the light of Covid-19. The Sharer should also be someone who is careful, responsible and is respecting 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.



The room looks out onto the garden

Location and accommodation:

The house is in an Edwardian terrace on a quiet street off Oxford's Iffley Road. It is round the corner from very good pubs, coffee shops and cafes; a short walk to the river, peaceful walks, and easy access to the centre by bus or a twenty-minute walk. The room available is at the back of the house and looks out onto the small, well-loved garden

	fully furnished		garden
	wifi		non-smoking
	permit parking only		bike storage
	main use of the 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:

The reassurance of someone being in the house is important. A chat over a cup of tea would be welcome. Evening meals would be shared together

Help in the home and garden:

Mainly planning and preparing and evening meals, including the weekly online shop. Some tech help and bits of help in the house from time to time

Help out and about:

Occasional trips out or gentle strolls would be a bonus.

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.