

Homeshare opportunity in Stanford-in-the-Vale, SN7 (Ref 052)

Are you a considerate, positive, friendly and helpful female who would you like to share the home of a pleasant and interesting older person, 91 years old, in the peaceful setting of a retirement community in the centre of Stanford-in-the-Vale?

The Householder, 91, has a lively mind, is an Oxford University graduate and former teacher with interests in poetry, literature, art, gardening, education and alternative medicine. She also meditates daily and has always had a strong interest in religious and spiritual matters.

The Householder's health and mobility have deteriorated over recent months and she is looking for a little help around the home, including preparing some evening meals, occasional physical assistance with moving the odd box or piece of furniture, putting out the rubbish bins and helping with some sorting and clearing out. Shared company and some meals together would also be a part of the Homeshare. The Householder is supported by a care visits each morning and very supportive family are reasonably close by.

The reassurance of having someone in the house at night is important. The location probably makes a car driver essential as although there are local bus services they are infrequent. A car would also be helpful for assistance with the odd errand or occasional visits to medical or dental appointments.

This would suit a considerate, positive, friendly, helpful person who would enjoy some company and conversation about subjects of mutual interest and who shared some of the Householder's pursuits. Equally, someone who appreciates and values silence at times and who is happy with stillness could fit very well. Someone who would be generally around evenings and overnight would be reassuring for the Householder and her family. The space available in the house makes it a suitable location for someone who needed to work from home some of the time.

Whilst the Householder has now had the vaccine, owing to age and health issues, she needs to be careful in the light of Covid-19 and this opportunity would most suit a person who has also been vaccinated and/or who will be wholly attentive to this, and whose own circumstances and lifestyle are very low risk in terms of exposure to the virus.

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 who support the Homeshare on an ongoing basis.



Location and accommodation:

The house is one of a peaceful retirement community of 22 cottages, set in a beautiful location with wonderful views, in the centre of Stanford-in-the-Vale

The large upstairs bedroom has fitted wardrobes, bookshelves and chest of drawers plus adequate space for a desk, armchair or small sofa if desired by the sharer. There is a shower room on the ground floor for sole use of the sharer.



fully furnished



separate bathroom



wifi



non-smoking



no pets



extensive gardens and open countryside



parking



bike storage

Summary of support needed in this Homeshare arrangement

Time together

- Interesting company and conversation as well as quiet time together
- The reassurance of there being someone in the house is important

Help in the house and garden

- Mainly preparing evening meals and help with little things around the house

Help out and about

- Occasional bits and pieces but less during the pandemic.

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.