

Homeshare opportunity in Summertown, Oxford, OX2 (Ref 056)

Would you like to share the lovely Summertown home of a welcoming, young-at-heart older person?

The Householder, in her eighties, is a 'people person' and very much enjoys and values the younger generations. She has had a full and varied life and has a very supportive family. Family, friends and fun are all very important to her. She has been active in her friendly community and is also very involved in a national initiative which helps reduce loneliness and encourages young and old to share experiences and stories. Other interests include theatre, cinema, writing and people, especially children.

The reassurance of there being someone in the house at night is a key requirement of this Homeshare. Help with shopping and local errands would also be appreciated as would someone who could provide straightforward help with IT (iPad) from time to time. Someone who would also enjoy having a chat at the kitchen table, in the garden, spending a bit of time together in the evenings, maybe watching a film or tv programme, would be the right person.

A car driver, with their own car, would be ideal as the odd trip out to the countryside, or lift to family living locally would be a real bonus. The Householder is in good touch with her family which comprises of four generations and who are looking forward to being able to visit more often again.

This Homeshare would suit a young person who mixes well with people and who may share some of the Householders interests. Someone who is aware, has a sense of fun and who would be good company. Personality is more important than politics in this instance.

The Householder has had two vaccine jabs but is still being cautious in the light of Covid-19. The ideal Sharer will also have been vaccinated or is planning on being vaccinated (which Homeshare may be able to help with) and their lifestyle would be 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.



Summertown shops

Location and accommodation:

The house is in the heart of Summertown, 2 minutes from the shops. The room is a lovely, light attic room with own bathroom.

	fully furnished		garden
	wifi		non-smoking
	off-street parking		bike storage
	separate shower room		desk

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

Social time together in the evenings and at points over the weekend. A chat at the kitchen table or maybe a film or tv programme together.

Help in the house and garden

The odd bit of shopping, or local errand and helping keep the house in order
Help with IT (iPad) just small things from time to time

Help out and about

The odd bit of shopping picking up from local shops.
The odd trip, from time to time, maybe to the countryside on a nice day or to visit family living nearby.
Maybe a trip to the cinema together when it's safe and possible to do this again

Visit [homeshareoxfordshire.org.uk](https://www.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://www.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.