

## Homeshare opportunity in Sutton Courtenay, OX14 (Ref 023)

**Are you a kind, understanding person who could provide a gentle reassuring presence, sharing the spacious home of a gentle, quiet Householder in the pretty village of Sutton Courtenay, three miles south of Abingdon and a mile from Culham?**

The Householder lives independently and is currently supported by a Homeshare arrangement (which is due to end soon), drop-in carer/companion visits each afternoon of the week, and supportive family close by.

Classical music has previously been an important part of the Householder's life as has the local church and community. Owing to short- and long-term memory impairment life is more limited at the moment and more so owing to the pandemic. The Householder enjoys listening to the radio, sudoku and cards.

Someone who would be happy to cook and share an evening meal and spend a bit of time together most evenings would be ideal. A Monday to Friday Homeshare arrangement might be a possibility.

The homeowner is used to having people in the house, having had lodgers in the past, and appreciates quiet companionship and the reassurance of there being someone else around in the evenings.

A car driver, able to help with shopping and the odd lift to a friend's house for example, would be ideal.

This Homeshare would suit an independent, patient and understanding person who has an understanding of some of the issues that can be associated with memory loss and would be happy to be there to provide a reassuring presence in the home.



### Location and accommodation:

The spacious house is set in a lovely garden and is just three miles south of Abingdon, and a 30-minute drive from Oxford.

The bedroom has plenty of space for a desk and adjoins another room with sink and storage space.



fully furnished



Spacious home



wifi



non-smoking



parking



bike storage



Shared  
bathroom



garden

### Costs:

- tbc

**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 continue provide support on an ongoing basis.

## Summary of support needed in this Homeshare arrangement

### Time together

- Shared evening meals
- Occasional strolls
- Card games together

### Help in the house and garden

- Small things as they arise

### Help out and about

- Shopping, errands, occasional lifts.

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