

## Homeshare opportunity in Tower Hill, Witney, OX28 (Ref 069)

Sharing the tidy, well-kept home of a friendly and independent older lady who very much values her own company and privacy, is self-sufficient in many ways but owing to deteriorating eyesight, would now feel reassured knowing that there is someone else in the house.

The Householder has been a keen painter, a knowledgeable gardener, and a lover of the ballet but these things are less possible now due to failing eyesight. She currently listens to radio, has the news on tv and has appreciated having a volunteer reader for books, articles and other written materials.

Help with small household tasks, IT matters and other things that crop up would be very useful. Although the Householder has always enjoyed cooking, it has become increasingly hard to prepare food, so someone who enjoyed cooking and would be happy to prepare a meal from time to time would be a real bonus. A reader to share books and help with the odd set of instructions would be much appreciated too. The Householder is very sociable and has a wide network of friends. She has regular help from a gardener and someone who helps with shopping. Her supportive family visit regularly but do not live close by.

This Homeshare would suit someone easy going, friendly and who likes to live a quiet life. It is important that the Sharer would be tidy and help to keep an orderly environment that is particularly necessary because of the Householder's poor sight. Someone who enjoys their own space, is content in their own company, is as happy talking as not talking, but who would equally enjoy gentle companionship would be a good match! It would be well suited to a good communicator who speaks clearly and is easy to hear and understand. A car driver who may be able to give the occasional lift would be a bonus.

The Householder is fully vaccinated and sensibly cautious. The Sharer should also be fully vaccinated, and willing to take precautions to avoid exposure to the virus and adhere to 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 home is on the edge of the market town of Witney*

### Location and accommodation:

The comfortable, semi-detached home is set back from main road in the Tower Hill area of Witney - a short walk into the town centre and to the Windrush Valley. It is on good transport links, with a bus stop outside to Oxford/London.

The bedroom is medium size and with sole use of bathroom, (except for when family are staying). Another room could potentially be available as sole living space, in addition to the space shared with the Householder.



fully furnished



own shower room



wifi



non-smoking



parking



bike storage

### 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:** Quiet companionship and sometimes shared evening meals

**Help in the home and garden:** Help with cooking, with IT/tech, keeping the house tidy and in order and help as a reader

**Help out and about:** The odd lift and bits of shopping every now and then

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.