

Homeshare opportunity in central Witney, OX28 (Ref 035)

Would you like to share the pleasant home and garden of a thoughtful and engaging elderly person living within easy walking distance of central Witney?

The Householder has wide and varied interest including art, music literature, education, gardening, social justice and human rights. She has been involved in voluntary work with the peace movement, local politics and refugees and has had a life-long interest in other developing countries and other cultures, having travelled widely in Europe, Africa, and China.

Due to health limitations, decreased mobility and being at risk of falls, the Householder would welcome a little help around the home and garden and assistance with, for example, putting out the rubbish bins.

Shared company would also be a key element of the Homeshare and someone who would often be around in the evenings, who would enjoy sharing some meals together, or watching the news together, would work well. In time, trips to the cinema or theatre together would be a bonus.

A reassuring overnight presence is important and therefore the opportunity would therefore best suit someone who was not often away overnight, with the exception of the odd pre-planned nights away, some weekends and holidays.

A car driver would be preferable, for help with the odd errand or lift and for occasional trips out together, but not essential.

This would suit a responsible, considerate, friendly and tidy person who would enjoy company and conversation and who shared some of the Householder's interests. Someone of a similar socialist political stance, open about their views and who enjoys debate and discussion could be very welcome.

The Householder is fully vaccinated against COVID. The Sharer must be double vaccinated. Someone who is similarly careful and concerned about the virus, whose general lifestyle is low risk and whose person-to-person contact is limited, would be well suited.

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.









Witney town centre

Location and accommodation:

The house is situated on a lovely street within walking distance of the centre of town.

The bedroom offered is fully furnished. The bathroom is shared, although there is a sink in an adjacent room which can be used.

	fully furnished		garden
	wifi		non-smoking
	Parking permit		bike storage

Costs:

- £200 monthly fee payable to Homeshare Oxfordshire
- Up to £25 contribution to bills payable monthly to Householder

Summary of support needed in this Homeshare arrangement:

Time together

- Providing a reassuring, gentle presence in the house at agreed times
- Share some meals together
- Trips together, cinema/theatre (in a post-COVID-19 world!)

Help in the house and garden

- Odd jobs around the house and garden
- Help with occasional sorting of boxes
- Putting bins out
- Cooking some meals

Help out and about

- Shopping, errands

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 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.

• 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.