

## Homeshare opportunity in Woodgreen, Witney, OX28 (Ref 047)

**Would you like to share the lovely home of an interesting older person in the Woodgreen area of Witney, along with her two small and energetic dogs?**

The Householder is a 'people person' and has wide and varied interests including creative writing, poetry and painting. An enduring interest in current affairs, politics and economics stems from having taught in higher education over a number of years. Travel has also been an important part of the Householder's working and personal life, across member states when working as a European Consultant, as well as North America, Africa and latterly, the Middle East, Asia and Russia. More restricted in her adventures over the past few years, she loves to watch the news and travel programmes and discuss world issues. Involvement in Christian activities, particularly those working with other faiths including Islam has been an important aspect of life. Most recently the Householder is involved with the Quakers.

The Householder lives with bipolar disorder and is well supported through the GP surgery and fortnightly visits from a Community Mental Health Nurse. She has some physical health issues too, which are managed through daily medication and regular hospital monitoring. Family are very important to the Householder and they are fully involved and supportive but do not live locally. The householder visits family often and enjoys having them to stay too. The Householder has a strong network of friends. Support with household work, gardening and social visits are in place.

This opportunity would suit someone who is lively and confident and has an interest in the world. Companionship, conversation and some shared meals would be an important part of the arrangement. Someone to walk the dogs would be ideal and someone to help with light housework and gardening would be a bonus. Due to the bipolar disorder, there are times when the Householder feels very sociable and energetic and others when she is much quieter and in lower mood. It is important that the Householder and Sharer not only 'click' and feel right for each other, but that the Sharer would feel comfortable with the fluctuations in mood.

Regular contact and support will be in place with the family and with the Homeshare team. It would be fine for the Sharer to be away some weekends and important that they are living their life too. Although the Householder has been vaccinated against Covid-19, it is expected that Sharer's own circumstances are low risk in relation to the virus and that they would follow government guidelines.

**Homeshare Oxford** 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 Oxford.



Woodgreen, Witney

### Location and accommodation:

The house is in the quiet, friendly Woodgreen area of Witney, a 15 minute walk from the town centre with access to all amenities.

Large bedroom with fitted wardrobes, bookshelf and bureau. Shower room adjacent to bedroom plus shared bathroom. Sole access to an upstairs living room with desk.



fully furnished



garden



two dogs



separate study/lounge



wifi



non-smoking



Parking



bike storage

### Costs:

- (To be discussed)
- Contribution to bills payable monthly to Householder

## Summary of support needed in this Homeshare arrangement

### Time together

- Companionship, conversation and some shared meals
- Providing a reassuring presence in the house
- Hopefully some trips out together

### Help in the house and garden

- Help with the dogs
- Light housework/help in garden (appreciated but not essential)

### Help out and about

- Regularly walking the two dogs
- Shopping/errands

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- **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 in Woodgreen, Witney, please contact us in the first instance via the '[Register your interest](#)' form at [homeshareoxford.org.uk](http://homeshareoxford.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.