

Homeshare opportunity in Witney OX28 (Ref 121)

Are you an easy going female, with a sense of fun and who enjoys a good chat? Do you also have a kind, caring nature? We are looking for the right person to provide companionship, easy company and a reassuring presence overnight for a kind-natured Witney Housholder.

The Householder, in her seventies, is a very friendly, sociable person with a good sense of fun – she enjoys chatting with people and listening to their stories. She used to love tea dancing and singing but still enjoys listening to music from all eras. She enjoys watching television, reading and attempting quizzes in her favourite magazines, seeing local friends who pop in and spending time with family.

Owing to some health issues, including mild cognitive issues, carers visit twice daily visit at 9am for breakfast and 5pm for dinner. During the day she may watch TV, listen to music or enjoy sitting in the garden or going out for a short walk if the weather is ok. Local friends pop in and family visit at the weekend.

Since losing her husband last year the Householder has lost some confidence and can at times feel lonely. She is looking for someone who is mainly around during the evenings to spend relaxed time together, watching TV and having a friendly chat. A little help around the house if needed would be appreciated. The Householder would also be happy to do things of shared interest together outside of the house – a browse round charity shops, a cup of coffee or even a trip to the tea dance!

The house is a good size with plenty of shared space – dining room, living room and sunroom.

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 is looking for affordable accommodation. **The Sharer gives the Householder 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.



Location and accommodation:

The house is in south Witney close to a bus stop with good links to Oxford. The bedroom is average size, overlooking the garden.



fully furnished



garden



wifi



non-smoking



parking on
drive



bike storage



shared
bathroom

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: companionship at home eg watching TV or listening to music together, chats over a cup of tea.

Help in the home and garden: General tidying up if needed.

Help out and about: Going out to do things of shared interest together.

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 are well-suited to this opportunity, please contact us in the first instance via the [enquiry 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 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.

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 nine months, although most Homeshare arrangements last considerably longer.

• References and checks

Sharers are able to provide three referees (usually character, employer or institution and a 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.