



## Homeshare opportunity in Woodstock, OX20 (Ref 057)

**Would you like to live in a self-contained annexe attached to the house of an older person in the heart of Woodstock, just a stone's throw from Blenheim palace? The house is in a quiet backstreet of old Woodstock and looks out onto a sheltered garden.**

The householder is a widow in her 80s, who is very 'young at heart' and enjoys company, conversation and outings on her scooter around Blenheim. She is very well-travelled, having lived overseas in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and loves meeting people from around the world, reading, films, music and theatre.

The Householder is increasingly physically frail, with limited vision and mobility and is in need of someone to keep an eye on things. With all her family now living abroad, she would like to find a warm, friendly and kind person, who may have similar interests and who can provide companionship and some support around the house.

The Householder has some existing support in place to help with housework, gardening and paperwork. Whilst the Homeshare arrangement is chiefly about companionship and some shared meals, additional help with some of the following would be of interest: **cooking, general IT support, odd jobs in the house and garden and a weekly online shop.** A car driver is not essential but would be helpful.

This position would suit someone friendly, kind, easy-going and sociable, with a fairly relaxed lifestyle and, ideally, room for some flexibility. Someone who would, on occasion, enjoy a walk or expedition together, could work well. If someone were available to do additional hours, over and above the ten Homeshare hours, this could be of interest.

Usually a very sociable person, who enjoys meeting friends for meals, walks and cinema/theatre outings, the householder has had to limit her social activities over the past year due to COVID. She continues to be cautious having had two vaccines. She is looking for someone who is vaccinated and who is also prepared to be cautious and maintain a low-risk lifestyle.

**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.



*Blenheim Palace, Woodstock – a few minutes walk from the house*

### Location and accommodation:

The room on offer is part of a self-contained annexe, attached to the house. Includes bedroom, living room, kitchen and shower room/toilet. It is equipped with oven, fridge, washing machine, dishwasher and wifi.

	fully furnished		garden
	Wifi		non-smoking
	parking		bike storage
	self-contained annexe		separate shower-room

### 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** – The householder enjoys company, a chat over a cup of tea and would like some shared meals together. If time allowed to get out and about, e.g. trip to Blenheim grounds, the occasional trip to the cinema or theatre (COVID allowing) that would be ideal.

**Help in the house and garden** - Help preparing and cleaning up an evening meal together some evenings each week. Odd jobs around the house and garden.

**Help out and about** – It is not essential but would be a bonus if someone had householder a clean driving licence and could, from time to time, help with shopping or lifts to friends' houses.

NB. IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THE SHARER WOULD BE ABLE TO DO EVERYTHING LISTED IN THE 10 HOURS AND THERE WOULD NEED TO BE DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT IS POSSIBLE AND/OR IF ADDITIONAL HOURS ARE AVAILABLE.

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.