



Homeshare opportunity in Woodstock, OX20 (Ref 057)

Are you a sociable, kind and easy-going person, who enjoys cooking, and would have time and energy four or five evenings a share a meal and spend time with a 'young at heart' woman in her 80s?

The accommodation available is in a comfortable self-contained annexe attached to the main house in a quiet lane with a beautiful garden in the heart of Woodstock.

The householder is a widow in her 80s, who 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 mentally astute but increasingly physically frail, with limited vision and mobility and some health issues. With all her family now living abroad, she would like to find a warm, friendly and kind person, who may have similar interests.

The Householder has existing support in place to help with housework, gardening and paperwork as well as additional local support that she can call on on ad hoc basis. In Homeshare she is looking to find someone who would be happy to check in on her each morning, and to prepare and share evening meals, and spend some time together four or five evenings a week. Help with a weekly online shop would also be part of the arrangement and, ideally, the Sharer would be happy to cook a larger meal to share with friends from time to time.

Not essential, but if someone had hours over and above the 10 Homeshare hours to help with odd jobs about the house/garden or IT issues that crop up, this is something that could be of interest and could be discussed on a separate basis. Similarly, someone who might enjoy a walk or expedition together on occasion could be a bonus. A car driver is not essential but would be helpful.

This opportunity would suit a friendly, sociable person, whose schedule and lifestyle would be relaxed enough for them to enjoy the role described above.

The Householder, usually a very sociable person, who enjoys meeting friends for meals, walks and cinema/theatre outings, has had to limit her social activities over the past 18 months due to COVID. She is vaccinated and continues to be cautious. The Sharer would also need to be vaccinated, with 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 additional hours were available, getting out 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 four or five evenings each week.

Help out and about – If additional hours were available, someone with a clean driving licence who could help with shopping or lifts from time to time

NB. IF THE SHARER HAD HOURS AVAILABLE IN ADDITION TO THE 10 HOMESHARE HOURS THIS WOULD BE OF INTEREST AND COULD BE DISCUSSED.

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 in the first instance 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, 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.