

## Affordable accommodation in Oxfordshire in return for help and companionship

**Homeshare Oxford personally matches older people who would like some practical help or companionship, with someone who would enjoy sharing the home of an older person and is happy to lend a hand, in return for affordable accommodation.**

In return for accommodation, the Sharer gives (up to) 10 hours of help/companionship each week and pays £200 monthly to Homeshare, plus a contribution towards household costs.

### Abingdon home, OX14 (Ref 035)



Would you like to share the home of a friendly, retired teacher giving 10 hours of your time each week as help/companionship in return for affordable accommodation?

The Householder enjoys classical music, conversation, reading, knitting and seeing friends and family. Daily activity has however been affected by illness earlier in the year, and although she is regaining independence, the Householder would appreciate having someone around for companionship and a reassuring night time presence. A small amount of help with household tasks would be helpful from time to time as would someone to help with IT/technology.

The house is situated in a quiet part of Abingdon, five minutes from bus routes to Oxford, Didcot, Shippon and other local places, and a 10 minute walk from the town centre.

This would suit an independent, friendly, mature professional female (possibly a teacher or a nurse) who would be happy to provide the companionship and reassurance outlined above.

### Cuddesdon home, OX44 (Ref 036)

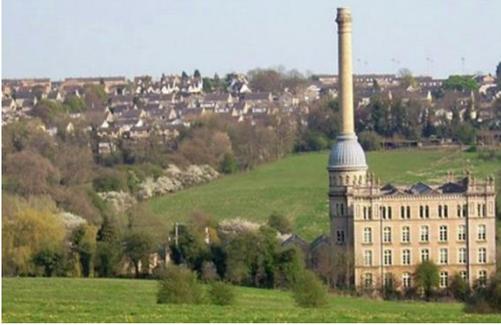


Would you like to share a comfortable home of a friendly older couple in the peaceful village of Cuddesdon, 8 miles from Oxford, and 3 miles from Wheatley (and with wonderful views!)

The husband is currently convalescing in a local care home, following illness, but is due to return home imminently. He has mild dementia and limited mobility and will be supported by daily visits from Carers on his return. His wife would very much like to have someone else around in the house, as a friendly presence and someone to have a good chat with or watch a bit of TV together. The couple have friends in the village and family living close by.

This would suit an independent, easy going female, who would be happy to fit in and provide the companionship outlined above. A car driver, who would be willing to give lifts from time to time, work schedule allowing, would be an asset. Cuddesdon is no longer served by local buses.

## Chipping Norton home, OX7 (Ref 034)



Would you like to share a spacious, light and peaceful home of a friendly, welcoming couple, both retired secondary school teachers, in a quiet part of Chipping Norton, a short walk from the town centre?

In the past the couple have both been active in the community and have enjoyed a variety of pursuits (theatre, music, walking, cycling) but this is now much reduced owing to the wife now being physically frail and living with mild dementia (primarily short term memory loss and confusion).

Having someone else in the house to provide extra companionship at times, and a reassuring presence when the husband is not in the immediate vicinity (may be in the garden or garage) would be much appreciated. Someone who could commit to being home regularly on Thursday evenings to provide quiet companionship whilst the husband is out, is essential. The help needed at other times is more flexible and could be negotiated depending on circumstances. Some assistance with light household chores, gardening and the odd bit of shopping might be welcome.

This would suit an independent, kind and friendly female, who would be happy to provide the companionship and reassurance outlined above. There is plenty of space to park a car if need be and even the opportunity to help out on an allotment if desirable!

## North Oxford home, OX2 (Ref 028)



Would you like to share a comfortable home in North Oxford (outside the ring road) with a friendly, welcoming couple (and two indoor cats)? The house is a short walk to a lovely local park.

The Householders enjoy classical music, radio 3, museums, concerts, cooking, chess, jigsaws, gardening, keeping up with current affairs and eating out from time to time.

The husband's mobility and speech has been affected by a stroke. He uses a wheelchair but walks in the house as much as he can. His wife maintains an active lifestyle and is the main carer, supported by Carers who come daily to help with the morning routine. The couple have very supportive family living close by.

This would suit a relaxed, kind, friendly, person who would also enjoy living with cats and who could help with household tasks, some cooking and would enjoy sharing meals together from time to time. A patient person with some understanding of stroke and of short term memory issues would be an asset. The reassurance of there being someone in the house most nights is very important.

Someone who might like to accompany the Householders on a park stroll or museum visit would be welcome. A driver would be a bonus (with the possibility of using the owners' car) to help with lifts, but not essential. A chess player would also be a bonus!

## Botley home, OX3 (Ref 032)



There is an opportunity for someone to share a quiet home in Botley (close to Brookes Harcourt Hill campus), with an elderly lady who is returning home after a period of convalescence following a fall.

Although increasingly frail and with some health issues, the homeowner is warm, young-hearted, humorous and independently minded, with interests in gardens and gardening, art, theatre, cinema, sports (especially cricket) and watching TV.

This would suit a relaxed, friendly person, perhaps with some experience of spending time with an older person in a similar situation and sympathetic to the needs of someone who has been very independent but who is now much more frail. Someone who perhaps has a part time job or studies/works from home and able to spend a bit of time with the homeowner, having a chat over a cup of tea or lunch, and encouraging the householder in her interests, would be ideal.

Arrangements for daily carers, morning and evening, will be in place, and an overnight carer will be on hand (although may not always be called upon). Very supportive family are also living close by.

The house is small-ish with 3 bedrooms and a shared bathroom. The Sharer could mainly have access to a small room which could be used as a study, in addition to their bedroom. The house is close to the local park and bus routes to the city centre. Off street parking is available.

## Brill village (Ref 033)



Would you like to share the lovely home of a friendly, elderly lady in the beautiful village of Brill close to the Oxfordshire/Bucks border? A few miles from Thame and 25 minute drive to Oxford.

The Householder has always loved music and playing the violin – including in quartets with friends and local orchestras. She has enjoyed the company of other people and interesting conversation about art, history and ideas in general. Other interests include gardening, painting, arts and family. The Householder living independently with mild dementia and is very close to her family, some of whom live close by.

Sharing company and some meals together would be ideal. Help with light housework now and then be welcome. The reassuring presence of someone else in the house overnight is important.

This would suit someone is friendly, patient and who shares some of the Householder's interests. A kind, understanding person who is sympathetic to, and may have some experience of, some of the issues that can be associated with memory loss, would be ideal.

## Dorchester-on-Thames cottage, OX10 (Ref 022)



Would you like to share a comfortable home in Dorchester-on-Thames, eight miles south of Oxford and close to shops, transport and the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside.

The homeowner is a friendly, sociable and active person. She lives independently with some memory loss. She is interested in current affairs, human rights, Africa and is actively involved in the church.

This opportunity would suit a friendly person who has some evenings free to share mealtimes and could help with day to day household tasks. A kind, understanding person who is sympathetic to, and may have some experience of, some of the issues that can be associated with memory loss, would be most welcome.

## Sutton Courtenay home, OX14 (Ref 023)



There is an opportunity to share a comfortable and spacious home in the pretty village of Sutton Courtenay, three miles south of Abingdon and a mile from Culham.

This gentle, quiet homeowner enjoys a peaceful home, is interested in classical music and is involved in the local church. She is living independently with

mild dementia and has family living fairly close by.

The homeowner would like some companionship and to share meals from time to time. A car driver, able to help with lifts to shops and appointments, is essential, using the Householder's car if necessary. The reassuring presence of someone else in house, especially overnight, is important.

This would suit an independent, kind, understanding person who is sympathetic to, and may have some experience of, some of the issues that can be associated with living with memory loss.

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**An application form, references, DBS check and interview are all requirements of the Homeshare process.**

**We look forward to hearing from you.**

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