

## Affordable accommodation in Oxfordshire with Homeshare Oxford – November 2020

**\*\* COVID-19 – CORONAVIRUS: We welcome enquiries and applications from people looking for Homeshare accommodation. We are taking all necessary steps and precautions to ensure that we are operating in as safe a way as possible, taking into account the individual circumstances and wishes of all concerned which are of paramount importance in our matching processes. \*\***

**A Homeshare arrangement brings together older people who may need some practical help, companionship or reassurance in their home, with someone who needs affordable accommodation, would enjoy sharing the home of an older person and is happy to lend a hand.**

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

**\*\*\* We have several new opportunities across Oxfordshire including in Oxford (Jericho, Littermore and Greater Leys), Chalgrove, Leafield, nr Witney, all of which will be listed here very soon.\*\*\***

### Witney home, OX28 (Ref 035)



**Would you like to share the home of a friendly older person in a spacious house in central Witney?**

The Householder is interested in art, literature, gardening, education, theatre, cinema. She has been involved in voluntary work with refugees, local politics and the Peace Movement and has always been interested in other cultures and has travelled widely in Europe, Africa and China. Human rights and social justice are areas of interest too. The Householder has previously been successfully involved in Homeshare.

Owing to health limits, and a recent fall, the Householder is looking for a little help around the home and physical assistance with moving the odd box or piece of furniture, putting out the rubbish bins and helping with some clearing out and taking things to rubbish/recycling centres. Shared company and some meals together, when convenient, would also be a part the Homeshare.

The reassurance of having someone in the house at night is important and a car driver is essential for help with the odd errand and taking things to the recycling centre.

This would suit a considerate, friendly, helpful person who would also enjoy company and conversation and who shared some of the Householder's interests. Someone who would be generally around evenings and overnight and who would be happy to provide the support outlined above.

Owing to age and health issues, the Householder needs to be extremely careful in the light of the Covid 19 virus, and this opportunity would most suit someone who will be wholly attentive to this, and whose own circumstances and lifestyle are very low risk in terms of exposure.

### 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). However, she still retains her lovely, gentle personality and sense of humour.

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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 would be at home on Thursday evenings to provide quite companionship, for when the husband's Thursday evening commitment is back in place, is essential

The help needed at other times is more flexible and could be negotiated depending on circumstances. Some assistance with shopping, light household chores and gardening 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!

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**Application form, references, DBS check and interview are requirements of the Homeshare process.**

***Homeshare Oxford is the local Homeshare provider for Oxfordshire. We operate on a not-for-profit basis as part of Age UK Oxfordshire, a registered charity.***

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