

Homeshare opportunity in Great Rollright, OX7 (Ref 105)

We are looking for a 30+ female who would like to share the welcoming home of a friendly, Great Rollright resident whose independence is very important to her. The Householder is in her early nineties, and lives with her sweet natured, well-trained and much loved Labrador. A love of dogs is key.

The Householder has a love for the countryside and of country life. Born and educated in Ireland with a lifelong love of horses, which has involved breeding and participating in various sports including hunting and dressage. The Householder has lived in the UK for over 70 years and has a broad range of interests including gardens, sports, reading and current affairs and is a member of a local book club. She has friends across the generations and enjoys the company of younger people. With a background in education, Montessori trained, the Householder enjoyed helping with reading at the local primary school, until thwarted by COVID.

The Householder likes to do her own thing but would appreciate having someone around to chat with, at occasional times and for the occasional meal if the timing worked out. She is full of determination and energy while dealing with the usual frailties associated with her age. With less good balance and using sticks to get around, the Householder had a couple falls last year and someone else living in the house would be very reassuring for the Householder and her family. Other help required may be some cooking if that is something the Sharer enjoys, and the odd jobs which are now more difficult for the Householder. A few local friends take care of the dog walking during the week but someone who could help with dog walking on occasional weekdays if the walkers are away and at weekends when family are not visiting would be ideal. Someone who might also be around first thing in the morning to let the dog out and feed her could also be very helpful.

This Homeshare opportunity would suit an animal lover, 30+, with an active lifestyle and who shared some of the Householders interests. A car driver would be essential. Someone who has a job, full or part time, and their own independent life, maybe with local friends or family would work well. And someone who would be happy in a household where the Householder's family often came to visit or stay and to be reasonably independent at these times. A good cook would be very welcome, though not essential, and a person who is happy to help keep the house tidy would be great. There is more than one sitting room to allow the sharer to have their own space as well as their bedroom with a beautiful view. There is also regular help from a cleaner.

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.



A room with a view!

Location and accommodation:

This lovely home is in the peaceful village of Great Rollright, with stunning views across the fields, 2.5 miles north of Chipping Norton. The accommodation is ensuite and there is the option of sole use of an office/sitting room when family are not staying overnight.



fully furnished



garden



wifi



non-smoking



Off road
parking



bike storage



ensuite
bathroom



Pet dog

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 likes to do her own thing but would appreciate having someone around to chat with, at occasional times and for the occasional meal if the timing worked out.

Help in the home and garden: Some cooking if that is something the Sharer enjoys, and the odd jobs which are now more difficult for the Householder. Helping to keep the house tidy. Help with dog walking at weekends when family are not visiting would be ideal. Someone who might also be around first thing in the morning to let the dog out could also be very helpful.

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 30 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. 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.