

Homeshare opportunity in Oxford, Iffley Borders/Rose Hill OX (Ref 102)

An interesting and independent Householder is looking for a friendly, intelligent, female to join her in her Iffley Borders /Rose Hill home, with close links to public transport in one direction and short walk to Iffley village and the nearby river Thames in the other.

The Householder has a Social Work background, both as a practicing social worker and as a trainer/teacher at Oxford Brookes and at Ruskin College. She has many interests including reading, exhibitions, museums and gardens and, in the past, has enjoyed travelling. She has been active in her community and involved in a number of social initiatives and left-wing politics.

Owing to some decreased mobility and a less energy, a little help around the house would now be very welcome, including putting out the bins each week. Regular support from a cleaner is also in place. The Householder enjoys food, and in the past has grown vegetables on an allotment. Someone who enjoyed cooking and may like to cook evening meals a few times a week could work well. An interest in gardening and a willingness to help with jobs in the garden would be great. Someone with good IT skills who could assist with the little things that crop up on mobile phones and laptops would be appreciated.

Whilst the Householder is happy in her own space and own company, time spent together every now and then with a compatible Sharer would be welcome. Having the reassurance of knowing that there is someone else around in the house, especially at night, is an important factor.

This Homeshare might best suit a female post-graduate student or an academic although the Householder is open minded about others who may work well too. The Sharer should be easy going, helpful and friendly and responsible. Someone with their own independent life, who also enjoyed their own space and was happy to live in a relaxed environment, would work well.

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.



Nearby Iffley lock, a 15 minute walk

Location and accommodation:

The light and welcoming home is in a quiet cul-de-sac in Iffley Borders, the area of Rose Hill bordering Iffley Village. Close to bus stops on Rose Hill and also backing onto a foot and cycle path to Iffley village and the river Thames. The room is cosy with cupboard and drawers and desk.



fully furnished



garden



wifi



non-smoking



Parking on street outside house



bike storage



shared bathroom

Costs:

- £ 200 monthly fee payable to Homeshare
- Contribution to bills payable monthly to Householder

Summary of support needed in this Homeshare arrangement

Time together: As and when. Shared meals together a few times a week possible.

Help in the home and garden: Help with putting out bins, light housework, hoovering and the like. Help in the garden would be very useful. Cutting the grass, raking leaves.

Help out and about: Less needed but the odd bit of shopping might be helpful from time to time.

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.