

Do you have a spare room in your house?

Share your home and make a difference

Do you feel that you could offer support to someone in order to make a difference to their life? If so, you could be just the person we are looking for!!

The Oxfordshire Shared Lives Scheme supports carers to provide paid care and support in their own home to vulnerable adults.

People who use the service need practical and emotional support in order to live their lives more fully and independently and feel part of a family household. They may have a learning disability, physical disability or mental health need or they could be an older person or someone with dementia.

Here in Oxfordshire we are keen to recruit people from all walks of life who feel they can offer this type of paid support in their own home. It could be anything from occasional short breaks or day time support through to a longer term full time arrangement. The support that our carers give makes a huge difference to the lives of people using the service, often enabling them to experience new opportunities and reach new goals.

No matter what type of arrangement our carers provide, they all receive on-going support and training from a team of qualified social workers to ensure delivery of high quality, person centred care. They could also be paid up to just over £400 per week for each person they support.

There are also regular opportunities to meet up with other carers and people who use the service at social and information events so a wider support network is also available.

If you have a spare room to offer and would like to play a key part in making a positive difference to someone's life, **then we really want to hear from you!**

Call the Oxfordshire Shared Lives Scheme on **01865 897971** or visit our website www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sharedlives .

We are also holding a drop-in session for people to come and find out more about the service by chatting to other carers, social workers from the Shared Lives Team and people using the service. This will be held on Thursday 6th December between 1.00 pm and 2.30 pm at Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 3JD. We look forward to meeting you!!