

Property reference number: - 2204-1603 (KIDLINGTON)

Home to a family with one child in the 5-12 age group and four teenagers.

They are looking to house swap in the school holidays.

KEY INFORMATION...

Bedrooms available:-	Double:- 1 Single:- 4 (1 regular, 1 cabin, 2 high sleepers) sofabed in lounge, & foldout bed & camp beds available (Max 6+ people)
Children welcome?-	All ages welcome (with supervision for the very small), but this is best suited for ages 4+
Pets that live here:-	3 cats which will need feeding please! They will probably be shy to begin with, but will get used to you. One is pretty elderly, so ideally someone who is used to dealing with cats.
re-dogs	They are not able to consider a dog staying
N.B.	No pet allergies. A family member has coeliac disease, so a brief discussion about the implications of that would be useful.



This semi-detached bungalow was built in the early 1930's and now includes a loft conversion. It's in a convenient location just outside Oxford. Kidlington claims to be one of the largest villages in the UK, and has a great range of facilities. The home is situated on a main road, with regular, direct buses for the 20-30 minute journey into Oxford City Centre. The nearby Oxford Parkway Station runs frequent trains taking you into central London within an hour. Alternatively you can head out into the beautiful Cotswolds, visit the nearby Blenheim Palace, or go shopping in Witney or Bicester town, or Bicester Village for designer outlets.

A few doors away is a clean and well-stocked Co-op. A 5 minute walk takes you to the village High Street with a choice of restaurants, takeaways and pubs, coffee shops, supermarkets and charity shops as well as a small shopping centre with a variety of independent businesses, and market day is on Fridays and Saturdays. $\frac{3}{4}$ mile in the other direction is a large Sainsbury's supermarket. Oxfordshire is a beautiful county to visit having so many and varied things to do and see for all age groups. See area websites below.

There is a separate lounge; the dining room opens to the kitchen which includes a dishwasher, and the utility room includes the washing machine. Four bedrooms, the shower/toilet room and another separate toilet are on the ground floor. In the loft conversion is a single room with cabin bed and ensuite bathroom (shower over bath). There has been a lot of renovation work in recent years, some of which is not quite finished. Some of the hallway is not fully carpeted, but it is safe and functional. They don't have a TV, but internet access is good. There is off-road parking.

The medium sized enclosed garden faces south west, and is mostly laid to lawn with two patio/seating areas for a choice of shade or sun. There is a garden table, chairs and a barbecue. The visiting foxes and badgers do a bit of damage, and we are still renovating parts, so it is not perfectly manicured!

The family attend Grace Church Kidlington which is an Independent Evangelical Church (FIEC). Their regular meeting is at 4pm, and twice a month this is followed by a seminar session at 5.40pm. "These are well worth staying for so, take a packed tea if you would like to eat between the two sessions!" Grace Church is a recent plant from Woodstock Road Baptist Church in Oxford,

which has a morning service at 10.30am. More info on www.gck.org.uk and www.wrbc.org.uk

Sport and Leisure	There is a free outdoor gym at Exeter Park, just a few minutes walk from the house. Kidlington & Gosford Leisure Centre half a mile away includes an indoor gym & swimming pool. There are long and short walking and cycle routes, including alongside the canal or the river and through Stratfield Brake Nature Reserve. In Oxford itself are several other swimming pools and many other sporting opportunities, such as Oxford Brookes Climbing Centre and Oxford Ice Rink. Bicester offers a trampoline park and a performance centre for open water swimming and an assault course.
Children's play areas	There are 4 main play parks in Kidlington, all within 5-15 minutes walk of the house
Some favourite local places of interest or entertainment	Blenheim Palace (Free entry to the grounds at the Coombe and Stonesfield entrances, or pay to go into the gardens & building via the Woodstock entrance) Cutteslowe Park, Oxford Playhouse, Kirtlington Quarry https://redkitedays.co.uk excellent for finding places to visit to suit every budget.

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This is a warm and friendly tardis house with a 'welcoming-from-a-distance host'! There is plenty of everything here, and it was easy to settle in quickly. The house is quiet although on a main road, with an enclosed & private garden. Oxford is 15 minutes away, wonderful bus service! There is a large Park & Ride with Oxford Parkway train station on the same site, so parking in the town needn't occur. Lots of local interests, a bus ride to Banbury worthwhile. (I saw John Craven there, twice!) Both Oxford and Kidlington have multiple churches to choose from. The house cats were very accepting of me and absolutely no problem, a very little amount of garden and plant watering was needed. In spite of the household being



seven people, swapping with one person, it worked well. They left my house in better order than when they'd arrived, and all bedding was piled neatly etc. This was a really good house swap.



<https://www.visitoxford.org/>

<https://www.experienceoxfordshire.org/>

https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-g1495396-Activities-Kidlington_Oxfordshire_England.html

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/south-east-and-london/oxfordshire/kidlington>

Right:- Three happy cats! (More house photos below)





2 garden photos.