

Fostering in Oxfordshire

You care with our support



Being a foster carer is rewarding but, we'll be honest, it's not easy. Our children and young people have often been through a lot and can need plenty of support. But every day we see the impact that support has. Seeing them grow in confidence – well, nothing beats that.

Fun trips to the shops, cuddles after a bad dream, helping with homework, being there during those tricky teen years – foster caring is about providing stability, positivity and reassurance when a child needs it most.



“I always thought that I needed to be older, financially secure and even possibly in a partnership to foster but really, you just need love.” Ellen, Wantage foster carer


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why us?





 **We fit around you.** You may be single, work full time or have kids – foster carers come in all shapes and sizes and that’s why we keep things personal. Even if it’s early days and you just want a chat to find out more, we work at your pace to give you answers, so that when you’re ready, we’re ready – whenever that may be.

 **We’re not for profit.** Unlike private fostering agencies, all our resources are focused on supporting you and the child you are caring for.

 **We have training for everything.** We know you’ll be more successful if you feel prepared and can adapt to the needs of different children.

 **You’ll be keeping Oxfordshire children local.** It’s common sense (and the stats tell us) that they’ll do better if they’re close to schools, friends and family, even if they’re no longer in the same town.

 **You can access 24/7 dedicated mentoring support** so you can talk to others who have ‘been there, done that’, exactly when you need them.

 **You’ll get fair pay** and expenses which for most are tax free. That means you can make the sums add up and not have to worry.



Want to know more?



We’re running a number of events in Witney – both online and drop in. To find out more, visit: oxfordshire.gov.uk/fosterevents or give us a call on **0800 783 5724**

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