



BUYING A NEW PROPERTY

A new property is probably the most expensive thing you'll ever buy and it can be a stressful experience so try and make things as easy and straightforward as you can by planning ahead.

Firstly, decide what sort of property you're looking for:

Do you just want to downsize?

Do you need somewhere with no stairs?

Are you looking for a holiday home?

Do you have particular health needs that require specialised facilities?

When you've a clear idea of what you're looking for, give your details to a range of local estate agents and ask them to contact you when they've got suitable properties to show you.

Make sure you visit the properties you're interested in more than once and at different times of the day. What may seem very peaceful in the day could be very busy and noisy during the evening. Try and talk to the neighbours for some inside information about the area.

If you've got children, check the proximity to schools and whether there's capacity to take your children.

If you don't have your own transport, check that there are shops nearby or good public transport links to a shopping centre or the doctors' surgery, etc.

Once you've made an offer for a property, arrange to have a survey carried out before parting with your money. Better to find out any structural problems now before you buy!

Engage a solicitor and ask them to explain anything in the process that you don't understand.

If your new home needs some work doing on it, try and get it done before you move in. It's so much easier without furniture in the way.

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