



Top Tips

Buying your new home

What's the transport like to the house? – are there good road links, what is public transport like?

Is the house on a busy road? – check a couple of times at different times of day.

What's the state of the outside decoration? – this can be expensive if it's in poor repair and may offer a useful bargaining tool.

Are there any cracks inside and outside? – pay particular attention to ones that actually go through bricks. Subsidence can be a real problem.

What's the parking like? – again visit at different times of day. Maybe parking permits are in operation.

What's included in the price? – carpets? Appliances? Curtains?

Is there central heating and how old is the boiler – are there maintenance contracts?

Any signs of damp? – inside and out. Does it smell damp?

Noisy neighbours? – listen carefully. Look at the state of neighbouring houses, particularly outside paintwork and gardens. This will give a good indication of the neighbours.

Newly decorated? – is this to hide something ominous like cracks or damp?

How good are the local schools? – look at the local school League Tables. Ask people in the area.

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