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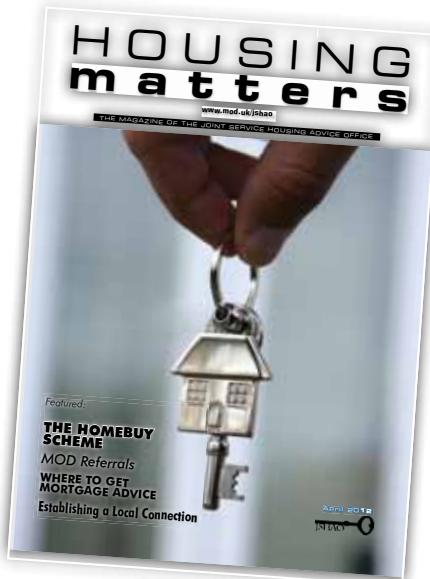
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Welcome to the April edition of Housing Matters. I do love this time of the year and very much look forward, as I am sure most of us do, to the summer weather. This is also a time of the year when the housing market will get busier. Hopefully we have included some information in this edition which will help you in some of the housing decisions you may have to make.

It has announced by HBOS this week (WC 7 Feb 12) that the average UK house price has risen by 0.6% in January 2012. This now makes the average UK 3 bedroom semi-detached property at just over £161,000. This is a significant amount and those of you thinking about house purchase will still need to save a minimum of 10% for the deposit. For those of you who are desperate to buy but have found prices above those you can afford, have you investigated the Shared Ownership/Shared Equity routes? There are government assisted schemes that give Service personnel Priority Status and there are various commercial alternatives across the UK. We have included a very useful article on those government schemes that are currently available within the UK.

Should you need further help and advice, please do not hesitate to call the JSHAO team.

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# WHERE TO GET MORTGAGE ADVICE?

You've recognised the fact that you need to plan ahead for when married quarters are no longer an option for you and you're now thinking of buying a house. How do you find the best mortgage for your needs?

**The short simple answer** – Track down an independent adviser who can prove they know what they are doing when arranging mortgages for **HM Forces** and their families.

## Why? Let's have a go at explaining this more fully

A chat with your friends might prove helpful and then there's the rumour mill. But think about it, if your appendix needed removing would you be happy if, because he had had the same operation 6 months earlier, the local car dealer turned up

to operate on you? There are many reasons why professionals advising on residential mortgages have to be qualified to do so.

## Where to start?

### DIY

You do not have to take advice to get a mortgage. You can source your own. The Sunday papers usually have a top of the mortgage charts which give you limited details of products which might be available. If you are feeling confident you can surf the net. Google "mortgages" for UK only and you will get **About 62,200,000 results** pages to choose from. Even with the continuing financial situation, there are numerous comparison sites clambering for your attention. So if you know your loan to values from you early

redemption charges and are sure that the deal meets your needs it's up to you.

**Possible problems** to be aware of. When you've typed in all your details and hit enter some of the sites will automatically be checking your credit file (did you read the small print)? This means that they might have placed a 'footprint' (a note of an enquiry) on your credit file. Mortgage lenders tend to be rather touchy about searches from other lenders. So one or two 'footprints' may not cause a problem but more than that and you could be building up a problem.

The second point to consider is – are you really happy to accept a mortgage on a '**non-advised basis meaning it's buyer beware**'?

If you are not keen on that idea who will advise you?

Well there's always **your own bank or local building society**.

## Pros:

If you have a good relationship with your bank or building society, then you could be given a quick decision. Some sell deals that are only available directly from them.

## Cons:

These advisers are not independent. They cannot tell you if another lender could offer you a better deal. Also the staff on the front-desk are rarely familiar with the circumstances of service life and frequently are not fully aware of the lenders criteria for H.M. Forces.

The actual sale is often done on a non-advised basis.

All mortgage brokers and financial advisers have to be professionally qualified. The firm they work for or through has to be regulated by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) if they deal in residential mortgages. Full financial advisers have to be individually registered.

That means you can either contact the FSA directly or go to [www.fsa.gov.uk/Pages/register](http://www.fsa.gov.uk/Pages/register) to check that the firm or individual are who they say they are. The FSA Register will also confirm if an adviser is "authorised" meaning they really are independent or an "appointed representative" meaning they are not.

Appointed representatives work for the firm that pays them.

**Independent advisers work for you.**



Regardless of who they are working for, you should be formally told fairly early on as to what type of adviser they are, what type of product they can advise on, if they have access to the whole of market and how they will be paid. **All fees and commission that may be paid must be made known to you in advance of you committing yourself to anything.**

Independent advisers often have special 'intermediary deals' which are not available directly from the lender and those that offer a fee option may also tell you about those deals that are only available directly from a lender.

Yet another point to consider when you first approach an independent adviser. Do they have access to the whole of the mortgage market or a panel of mortgage lenders? Some of those with limited access like to say that the products they can sell are "representative of the whole of the market". That can mean a few or nearly all of them so always ask just how many that really is.

When you have an idea of what mortgage you want you might start thinking about life insurance, building and contents cover and so on. The adviser who has access to the whole of the market for mortgages may be able to sell insurance too. BUT here again they might only be able to sell from one provider. Just because they might have access to the whole of market for mortgages it does not necessarily follow that they have for insurance also. So you need to check do they have access to more than one insurance provider, a limited number or many?

Independent Financial Advisers (IFA) are qualified to give advice on all areas of personal finance, pensions, investments, tax planning as well as mortgages and insurance. The question to ask with these is, how often do they sell mortgages? Like solicitors they can have areas of expertise.



So back to where to get advice.

Independent mortgage advisers (or brokers as they are sometimes known as) and IFAs can be found through the FSA; web sites such as [www.unbiased.co.uk](http://www.unbiased.co.uk), local directories and so on.

**However there is one final BIG question** (referring back to that short answer) I recommend you ask of any type of adviser you may approach. **What experience have they had of working with military personnel?**

- What if you are currently living at a BFPO address?
- Will the adviser know what CILOCT is or HDT?
- Do they know the terms and conditions of the Long Service Advance of Pay or the differences between AFPS(75) and AFPS(05)?
- Do they know which insurance providers will cover you if you die in an area of conflict?
- Would they know that several of the big name lenders will let you have a residential mortgage on a property and let it out without having lived in it? **Yes you can get someone else to pay your mortgage.**
- Will they make sure that the mortgage lender they recommend will allow you to let your home if you are posted away without making you switch your mortgage and incurring heavy charges?
- Have they heard of the **Armed Forces Home Ownership**

**Scheme** and who is eligible to apply? (That's up to £75,000 interest free for 10-years).

Most financial advisers who work with HMF can tell you the horror stories. For example there's the guy who, on posting, (even though he had told the lender from the start that he is in the Army) found that his payments had increased because they had added another 1% to his interest rate for the pleasure of being allowed to let the property. Another was told at the start; yes you will be able to let the house out if you are posted. When it came to it, yes he could, but he had to switch to a **Buy to Let** mortgage paying another huge stack of fees.

The list goes on and on.

**To find these advisers** recommendations from your colleagues can be useful.

You can also

- contact the JSHAO ([www.mod.uk/jshao](http://www.mod.uk/jshao)) or
- the Services Insurance and Investment Advisory Panel ([www.siiap.org](http://www.siiap.org)).
- and of course read Housing Matters.

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#### What does non-advised mean?

To quote the FSA –

#### Buying without advice

You don't have to take advice, but if you don't and the mortgage you choose turns out to be unsuitable, you will have fewer grounds for complaint.

If you do not have grounds, it is likely that you will have to pay to switch your mortgage.

#### Buying with advice

Only FSA-regulated firms and their agents should give advice about mortgages, and these firms must follow our standards when dealing with you. So check they are regulated, and therefore on our Register, before you deal with them. You have a right to expect the adviser to recommend only products that are suitable for you. If the product they recommend is unsuitable for your specific needs and circumstances based on the information you gave them, you can complain to the firm and expect compensation for any loss.

FSA – Money made clear

# MOD REFERRALS

**JSHAO have been able to secure full-time staff to administer this post.**

This has resulted in several positive improvements and some successful placements into properties for applicants who submitted applications to JSHAO as they were experiencing great difficulty in getting onto other Social Housing providers Housing Needs Registers.

JSHAO are now actively campaigning Housing Associations with a view to increasing the number of

nomination rights that are available to the MOD from the various Housing Associations. This has already resulted in both raising the number of nominations from existing providers as well as adding new providers who now need to provide allocations to MOD personnel since the removal of the governments Key Worker status earlier this year.

Removing the Key Worker Status has had the positive benefit to MOD ex service personnel in that Housing Associations who received some government

funding to build property have a commitment to provide housing nominations to priority status workers; MOD veterans retain this Priority Status for twelve months following their discharge

So if you are looking for Social Housing from Housing Associations, then there is a twelve month window of opportunity from your last day of service. Ring the JSHAO for more information and advice on MOD Referral Nominations. Mrs Chris Hodges will be pleased to give you more Information. 01980 61 8925



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### Redundancy Package

Forces Property Direct (FPD) have created an exclusive scheme to enable those service men and women who are under redundancy to take an interest free advance against their redundancy benefits.

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- Please note, this scheme is not open ended and can end at any time so please contact us to find out more, as always terms and conditions apply

### Resettlement

The resettlement scheme works the same way as the redundancy package but may be taken up to five years before termination of contract.

Firstbuy: a force to be reckoned with for military buyers

Forces Property Direct is urging members of the Armed Forces to register their interest in the Government's FirstBuy initiative following the announcement that military personnel have been given top priority for housing help and will be amongst the first to benefit from the Government scheme.

Steve Matthews, Managing director for Forces Property Direct, says: "It's important that we pull out all the stops to give our Armed Forces a helping hand onto the property ladder and it's only right that they are at the top of the list to receive funding."

Forces Property Direct became the largest provider of government funded house purchase for the British Military last year when facilitating purchases for serving personnel and MOD civilians using the HomeBuy Direct scheme.

Military purchasers are given priority over other interested parties, but for buyers that do not meet the requirements of FirstBuy, which is expected to help over 10,000 families get onto the property ladder, Further information can be found at [www.fpdirect.uk.com](http://www.fpdirect.uk.com)

FirstBuy works by eligible applicants being offered an equity loan of up to a maximum of 20% of the purchase price (based on the open market value).

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# THE HOMEBUY SCHEME



**The HomeBuy Scheme, launched on 01 April 2006, enables social tenants, Armed Forces personnel and first time buyers to buy a share of a home and get a first step on the housing ladder.**

Regular Armed Forces personnel (including MPGS), MOD Police, Defence Fire Service and clinical staff in MOD medical establishments have been granted Priority Status to access the Government Affordable Housing Programmes across all regions in England.

## Shared Ownership

This option offers brand new homes for sale on a part buy/ part rent basis but how does it work? Homes are available through Housing Associations. You can buy shares worth between 25% and 75% of the properties market value and



you pay a subsidised rent on the remaining share. You will normally be required to buy a share to the maximum you can afford. You may need to raise a mortgage to purchase your share or you may have a large deposit or equity from a previous sale.

## Shared Ownership Resales

When any existing shared ownership home becomes available for resale, you can buy the share from its current owner but how does it work? Homes are available through different Housing Associations. You can buy the share being offered for sale at open market value plus any additional share that you can afford.

## Equity Loan Schemes

Is a scheme which has helped thousands of first time buyers into Affordable Home Ownership over the previous years. The opportunity gives you a head start on the property ladder by helping you to become a home owner without having to purchase 100% of the property. Housing Associations and private developers offer new homes under this scheme but how does it work? You pay for a majority stake in a new home, usually with a mortgage and the developer pays for the rest with a loan. The loan is usually repayable when the property is sold on at any agreed term i.e. 25 years. When this occurs the developer will be entitled to receive their share of the value of the property at the time of the sale. The main difference between this and shared ownership is that you do not pay rent on an equity loan.

## Rent to HomeBuy Scheme

This scheme aims to help prospective first time buyers who

find that they are unable to buy a share of a property through HomeBuy at the present time (for example because they have been unable to find a suitable mortgage) but could so in the future, for example when mortgage availability has improved. Eligible households will be able to rent a new build property through the Intermediate Rent Scheme for a pre-specified period. At the end of that time (or sooner if they are able) they will have the option to buy a share of the property through the shared ownership scheme. The affordable rent will enable household's time to save for a deposit or for their financial circumstances to improve sufficiently for them to enter home ownership.

## Eligibility:

Service Personnel wishing to be considered as Priority Status under these schemes must fulfil the following eligibility criteria:

- i Must be a member one of the following; Regular Service, MPGS, MOD Clinical Staff (excluding doctors and dentists), MOD Police, Uniformed staff in Defence Fire Service.
- ii Must have completed Phase 1 training.
- iii Household income must be below £60k per annum.
- iv Must be a first time buyer or have a requirement to move home to meet their household needs (the existing property would have to be sold) and unable to buy, or afford market rents without assistance.

The Affordable Homes programme is run on behalf of the Government by "HomeBuy Agents" these are housing associations (otherwise known as Registered Social Landlords or RSLs) that run the

programme in their area of the country. HomeBuy Agents can register your interest, assess your eligibility and provide details of schemes in your area. Interested personnel should contact the "HomeBuy Agent" who covers the location of your permanent duty unit. [www.homebuy.co.uk](http://www.homebuy.co.uk) . For more detailed information visit our website at [www.mod.uk/jshao](http://www.mod.uk/jshao) and read our fact sheet on the Affordable Homes programme.

NOTE: Priority Status has also been extended for Service personnel to 12 months after their exit date as long as you have completed 6 years service.

The following shared ownership schemes are available in Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland;



## Wales

In Wales you have priority access to the Homebuy scheme. You will be eligible for this scheme if you cannot afford to buy a property that meets your households needs. The Welsh Assembly Government will provide an equity loan, normally between 30% and 50% of the purchase price. You take out a mortgage for the remainder. The equity loan offered by the Government will take into account your family needs, regional house prices and what you can afford to pay on a mortgage. You do not have to pay interest on the equity loan. If you sell the property you must pay back the same percentage of the sale price as you borrowed originally.

For more information on the scheme, go to <http://wales.gov.uk/> and select housing, buying and selling.



## Northern Ireland

**Co-Ownership** – This scheme works in similar way to shared ownership but is for properties on the open market. The applicant purchases at least 50% of the property and pays a charge for the part not owned around 2.5%. The scheme is run by the Co-Ownership Team in Belfast for the whole of Northern Ireland. For more information look at their website at [www.co-ownership.org](http://www.co-ownership.org).



## Scotland

**Low-Cost Initiative for First Time Buyers (LIFT)** – The Scottish Government is committed to helping people meet their aspirations to become home owners. Shared equity is one way to do this. The Scottish Governments Shared equity schemes enable people to buy a home in partnership with a registered social landlord. An owner generally pays between 60 and 80 per cent of the price of a home with the remainder held by a registered social landlord using a Government grant.

The New Supply Shared Equity scheme and the Open Market Shared Equity Pilot scheme aim to help people on low incomes who wish to own their own home but who cannot afford to pay the full price for a house. They are part of the range of assistance from the Scottish Government under its Low-cost initiative for First-Time Buyers, LIFT.

The Scottish Governments' shared

equity schemes mainly aim to help first-time buyers, such as people living in social housing, people in the Armed Forces or veterans, the schemes can however help others too. For example, they may be able to help people who are looking for a new home after a significant change in their household circumstances. They may also be able to help disabled people access more suitable housing.

For more information look at the following websites;

[www.scotland.gov.uk/lift](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/lift)  
[www.scottishhousingregulator.gov.uk](http://www.scottishhousingregulator.gov.uk)  
[www.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.scotland.gov.uk)  
(Select 'Housing', 'buying')

### Frequently asked Questions

#### Q. Will members of the Reserve Forces/Territorial Army be eligible?

A. Not as Priority Status because the MoD is not their main employer however any individual can apply as a first time buyer.

#### Q. Do I have to have a certain length of Service remaining in order to have Priority Status?

A. No. As long as you are still serving in one of the eligible groups of MoD Employees when you complete the purchase of your home, you are classed as a Priority Status and are therefore priority for this scheme.

#### Q. Will I be tied into any return of service period if I get assistance under this scheme?

A. No.

#### Q. If I leave the MoD after buying a home through this scheme, will I have to repay the equity loan?

A. No.

#### Q. What happens if I get posted away from the area where I purchased the property will I have to sell it and repay the equity loan?

A. No. The Scheme recognises that fact that Military personnel

are sometimes compelled to move to another part of the country for Service reasons. Therefore Sub let arrangements have been agreed for serving Armed Forces whose tour of duty requires them to serve away from the area in which they live (a distance of at least 50 miles or 90 minutes travelling time) for a fixed period.

#### Q. What if I decide to sell the property?

A. If you decide to sell the property, any assistance received will have to be repaid on a percentage basis.

#### Q. Can I still access the programme if I am injured and receive funds from the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) or War Pensions Scheme (WPS)?

A. Yes. A full disregard against AFCS and WPS payments has been agreed when assessing for affordability and sustainability.

#### Q. What happens if a Service person in receipt of assistance dies whilst on duty?

A. In such cases, only the sale of the property or transfer of ownership would trigger repayment of the equity loan.

#### Q. What size house am I entitled to?

A. The HomeBuy Agent must determine the current needs of the applicant's household, taking into account the number of people in the household, their age and gender and other family circumstances e.g. where the applicant has divorced or separated and children visit on a regular basis, there may be need for an additional bedroom. As a guide, applicants are allowed one bedroom more than required based on their current household composition.

#### Q. What if any of my circumstances change?

A. You are obliged to inform the HomeBuy Agent of any changes in your circumstances such as leaving the Service or you are posted away from the area in which the property is located, within 7 days of the change.



#### Q. Can I use this scheme to upgrade my current home?

A. You will not be able to do this when your current housing needs are met by your existing property.

#### Q. What happens if I get divorced?

A. If, under the terms of a divorce settlement, the property is the subject to a transfer of ownership, the court will advise the HomeBuy Agent (as one of the mortgagees) of this order. The HomeBuy Agent will then ask to see the financial statement and agree with the Housing Corporation whether repayment of the equity loan should be triggered or be deferred.

#### Q. How does the Housing Association ensure that they get their money back on sale of the property?

A. Their interest is secured through the lease.

#### Q. As I only own a percentage of the property do I only have to pay a percentage of the council tax?

A. No. You will be liable to the whole of all charges and bills associated with the property. This includes any legal fees and stamp duty land tax associated with the purchase.

#### Q. Do I have to pay the full stamp duty?

A. Shared ownership purchasers can elect to pay Stamp Duty Land Tax (SDLT) at the outset on the market value of the property. In this case there will be no further SDLT charges at any stage; however, there is no stamp duty on properties bought under a shared ownership scheme until 80% of the property is owned. Any further 'staircasing' payments which take the purchaser above this level – including the acquisition of the freehold, will attract SDLT.

# HOUSING IN YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE

## LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE

**There are 19 housing authorities in this region – eight in North Yorks, four in South Yorks, five in West Yorks and two in Hull & East Riding. These authorities have, in the majority of cases, decreed that applicants must have local connections to be considered for their general waiting lists.**

## THE FOLLOWING ARE THE HOUSING AUTHORITIES OPERATING WITHIN THE REGION:

### NORTH YORKS ([www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk))

CRAVEN	01756 700600	HAMBLETON	0845 1211 555
HARROGATE	01423 500600	RICHMONDSHIRE	01748 829100
RYEDALE (HA)	01653 600666	SCARBOROUGH	01723 232323
SELBY	01757 705101	YORK	01904 551550

### WEST YORKS

BRADFORD	01274 431000	CALDERDALE	0845 245 6000
KIRKLEES	01484 221252	LEEDS	0113 222 4444
WAKEFIELD	01924 306090		

### SOUTH YORKS

BARNSLEY	01226 770770	DONCASTER	01302 736000
ROTHERHAM	01709 382121	SHEFFIELD	0114 290 0200

### HULL AND EAST RIDING ([www.eastriding.gov.uk](http://www.eastriding.gov.uk))

EAST RIDING	01482 393939	KINGSTON UPON HULL	01482 300300
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## HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS

Housing Associations vary in size dramatically from less than 50 properties to a stock of over 40,000. They are becoming the major providers of social housing in the UK, being responsible for almost a third of new housing. Their objective is to provide affordable good quality homes for rent or low cost home ownership. Some are able to accept direct applications whilst others will only take nominations by a local authority.

**PLACES FOR PEOPLE** is one of the largest property management and development companies in the UK. Their focus is on creating places where people choose to live. Their aim is to create sustainable communities by building homes for sale and rent alongside homes for reduced and part ownership, as well as commercial units, live/work apartments, homes with care and support and nurseries for pre-school children. You can contact Places for People by free phone within the UK on 0800 432 0002 or through their website at [www.placesforpeople.co.uk](http://www.placesforpeople.co.uk)

**HAIG HOMES** is an organisation dealing exclusively with ex-Service personnel nation-wide. They have over 1300 properties in the UK. All their properties are let to people with Service connections, priority being given to families with children.

For more details telephone: 020 8685 5777 or visit [www.haighomes.org.uk](http://www.haighomes.org.uk)

## AVERAGE HOUSE PRICES IN YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE – FOURTH QUARTER 2011

Standard price	£114,588
Annual Change	-4.4%
Quarterly Change	-8.1%

(Figures sourced from [www.lloydsbankinggroup.com](http://www.lloydsbankinggroup.com))



Head Office telephone numbers for some of the other larger Housing Associations operating in the area are listed below. Details of other Housing Associations are available from JSHAO on request.

#### **YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE**

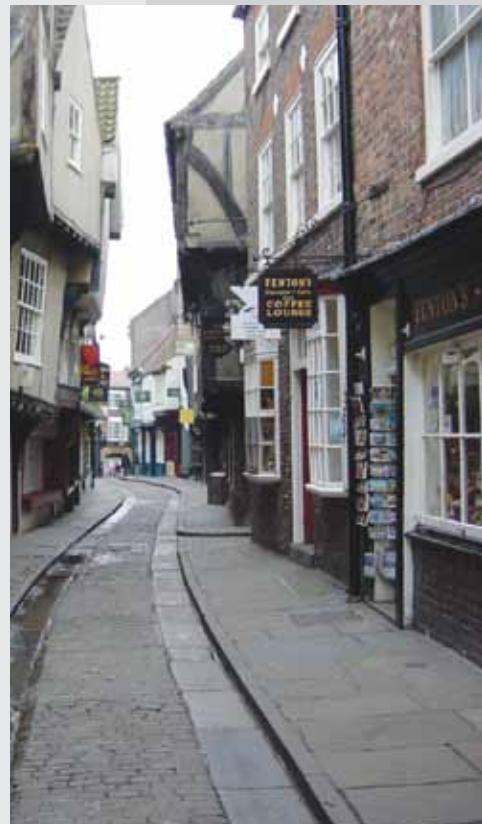
**North, South & West Yorkshire, Hull & East Riding of Yorkshire**

Main areas of provision are West and South Yorks and Hull; North Yorks very limited (exc. Harrogate)

Name	Tel	Counties Covered
Accent	01274 733660	East, North, West
Brunel & Family	01274 492767	West
Chevin	0845 270 1088	All
English Churches	0845 111 0000	All
Harewood	01132 021260	All
Joseph Rowntree HT	01904 735000	East, North
Leeds Federated	0113 3861000	North, South, West
Places for People	0845 4320002	All
Northern Counties	0845 6059 000	South, West
Sanctuary	0800 7810401	All
South Yorkshire	0114 290 0200	South
Connect Housing	01484 353535	West
William Sutton Homes	0845 217 8601	All
Yorkshire Metropolitan	01484 431666	South, West

#### **REGIONAL HOMEBUY AGENT**

Region	Zone	Homebuy Agent
Yorkshire and Humberside	North/West Yorkshire and Humberside	Yorkshire Housing (My 4 Walls)



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Web: [www.pearsonia.co.uk](http://www.pearsonia.co.uk)



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## ADVERTISING FEATURE

### ARMED FORCES HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME (AFHOS)



The Armed Forces Home Ownership Scheme (AFHOS) was launched early in 2010 to help members of the forces struggling to afford their first home, and has already proved a great success. During the two years that the scheme has been running over 130 service personnel have received help to buy their first home.

To be eligible for the scheme, applicants will need to have served more than 4 but less than 6 years, and be unable to buy a home on their own. If approved, you may be offered a loan of up to £75,000 to top up what you can afford on your own and help you to buy a suitable home.

There is no interest to pay on the loan whilst you remain in active service. A particular feature of this scheme is its flexibility, recognising that circumstances can and often do change. There is the possibility to sublet the home, pay off part or the whole loan, or indeed move house in the event of a posting elsewhere.

Full details of the scheme including how to apply can be found at [www.afhos.co.uk](http://www.afhos.co.uk) or by calling the Scheme Agents Radian on 0800 028 1980.

If the scheme is not suitable, don't despair! Serving personnel are now the highest priority for all government funded affordable home ownership schemes, including the new FirstBuy scheme. For details on what is available in your area, visit [www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/homebuy\\_agents](http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/homebuy_agents)

## Armed Forces Home Ownership Scheme

If you have more than 4 but less than 6 years service, the Armed Forces Home Ownership Scheme (AFHOS) is a way for you to buy a home suited to your needs, with some extra help to top up your mortgage.

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For more details and to find out if you qualify for the scheme:

Visit: [www.afhos.co.uk](http://www.afhos.co.uk)  
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The Armed Forces Home Ownership Scheme is administered by Radian Group on behalf of the Homes and Communities Agency. Please note that the market value of the home you buy can go up or down and your home is at risk if you do not keep up the repayments on a mortgage or other loan secured on it.



28 November 2008

To Chief Housing Officers of all Local Housing Authorities in England

Dear Sir or Madam,

**HOUSING AND REGENERATION ACT 2008: COMMENCEMENT OF SECTION 315: CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN LOCAL CONNECTION MAY BE ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 199 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1996**

**This letter notifies chief housing officers that section 315 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 comes into force on 1 December 2008.**

Section 315 of the *Housing and Regeneration Act 2008* ("the 2008 Act") amends section 199 of the *Housing Act 1996* ("the 1996 Act"). Section 199 of the 1996 Act sets out the circumstances when a person may establish a "local connection" with a district for the purposes of an application for homelessness assistance under Part 7 of the 1996 Act or an application for social housing under Part 6 of that Act.

The effect of the amendments is that someone serving in the Armed Forces will be able to establish a local connection with a district through residence of choice or employment there, in the same way as a civilian person. The amendments apply in respect of all applications for housing under Part 6, or housing assistance under Part 7, of the 1996 Act made on or after 1 December 2008.

Local authorities are reminded that, as for other applicants, serving or former members of the Armed Forces may have a local connection somewhere other than the district where they have most recently been living or working. This could include residence in an area where they had previously been posted or residence in an area prior to joining the Services. This is likely to be particularly relevant in the case of Service personnel returning from a final posting overseas.

The statutory codes of guidance on homelessness and the allocation of housing will be revised to reflect these changes, in due course.

Any inquiries regarding the changes to Part 6 of the 1996 Act (allocations) should be directed to Frances Walker. Inquiries regarding Part 7 of the 1996 Act (the homelessness legislation) should be directed to Alan Edwards.

Department for Communities and Local Government  
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Alan Edwards  
Tel 020 7944 3665  
email [alan.edwards@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:alan.edwards@communities.gsi.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Edwards".

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frances Walker".

**Alan Edwards**  
Homelessness, Overcrowding and Worklessness Division

**Frances Walker**  
Allocations, Access to Housing and CBL Branch

# SURPLUS PROPERTY LIST – SCOTLAND

## available on open market

Location	Description	Potential Use	Further Details . . .	Status
<b>Aberdeenshire</b>				
BODDAM, PETERHEAD 4 The Shielings	3 x Bedroom Semi-detached House with Garage & Gardens	Residential	Masson & Glennie Broad House, Broad Street, Peterhead, AB42 1HY Tel: 01779 474271	For Sale on Open Market
<b>Fife</b>				
ROSYTH The Forth Club Amenity Centre Castle Road	Office accommodation & Function Suite	Commercial	GVA Grimley, Quayside House, 127 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh EH3 9QG Tel: 0131 469 6021 <a href="http://www.gvagrimley.co.uk">www.gvagrimley.co.uk</a>	Under Offer
<b>Edinburgh &amp; Lothians</b>				
PENICUIK 19 Belwood Crescent	Last one remaining! 2 x Bedroom Terraced Property with garden	Residential	Stuart & Stuart WS, 12 John Street, Penicuik, Midlothian EH26 8AD Tel: 01968 677294	For Sale on Open Market
<b>Ross &amp; Cromarty</b>				
TAIN 6 Culpleasant Drive	5 x Bedroom 2 x Bathroom Detached House with Garage, Gardens front and back	Residential	MacKenzie & Cormack, 20 Tower Street, Tain, Ross-shire IV19 1DY Tel: 01862 892046	Under Offer
<b>Argyll &amp; Bute</b>				
CAMPBELTOWN MoD Machrihanish	1025 acres / 415 hectares		Drivers Jonas, Delta House, 50 West Nile Street, Glasgow G1 2NP Tel: 0141 226 4200 Fax: 0141 226 4212	Community Bid – Under Offer
<b>Orkney &amp; Shetland</b>				
BAL TASOUND, UNST Setters Hill Estate Various Addresses	Variety of 3 x Bedroom Properties	Residential	Dowle Smith & Rutherford, 113a Commercial Street, Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0DL Tel: 01595 695 583 Fax: 01595 695 310	Phased Marketing Underway



## New homes in Plymouth already attracting service families

A new housing development between Plymouth and Dartmoor National Park is already attracting the interest of service families in the South West.

Cobham Field and its new neighbour 504K are both by the Torbay-based homebuilder Cavanna Homes and on the site of the disused second runway at Plymouth Airport.

Cobham Field, named after the pioneer airman Sir Alan Cobham, is almost complete with two service families already making it their home. Building work is well underway at 504K – named after Cobham's aeroplane – with the first phase offering a selection of 100 new homes, from one bedroom apartments to three bedroom townhouses.

All properties offer low-cost living in terms of energy efficiency and easy access to public transport. Homeowners have access to a bespoke travel website which provides cycle, bus and car share opportunities. Each family also receives a free six month bus pass when they move in.

New homes at 504K will go on sale this summer priced from £100,000 to £220,000. For further information please contact the sales office on 01752 768595 or email [cobhamfield@cavanna.co.uk](mailto:cobhamfield@cavanna.co.uk)

COMING SOON

504K consists of a wide range of 1, 2, 3, and 4 bedroom homes with parking within close easy reach of Plymouth City Centre. Located on Plymbridge Lane, Derriford



**Allington** A three bedroom house benefiting from an en-suite master bedroom, kitchen/dining room and a downstairs cloakroom.

*Image shown is a typical Allington house type*

**Stokesay II** A three bedroom townhouse with an en-suite master bedroom, kitchen/breakfast room, separate dining room and a downstairs cloakroom.

*Image shown is a typical Stokesay II house type*



For more information please contact our Sales Advisor at our Cobham Field development on 01752 768595 or email [504k@cavanna.co.uk](mailto:504k@cavanna.co.uk)

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# HOUSING PRICES

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United Kingdom  
Average Price: £160,907 Quarterly Change: +0.3%, Annual Change -1.8%

Source: [www.lloydsbankinggroup.com](http://www.lloydsbankinggroup.com)

**1** Scotland  
Average Price: £112,226  
Quarterly Change: -5%  
Annual Change: -1.6%

**7** The West Midlands  
Average Price: £150,825  
Quarterly Change: +1.1%  
Annual Change: -0.2%

**2** Northern Ireland  
Average Price: £107,418  
Quarterly Change: -1.6%  
Annual Change: -22.8%

**8** Wales  
Average Price: £138,038  
Quarterly Change: -1.2%  
Annual Change: +3.2%

**3** The North  
Average Price: £128,751  
Quarterly Change: +4.9%  
Annual Change: +2.4%

**9** East Anglia  
Average Price: £164,675  
Quarterly Change: -1.5%  
Annual Change: +5.0%

**4** Yorkshire and The Humber  
Average Price: £114,588  
Quarterly Change: -4.4%  
Annual Change: -8.1%

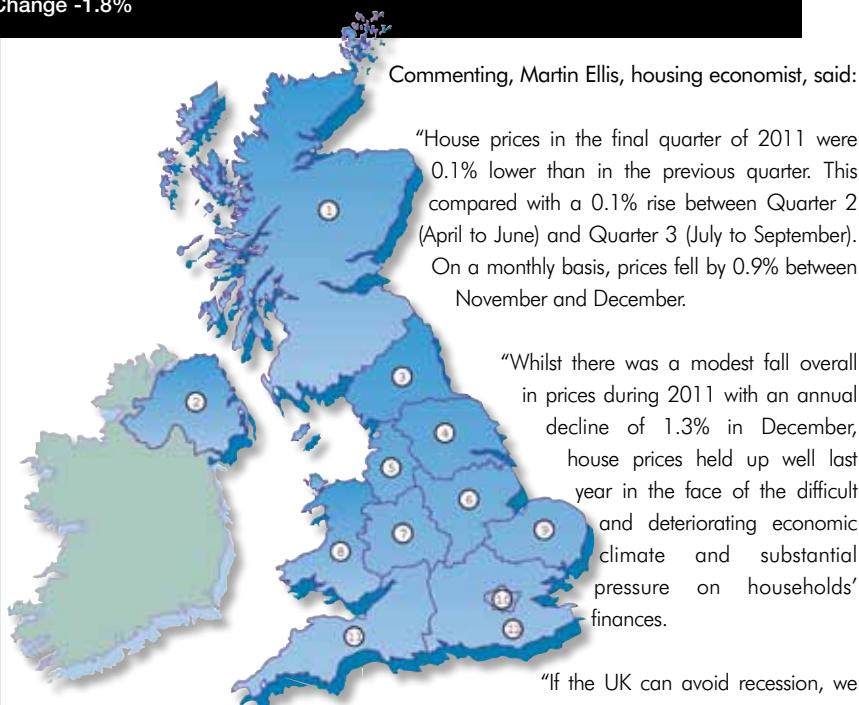
**10** Greater London  
Average Price: £271,628  
Quarterly Change: +2.6%  
Annual Change: +8.0%

**5** The North West  
Average Price: £122,218  
Quarterly Change: -1.5%  
Annual Change: -5.2%

**11** The South West  
Average Price: £176,819  
Quarterly Change: -0.3%  
Annual Change: -5.1%

**6** The East Midlands  
Average Price: £137,126  
Quarterly Change: -1.2%  
Annual Change: -1.0%

**12** The South East  
Average Price: £227,540  
Quarterly Change: +2.2%  
Annual Change: +0.0%



Commenting, Martin Ellis, housing economist, said:

"House prices in the final quarter of 2011 were 0.1% lower than in the previous quarter. This compared with a 0.1% rise between Quarter 2 (April to June) and Quarter 3 (July to September). On a monthly basis, prices fell by 0.9% between November and December."

"Whilst there was a modest fall overall in prices during 2011 with an annual decline of 1.3% in December, house prices held up well last year in the face of the difficult and deteriorating economic climate and substantial pressure on households' finances."

"If the UK can avoid recession, we expect broad stability in house prices in 2012. There is, however, considerable uncertainty regarding the prospects for the UK economy which will, to a large extent, depend on how events in the Eurozone unfold. In addition, the extent to which households choose to reduce their debts will also affect growth. As a result, the outlook for house prices is also uncertain."



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Yorkshire BS 08451 200835	2.84%	Fixed until 28/02/2014	75%	£995	3% until 28/02/2014	R
<b>Discounts</b>						
Melton Mowbray BS 01664 414141	2.59%	2.59% discount until for years	60%	£598	3.5% for first year	OFL
Melton Mowbray BS 01664 414141	2.59%	2.59% discount until for years	75%	£998	3.5% for first year	OFL
Loughborough 01509 610707	2.89%	2.30% discount for 2 years	80%	£495	5% for 2 years	
<b>Capped Rates</b>						
First Direct 0800 242424	2.88%	Base + 2.38%, capped 31/03/15	65%	£0	3% first year then 2% to 31/03/2015	
<b>Flexible</b>						
First Direct 0800 242424	2.99%	Base + 2.49% for 2 years	65%	£0	3% reducing to 2% for 2 years	LO
Yorkshire BS 0845 1200 874	3.14%	Fixed until 28/02/14	75%	£495	3% until 28/2/14	LOVY
First Direct 0800 242424	2.28%	Base + 1.78 % for term	65%	£1499	None	LO
<b>Trackers</b>						
HSBC 0800 494999	2.39%	Base + 1.89% for term	60%	£0	None	L
First Direct 0800 242424	1.99%	Base +1.49% for 2 years	65%	£1499	None	L

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# Sales list of Former Married Quarters



LOCATION	HOME TYPES	PRICES FROM	INCENTIVES/ CONCESSIONS	FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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<b>Venning Road</b>  Arborfield	2 bedroom homes	<b>£174,950</b>	L/S*	Annington's appointed agents; Roger Platt, Asda Complex, Chalfont Way, Lower Earley, Reading, please call <b>01189 876767</b> or email: <a href="mailto:lowerearley@sequencehome.co.uk">lowerearley@sequencehome.co.uk</a>
<b>Mostyn Road</b>  Bushey, Greater London	4 bedroom homes	<b>£425,000</b>	L/S*	Annington's appointed agents; Anscombe & Ringland, 38 The Broadway, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 4DU, please call <b>0208 954 6111</b> or email: <a href="mailto:stanmore.sales@anscombes.co.uk">stanmore.sales@anscombes.co.uk</a>
<b>Spitfire Row</b>  St Eval, Cornwall	2 & 4 bedroom homes	<b>£210,000</b>	L/S*	Annington's appointed agents; Start & Co, 25 Cliff Road, Newquay, Cornwall, TR7 2NE. Please call <b>01637 875847</b> or email: <a href="mailto:sales@starts.co.uk">sales@starts.co.uk</a>

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The following sites offer properties for sale in the UK; some also offer properties to rent and the opportunity to sell your home online. The larger property websites also offer properties for sale abroad and information and tips on home-buying and mortgages.

[www.belvoir.com](http://www.belvoir.com)  
[www.estateagent.co.uk](http://www.estateagent.co.uk)  
[www.findaproPERTY.com](http://www.findaproPERTY.com)  
[www.fish4homes.co.uk](http://www.fish4homes.co.uk)  
[www.hol365.com](http://www.hol365.com)

[www.home.co.uk](http://www.home.co.uk)

[www.home-sale.co.uk](http://www.home-sale.co.uk)

[www.linkprop.co.uk](http://www.linkprop.co.uk)

[www.naea.co.uk](http://www.naea.co.uk)

[www.new-homes.co.uk](http://www.new-homes.co.uk)

[www.primelocation.co.uk](http://www.primelocation.co.uk)

[www.propertybroker.co.uk](http://www.propertybroker.co.uk)

[www.propertyfinder.co.uk](http://www.propertyfinder.co.uk)

[www.reallymoving.com](http://www.reallymoving.com)

[www.rightmove.co.uk](http://www.rightmove.co.uk)

[www.smarterestates.com](http://www.smarterestates.com)

#### USEFUL BROKER WEBSITES

The following websites offer information about a range of mortgages from different lenders.

[www.cdvmm.com](http://www.cdvmm.com)

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# HOUSING, The Options!

## ONE DAY HOUSING BRIEFINGS 2012

Joint Service Housing Advice Office

### SUMMER 2012

2/3 Apr	Cyprus
11 Apr	RRC Tidworth
18 Apr	RRC Aldershot
25 Apr	Gibraltar
15 May	RRC Portsmouth
17 May	RRC Plymouth
23 May	RRC London (Northolt)
29 May	RRC Catterick
7 Jun	RRC Tidworth
12 Jun	Germany – JHQ
13 Jun	Germany – Gutersloh
14 Jun	Germany – Hohne
20 Jun	Lossiemouth*
27 Jun	RRC Portsmouth
10 Jul	RRC Catterick
12 Jul	RRC Cottesmore
17 Jul	Colchester#
26 Jul	RRC Northern Ireland

### AUTUMN 2012

5 Sep	RRC Tidworth
12 Sep	RRC Aldershot
19 Sep	RRC London (Northolt)
25 Sep	RRC Portsmouth
27 Sep	RRC Plymouth
9 Oct	RRC Aldershot
10 Oct	RRC Rosyth
16 Oct	SHAPE
17 Oct	Germany – JHQ
18 Oct	Germany – Paderborn
6 Nov	RRC Catterick
8 Nov	RRC Cottesmore
14 Nov	RRC Tidworth
16 Nov	RRC Aldershot
20 Nov	Colchester#
29 Nov	RRC Northern Ireland

**All courses will start at 0900 unless otherwise notified**

# applications to RRC Northolt Admin Team  
 \* applications to RRC Rosyth  
 ^ applications to UK JSU  
 Tel: 003265445234

For courses in Germany, applications should be sent to RRC Herford  
 Tel: 0049 5221 880 466 or 94882 3388

Application to be made on MoD Form 363 to Regional Resettlement Centres for courses in the UK and to Army IEROs for courses in Cyprus. You can now also apply through JPA depending on your circumstances.



Housing the Options Courses are designed primarily for Service Personnel and their dependants who are shortly to leave the Service and intend to settle in the UK. Others who are considering their civilian housing options are also encouraged to attend. Attendance at these courses does not count against Resettlement Entitlement.

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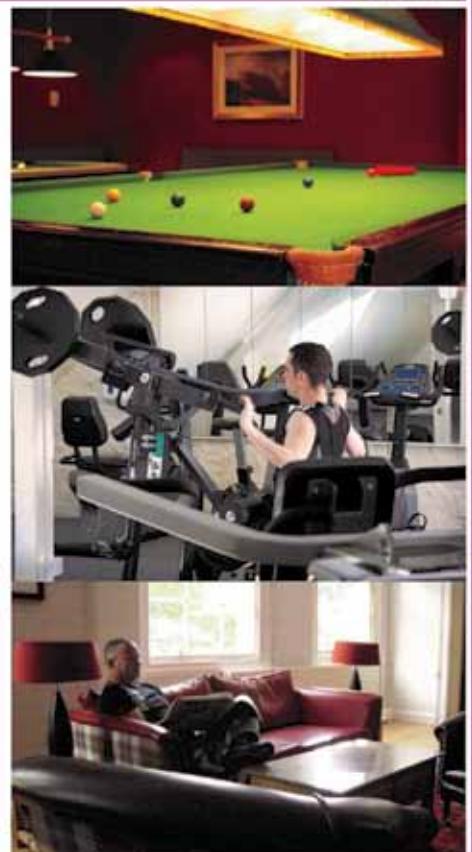
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