



Think before you bid



Coventry Homefinder Scheme have over 23,000 applicants registered on the waiting list for housing.

Each year, the partners in the Scheme advertise about 2,000 properties.

Some of the properties advertised are in great demand and we receive over 400 bids.

We know we can't show everything about a property in the adverts. That's why we don't have penalties for refusing a property after viewing.

But we do ask you to think carefully before refusing a property as your refusal can also affect other applicants.

Please read the advice on the back of this leaflet.



Coventry
HOMEFINDER

Letting you choose

It is important that you do not waste your bids.

www.coventryhomefinder.com

Choosing a home isn't easy, but here are a **few tips to consider** when bidding for a property.

Size and Type of property

Check the property details on the website or in the Weekly Property List.

Is it the **size and type of property** you want?

A studio/bedsit has one room for living and sleeping in plus a separate kitchen and separate bathroom.

Area

Check out the location of the property you wish to bid for. There is a map on the website where the property is.

Have a look around the area. Look around the area at different times of the day.

Is it somewhere where you want to live?

Is the property near local facilities, i.e shops, doctors surgery?

Is the property on the a main road? If you have children, will you feel it is safe for your children?

If you have children, will your children have to move schools? Is it too far from your present child's school?

Cost

Can you afford to move?

There are other **outgoing costs** you will need to pay including gas and electricity bills, council tax and water rates.

All the properties advertised are unfurnished. You may have to decorate the property.

Parking and Transportation

If you rely on public transport, is the property near a bus route?

If you work, **how easy will it be to get to work** if you use public transport?

If you start work early or work late, can you get to and from work if you use public transport?

If you have a car, where will you be able to park it? Are there garages nearby?



when placing a bid...

- You need your registration number, your date of birth and the property reference number to bid.
- There is no advantage in placing your bid early in the bidding cycle. If you do make a bid early in the cycle, be aware that your position in the queue may change as other people place their bids.
- You can bid for three properties in each bidding cycle. You can withdraw bids and reuse them up to the close of the bidding cycle.
- Make sure we have your correct contact details, e.g. telephone number. If not, you may miss out on viewing the property.

If you are unsure about a property, contact the landlord of the property who will be able to answer any queries you have.

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