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Viewings are incredibly important so we've put together this simple checklist to help you get your home ready for when potential buyers walk through the door.

Some of it's obvious advice, but you'd be amazed at the things people notice when they look round a property.

A picture speaks a thousand words

The first thing that potential buyers see when they enquire about a particular property is the 'property details'. This is a bespoke document, produced by us. It isn't just a boring list of power points, number of radiators and confirmation that you have a dado rails; it's a high-spec brochure designed to really sell your house. We take amazing photographs, we're honest and we'll shout loudly about your home's best bits.

First impressions really do count

Stand outside your property and try to look at it with a fresh pair of eyes. Does it have 'kerbside appeal'? Is the lawn mowed? Are the flower beds neat? Is the front door grubby? Do the bins need emptying? If you have a communal entrance hall, does the carpet need a Hoover? Are there piles of mail making the place look untidy? In the winter, make sure any paths or steps are clear of snow and ice. If you have a doorbell, make sure it works.

Let them see the light

If your viewing's after dark, think about the lighting so your place looks warm and inviting. Make sure house numbers and names can be seen clearly so your potential buyer can find you. Keep the porch or hall light on. Make sure your house name or door number can be seen from the road.

Fatal distraction

Your cat or dog might be your best friend, and your kids are your pride and joy, but do keep any pets or children quiet or out of the house when you have viewings if you can. Let your potential buys see your property without any distractions. Turn your music off too.

Spit, spot!

Full redecoration is unnecessary, but do give your place the once-over and do any little jobs that might be making the place look more shabby than shabby-chic! Sort out any peeling wallpaper, touch up chipped or marked paintwork, dust the skirting boards, clean the kitchen cupboards, wash the floors, replace any light bulbs, thoroughly clean and tide every room. And please, please, please... clean the windows!

Get a man in

If there are other things that are letting your property down (broken sash cords, missing doorknobs, broken tiles, dripping taps, cracked/missing sockets), then get them sorted. It'll be money very well spent.

Kitchens and bathrooms sell houses

This really is true so pay particular attention to these rooms. Put away as many of your things as possible so your potential buyers see lots clutter-free surfaces. Taps covered in lime scale, a stained bath and grubby, cluttered work tops will not create a very good impression so get your marigolds on and clean, scrub and polish 'til these rooms shine like a new pin!

De-clutter and recycle

Lots of storage space is always popular so do everything you can to maximise what you have. Sort out your attics and basements, make sure any cupboards are tidy and organised, recycle anything you no longer need or want (be honest) and generally have a good clear-out. It'll be one less thing to do when you do move out.

Crowded house

Potential buyers always feel a bit like they're intruding so minimise the amount of people in the house when you have viewings. Let them look around at their own pace and give them the option to explore on their own. They will have a great deal to think about and discuss and sometimes that's easier if you're not following them from room to room! Suggest that you leave them to it and offer to answer their questions once they've had a good look round.

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