

Homefinder bulletin dorset

Spring/Summer 2007

a new way to find a home to rent...

Homefinder Dorset Gives Local Families a Helping Hand



Susan & Andrew get a home of their own thanks to Homefinder Dorset

Susan, 22, Andrew, 30, and their five-month old baby had been living at Susan's parents' home in cramped conditions. They had been on the EDHA waiting list for over two years when they received information on Homefinder Dorset.

Susan said: "I went on the internet and bid for a two-bed house in Verwood. Homefinder Dorset phoned and gave me some good advice. Homefinder Dorset definitely gives

Homefinder Dorset, East Dorset District Council's new allocation scheme run in partnership with EDHA, is proving to be a great success in helping families to apply for a home of their choice. All available homes are advertised each week at a range of locations including local libraries, Parish and Local Council notice boards, various supermarkets and the EDHA website at www.edha.co.uk.

you a choice. You can get what you want and the area you want. My partner Andrew wanted to be near his work and I was keen to be near my family and friends in Verwood. Since we've moved into our home my baby's health has improved and having a garden is fantastic. I really like it, we live in a really friendly neighbourhood."

Anne, David, Daniel (18), Darren (13) and Thomas (10) Dunford get a new home for Christmas

The Dunford family had been on EDHA waiting list since 1991 and couldn't believe it when they moved into their new home just before Christmas, thanks to the new Homefinder Dorset scheme.

David Dunford said, "We'd almost given up hope when Homefinder Dorset came along. Previously we were renting

privately in Moor Cichel, the house was damp and badly in need of repair. We spent this Christmas in our new home at Gussage St. Michael which has been completely refurbished and has a brand new kitchen. It's a dream come true for all of us. We are thrilled with our new home, it has made a big difference to our lives. We think Homefinder Dorset is a great scheme and we hope it will help many other local families."

"Homefinder Dorset has been running for just over three months and we have received almost 1,000 bids from applicants registered on the Housing Register. I think that alone shows that the scheme has been fully embraced by applicants."

*Andrew Robinson,
Housing Operations, EDHA.*

NEW TELEPHONE ADVERT LINE!

Some of you have told us that you don't have access to a computer to check the weekly advert. In response to this we have set up a telephone advert line. For a brief description of what properties are available just ring this number:

01202 864236

You can then place a bid by sending in a bidding card or by leaving a message on 01202 864228.

EARN UP TO £5,700 IN ONE EASY MOVE!

If you are an existing EDHA tenant and are looking to move out of your 3 or 4 bedroom property you could earn up to £5,700! (Amount paid if moving from a 4 bed to 1 bed property)

If you make a successful bid for a move to a 1 or 2 bedroom property, we will pay you for giving back a much needed home for a family on the housing register.

For more information please contact your Housing Officer on 01202 864200.

**Don't FORGET
to TELL us!**

Moving Home?

Had a baby?

**Changed your
phone number?**

**Don't forget to tell us
if your circumstances
change.**

For most changes
just send us a letter
or email.

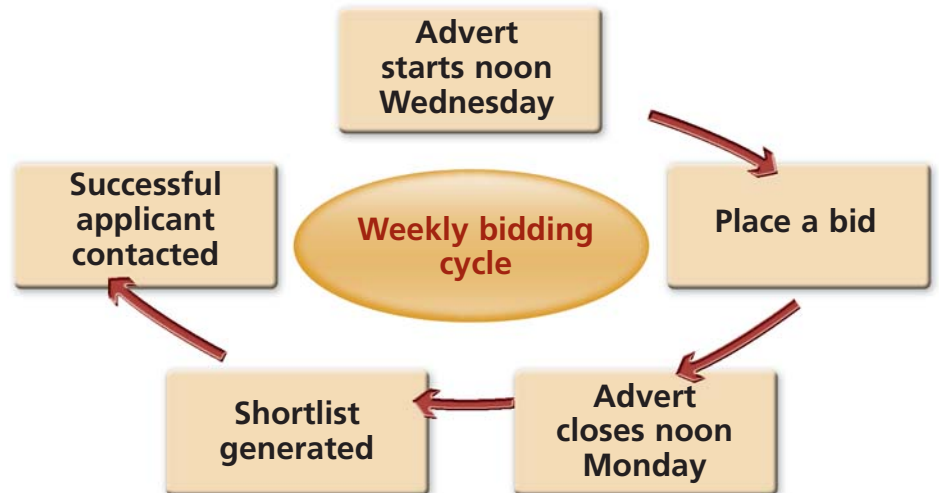
If you move home you
will need to complete
another housing
register form.

e-mail: info@edha.co.uk

Homefinder Dorset - *The Stats*

From 25th October to 5th March 2007

- 65 Properties have been advertised
- 1621 Bids have been made
- 41 Gold band applicants have been successful
- 19 Silver band applicants have been successful
- 3 Bronze band applicants have been successful
- 2000 applicants on the Waiting List.



Getting a Foot on the Property Ladder

HomeBuy Agents are appointed by Government to provide access to low cost home ownership schemes. MyPlace is the HomeBuy Agent for Dorset, Salisbury and South Somerset.

As HomeBuy Agent, MyPlace will act as your first point of contact for information and advice on affordable home ownership.

MyPlace is a service provided by Knightstone Housing Association Ltd, a charitable Housing Association that manages almost 11,000 homes across the South and West of England.

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