



Renting in retirement gives Mr and Mrs Honour a slower pace of life and dream relocation

When estate agent Dennis Honour (64) took early retirement in 2008, he wanted to fulfil his dream of retiring in Suffolk. He and his wife Sandra (68) lived in Ashford in Surrey, but they found its proximity to Heathrow Airport and general pace of life too busy and hectic.

Denis's job had been stressful in the years leading up to his retirement, his father had died recently and both he and Sandra were suffering from poor health. A combination of these factors meant that it was a priority to relocate someone quieter where they could both enjoy a slower pace of life. Denis had great memories of wonderful holidays in Suffolk and wanted to retire there. However, as Sandra had not even visited Suffolk, they decided to rent rather than buy a property so they could try it out.

The Honours approached Girlings Retirement Rentals, the market leader in retirement renting on assured (lifelong) tenancies, and selected a one bedroom apartment in Lucena Court in Stowmarket. After a year, they decided to take advantage of the flexibility offered by Girlings and moved to another Girlings' development - The Maltings in Brandon, Suffolk. They are now renting a large one bedroom apartment on the ground floor with a garden that opens onto the river 'Little Ouse'.

For the Honours one of the main benefits of the move has been financial. Denis commented, "Renting in retirement has given us greater financial freedom and the flexibility to relocate. We have saved so much in terms of moving costs. We sold our house and we have retained that capital which has given us an investment for the future. We are now committed to renting and we love the fact that we have an assured tenancy so we essentially have the same security as homeowners."

An additional benefit for the Honours is that all maintenance costs are included in the rent so they don't have to worry about meeting any additional monthly costs. . They enjoy regular social activities at The Maltings including Ploughmans lunches and garden parties and have even taken holidays with some of the residents who have become firm friends. The convenient location works well for them too. There is a bus stop outside the development taking them to nearby Bury St Edmunds and there are local shops and beautiful riverside walks to enjoy.

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They appreciate also the 24 emergency care line which they have used when Denis tripped over and broke his toe and as both have health issues, they feel assured by the fact that medical attention could be received quickly if needed.

Sandra commented, "We needed to slow down. We wanted a restful retirement and we have found it here at The Maltings. Girlings was brilliant and very accommodating, taking all the stresses out of moving. Renting in retirement has ensured that we more financially secure, but we have also made wonderful friends, we are living in a peaceful setting which really suits us - we are definitely staying put."

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