

First Time Buyer

First time buyer, Clive Allan is toasting a new future as a home-owner, after becoming the first person to be accepted onto an innovative first time buyers' scheme that puts city living into an affordable package.

The 24 year old trainee surveyor had returned to live with his parents in Ponteland in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, after graduating from the University of Aberdeen, and was deemed eligible for Government agency English Partnerships' First Time Buyer Initiative. Thanks to the scheme, Clive has been able to buy a one bedroom apartment worth £120,000 at Bellway's Ochre Yards development on Gateshead Quays.

The innovative scheme means that first-time buyers can take out a mortgage for a minimum of 50% of the value of the property, the remaining 50% being contributed by English Partnerships, making the total mortgage costs more affordable. During the first three years there is nothing to pay on the amount English Partnerships has contributed, and after that, buyers only pay a fee of 1% per annum and to a maximum rate of 3% after a further two years.

Buyers can also reduce the amount payable to English Partnerships at any time by making payments at the prevailing market value enabling them to reduce the Government's entitlement and take more ownership of the property.

Case Study

Bellway