

Tranent is quality choice for homebuyers

With recent research by BOS listing East Lothian in the top ten highest standard of living areas, househunters are scouring the region for desirable new homes, with the town of Tranent becoming a firm favourite.

The BOS report compared a range of variables including employment, crime rate, education, health, carbon emissions, housing quality, earnings and weather to determine the Quality of Life League Table of Scottish Local Authorities. Scoring favourably in all elements, East Lothian came in at number five, offering the perfect package for new homebuyers.

With only four properties remaining in the popular Meadow Parks phase of The Willows development by Walker Group in Tranent, home seekers should act fast if they want to secure a property in this idyllic new community. With a choice of three four-bedroom detached villas, named *The Stuart*, and one spacious five-bedroom property, *The Buckingham*, available, families will feel right at home in these stylish dwellings. Prices start from £265,000.

Nearby at Walker Group's new development, Oakhurst, construction is well under way on the 53 new properties with seven already reserved from plan. A total of eight different housetypes are available including a range of three, four and five bedroom options. Showcasing the best in family focused design, house styles include the semi-detached three bedroom, The Calder II, up to the largest style on the estate a magnificent five bedroom detached villa, The Carlton, which features ample extras including two en-suites, a double integrated garage and family room. Prices start from £239,000.

With house prices in East Lothian an average of 19% above the Scottish average, househunters will welcome the ease of buying a fixed price Walker Group property rather than negotiating their way through the minefield of the offers over system. What's more, house prices in the area increased by around 10% since 2006 making a move to Tranent a solid investment.

Sandy Casey, Sales Director at Walker Residential, said: “The recent report by Bank of Scotland confirms what we have long known to be true, that East Lothian offers a fantastic standard of living for residents. The high levels of employment, low crime rates, good education and health services all hold great attraction and, coupled with our thoughtfully designed family properties, this fantastic area can easily become a new home for discerning buyers.”

With high specifications throughout Walker Group’s portfolio, househunters can expect quality, style and practicality from the homes on offer. Designed with the modern family in mind, luxury touches such as ensuite shower rooms, fitted wardrobes and state-of-the-art streamlined kitchen appliances offer added appeal. Utility rooms connected to the kitchen allow families to keep any clutter well hidden from view whilst integral garages offer further practical use of space.

One of the oldest settlements in East Lothian, Tranent is a busy market town boasting strong tourism and business links. Nestled in picturesque countryside, the town boasts an array of shops, restaurants, entertainment and leisure pursuits providing ample choice for active residents. Golf enthusiasts are well cared for with over 19 courses in the area and beautiful coastal scenery and beaches are also nearby.

Excellent primary and secondary schools in the town offer peace of mind for parents moving in with young children whilst numerous further education facilities are also close to hand.

Only a short journey to Edinburgh, an easy commute will provide quick access to all the attractions and cultural hotspots of the nation’s capital. Excellent transport and road links lead further a field with Edinburgh International Airport also within easy reach.

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