

Home Sweet Home



Home really is where the heart is for Mike and Chrys Ritchie who have recently moved into a four bedroom home at Walker Group's Sherwood site in Bonnyrigg.

The couple, who lived in the picturesque spa town of Harrogate in Yorkshire for 17 years, decided there was only one place in the world where they would like to spend their retirement – in the bosom of their family.

Former civil servant Mike, 68, explained: "When I retired we both wanted to be back beside the family and chose the Edinburgh area as our daughter, grand-daughter, great-grandchildren and a couple of nieces and nephews all live around here.

"In fact our daughter lives on this development too so it seemed absolutely ideal.

"We had looked at lots of properties but this house just ticked all the boxes as it had lots of room for friends and family to stay."

A spacious four bedroom villa, the property features three public rooms along with a spacious kitchen.

Mike said: "We wanted a lounge without a tv in it, another room for the tv and a separate dining room. We tend to like having a dining room for meals as well as having somewhere to sit in the kitchen.

"This will probably be the last time we move house so we wanted to get it right."

"We had looked at lots of properties but this house just ticked all the boxes as it had lots of room for friends and family to stay."

Although having only been in the property for a short time, the couple have already made their mark on it, building a summer house in the back garden and converting the garage into a games room complete with snooker table and mini bar.

The Ritchies have quickly settled into the Bonnyrigg area. Mike said: "Bonnyrigg is a friendly place and we have found the transport links are a lot better than they were the last time we lived up here."

With beautiful views across the hills from the house's bedrooms, the couple are happy about their decision to leave the rolling Yorkshire Dales behind them.

"It really is ideal for us here," said Mike.

Prices at Walker Group's Sherwood development start at £175,000 for a three bedroom mid terraced home. Call 0131 660 6842 or log onto www.walkergroup.co.uk for further information.