

The Role of our Contracts Manager

Ian has a vast knowledge of the building industry and started his career as a plumber with the Strathclyde Regional Council's water department. His steady career progression seen him securing the position as Waste Prevention Manager for the Strathclyde Region for 15 years managing a large team around the West and East of Scotland. Ian has been with us for many years now and his role as a Contracts Manager is a valuable one. Ian's is responsible for supporting our Property Managers and serves as a point of contact, you can say he acts as contractual "middleman" between company, Property Managers and customers, ensuring timely review and approval/ reconciliation of variations on standard and non standard contracts are overseen and often negotiates directly with our customer's and Residents Association and Committees. Ian also works closely with our in - house Insurance Manager Sandy White to coordinate



Ian Currie

contractual insurance requirements and ensure that all works and risk requirements such as revenue recognition, pricing and discounting policies are adhered too and that services are offered with appropriate, competitive terms and conditions. Ian main role is to monitor customer satisfaction, and handle on-going issue's to ensure that he provides a quality and efficient service to our clients.

Fundraising Run



"Give a few bob campaign"

As stated in the last newsletter, some of us in fact 15 are running/walking the "Half Marathon & 10k run". We have to confess only three have stuck to their commitment of starting the training programme 2 months ago and the rest of us have been playing at it, however we have all made the unconscious decision

to start walking the route supplied by the organizers at least three nights a week, After all it is for a worthwhile charity and we want to raise as much as we can.

You can make a donation direct by calling 020 7953 7192 or visit the web site on: www.giveafewbob.org

A Jump for Charity



One of our Property Managers Scott Robertson (above in the attractive blue suit) took the almighty jump of 10,000 feet above ground level, with 5,000 of it being free fall all in the name of charity. Scott managed to raise £435.00, for the R.D.A (Riding Disabled Association), which was featured on the TV programme "The Secret Millionaire".

If you wish to find out more about this worthwhile charity or make a donation, please feel free to contact R.D.A direct on:

New Member of Staff

Management at Grant & Wilson Property Management Limited would like to welcome our new members of staff to our ever expanding teams in Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Edinburgh



Fergus Walker
Property Manager

Glasgow



Elaine Forster
Letting Co-ordinator



Paige Montgomery
Office Junior

GSPC – Turning point for Scottish market

The Scottish housing market has turned a corner - that at least seems to be the conclusion of the latest housing market report from the RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors).

More surveyors in Scotland have reported a rise in house prices in the last three months than in any other part of the UK except London. Twenty percent of chartered surveyors in Scotland saw house prices rise in July compared with seven per cent in June.

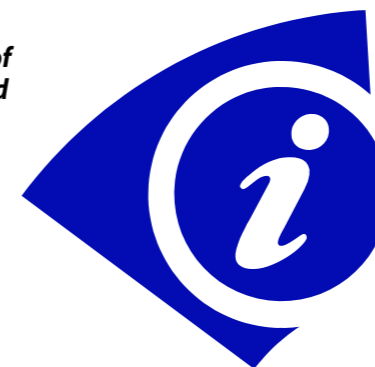
Moreover, more Scottish surveyors expect prices to rise in the next three months than anywhere else in the country. A balance of 39 per cent more surveyors in Scotland expect prices to rise rather than fall over the next three months. That's the highest reading since February 2008 and well ahead of the eight per cent positive balance for the rest of the UK.

Commenting on the figures for Scotland, Sarah Speirs from RICS Scotland said: "July saw a turning point in Scotland's housing market. More vendors are prepared to put their homes on the market, more people are enquiring about property for sale and of course house prices increased slightly with further increases expected over the next three months. She warned, however, that much depended on mortgage availability: "If mortgage availability remains insufficient to meet the increase in buyer demand, then it is possible that prices may slip back again especially if unemployment continues to rise and mortgage rates increase."

Attention All Landlords

Due to the rapid expansion of our Letting's department and our quick turnaround time, we are currently looking for more properties to add to our letting port folio. We tailor our Residential and Commercial Letting Management Service to each of our Landlords individual needs, and at present we are offering a discounted monthly management fee of 10%.

Give our friendly and efficient letting staff a call NOW on: 0141 548 1858 - 0141 548 1859 - 0141 548 1867 and request a booking for your FREE valuation and market appraisal of your property or call us for any other general enquiries.



Glasgow prices recover lost ground

House prices in Glasgow rose by almost six per cent in the last three months according to the latest House Price Monitor from Lloyds TSB Scotland. The rebound means that prices in the city have fallen by just 0.5 per cent in the last 12 months.

Professor Donald MacRae, chief economist, Lloyds TSB Scotland, said: "There are positive signs that not only has the bottom been reached but that a recovery is beginning to take root. Consumer confidence has recovered with retail sales increasing at an annual rate of +6.6 per cent in June. The housing market reached its lowest point in May recording the lowest number of sales transactions and saw its lowest average price in March. The cost of borrowing has reduced for many mortgage holders while there is a small but perceptible increase in the level of mortgage availability particularly for first time buyers. The Scottish housing market is on the turn."

*G.S.P.C (Glasgow Solicitors Property Centre)
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