

CASE STUDY

Priced out of their hometown of Hitchin, first time buyers Beth, 25, and Tom, 26, are over the moon to have bought their first home in the quaint village of Henlow, Bedfordshire, securing a three bedroom home at Annington's Mayflower Park development.

The couple, who both grew up in the county, decided the time was right to get a place of their own but were faced with ever-increasing prices in their current location, limiting their options. Beth explains, "We looked at the pros and cons of moving slightly further away, and it quickly became apparent that living in Henlow would only enhance our quality of life. Plus, Mayflower Park itself is such a find. It's so nice and quiet but close enough to walk to the local shop and the railway station. We are very happy with our choice."

After saving for over two years, Beth and Tom put down a 10% deposit and purchased their three bedroom home for £265,500. Tom said, "We were so excited to find out we could afford to purchase a home instead of renting as we didn't want to waste our money. Annington put us in touch with a mortgage adviser who was really helpful and gave us all the information we needed. When you're a first time buyer it's quite a scary process, especially as we've never made a purchase quite this big before. He made us feel at ease which just added to the overall customer service Annington provided."

Mayflower Park comprises a collection of 80 three bedroom homes, situated close to RAF Henlow. The emerging community is one example of Annington giving a new lease of life to former military married quarters, by lightly refurbishing them to provide homes for local first time buyers and growing families. Beth added, "It's great to have a chance to be a part of the community being built here. Tom and I were one of the first to call Mayflower Park home and as more people start to move in its slowly starting to feel like we are part of something. A few of us have created a Facebook group to keep in touch and get to know each other; that's exactly the sort of place we wanted."

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