# Want to sell your home?

Your ReSI Home guide to Resales



## Selling your home

Before selling your share it is important that you read the relevant section of your lease prior to instructing a legal representative, as this sets out the process that must be followed and any restrictions that apply to selling your home.

#### Need to get in touch?



Call us on 01823 793 422



Email us at enquiries@yourresihome.co.uk



Visit our website yourresihome.co.uk



## The sales process



#### Step 1

#### Get in touch

We will discuss the procedure and help with any initial queries you may have.

#### Step 2

#### **Valuation**

Obtain a written valuation from an independent RICS surveyor. Once agreed, this will set the sales price of your home.

#### Step 3

#### Market your property

Use our recommended re-sales agent MTV SO Resi or a sales agent of your choice. Don't forget to provide Your ReSI Home with a copy of your EPC.



#### Step 4

### Buyer found (Affordability Assessment)

The prospective buyer must:

- register with Help to Buy
- provide an acceptable
   Affordability Assessment
   to ensure that they meet
   the eligibility criteria for
   shared ownership.

#### Step 5

## Memorandum of Sale

When your buyer is approved and all parties have instructed solicitors. We will prepare the Memorandum of Sale (MOS) which all parties need to sign.

#### Step 6

#### **Legal and Completion**

The buyer's solicitors will need to provide the required form of Mortgage Approval and Undertaking for agreement and signature by ReSI.

Solicitors will liaise with each other to complete legal aspects and a completion date will be agreed between the buyer and seller. On completion day the buyer will pick up the keys and move into their new home.







### Valuations

The first step in selling your shared ownership home is to obtain a written valuation from a surveyor. Once agreed with ReSI, this will set the sale price of your home.

Under the terms of your lease the valuation must be completed by a Chartered Surveyor to the RICS Red Book standard. You can choose one from our panel of approved valuers (see back page) or appoint a RICS surveyor of your choice.

#### The Valuer/Surveyor must be:

- RICS accredited
- · Independent of the estate agent you are using
- Able to provide at least 3 comparable properties and prices within the last 6 months
- Not a relation to you

Bank and mortgage valuations are not valid and will not be accepted.

You will be responsible for the valuer's fee – you appoint and pay the surveyor directly and they send the report to you and us.

#### **Alterations and Improvements**

You should advise the valuer if any significant alterations or improvements have been made to your home, as this may impact the sale price.

In this case they will provide two property valuations, one which reflects the improvements you have made and one without improvements.

#### Significant improvements include:

- Replacement Kitchens
- Replacement Bathrooms
- Loft conversions
- New windows
- Conservatories and extensions

The property will then be marketed based on the valuation including any improvements.

#### **Valuation Expiration**

Your valuation is valid for three months, or six months if you find a buyer within three months. If the valuation expires, your valuer may be willing to provide a desktop valuation extension which will be valid for another 3 months (this is at your cost).

If a buyer has not been found after 6 months a new valuation will be required and the figure agreed (if different).



## Marketing your property

#### Finding an agent

The property price is set by the valuation, when we have agreed this you can proceed to instruct an agent who can market your property.

#### Our recommended agent is MTV SO Resi.

Visit their website www.soresi.co.uk
Call on 0208 607 0550

MTV SO Resi are familiar with the unique aspects of selling shared ownership properties and will advertise your home on various shared ownership property sites including Rightmove and their own website.

## Alternatively, you can use a local or national agent of your choice.

Choosing an estate agent is an important decision. Take your time and make sure that you know exactly what services are being offered and what fees will be charged.

#### **EPC**

You will need an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) to sell your home. They are valid for 10 years so if your home is less than 10 years old it may still be valid. Your sales agent will check if there is a valid EPC and arrange a new one if required.

Please supply us with a copy of your EPC when you place the property on the market.

## When you've found a buyer

#### The prospective buyer must:

- Register with the relevant local Help to Buy scheme.
- Complete an affordability assessment to demonstrate that they
  qualify for shared ownership and meet the landlord's eligibility
  criteria. We would recommend that this is completed by one of our
  panel independent financial advisors. The completed assessment
  is then sent to us for approval.

## When a buyer has been successfully found and approved, it's time to instruct solicitors.

You will need to instruct solicitors to act on your behalf during the sale. Your landlord and the buyers will instruct their own solicitors.

The Memorandum of Sale which confirms all agreed details, rent, service charges etc. will be issued to all parties by the landlord's solicitors.

The buyer's solicitor checks the paperwork, carries out required searches and deals with the legal aspects of the sale. Your solicitor will let you know when contracts are ready to be exchanged and a completion date will be agreed that suits you and your buyer.





## The costs of selling your home

You are responsible for paying your own legal fees.

ReSI Housing/Homes Ltd will meet its own legal fees and do not charge administrative fees to its current shared owner, nor the incoming shared owner, for re-sale transactions.

#### **RICS valuation report**

From £250 including VAT.

#### Your solicitor's costs

Around £1000 plus disbursements plus VAT.

#### Sales/Estate Agent fees

SO Resi charge 1% plus VAT of the full market value of your home.
Other agents fees will vary.

#### Mortgage fees

Around £1000 - please check with your mortgage provider.

#### **Stamp Duty**

If you are liable for Stamp Duty fees your solicitor will advise.

#### **Administration fees**

ReSI Housing/Homes Ltd do not charge admin fees to its shared owners.

## **FAQs**

#### What if we can't find a buyer?

If your local agent is not able to find a buyer we can put you in touch with our recommended sales agent SO Resi who often have a waiting list of potential buyers.

You could also ask your agent to sell your property at 100% of the price. We won't need to check the buyer for shared ownership eligibility criteria when purchasing at 100% (known as a simultaneous sale).

### Can I sell my home for more/or less than the RICs valuation amount?

You can't sell your share for less. The lease says you must sell your share for the value set by the RICs valuation.

## What if the time left on my lease is under 65 years?

If your lease is below 65 years it may affect your chances of selling. Please contact us if you have any concerns regarding your lease.

#### What happens to the lease when I sell?

When you sell your share the lease is transferred to the new purchaser, the buyers solicitor will arrange for the leaseholders name to be updated by the Land Registry. ReSI Housing/Homes Ltd remains the landlord of the property.

#### What is the estate agents fee?

SO Resi fees are 1% of the value of your property plus VAT, if you use a local agent this will vary.

### I bought my house with appliances included do I have to leave these for the new owners?

You will need to complete a fixtures and fittings form with your solicitor. This will be shared with the new buyer and lay out what will be left when you vacate.

#### What happens if my valuation expires?

Valuations are valid for three months, if you can't find a buyer before it expires you will need to seek an extension, please call us to discuss.

#### Where do I leave the keys on moving day?

Please arrange with solicitors or estate agents how the keys will be passed to the buyer.

#### What if I have any arrears owing on my account?

Outstanding arrears will be collected by our solicitor upon completion.

#### What happens if the sale falls through?

Unfortunately this can happen in some cases. Your property would need to go back on the market, however please be aware you may need to get a new valuation if yours had expired.

#### Our suggested RICs surveyors

#### **Bartley West**

Tel: 023 8086 1123 Website: bartleywest.co.uk

Areas covered: Hampshire and Berkshire.

Postcodes SO | RG | GU | PO (all except those covering Isle of Wight)

#### **Capital Chartered Surveyors**

Tel: 020 8875 0035 Website: capitalchartered.co.uk

Areas covered: Within the M25 (refer to the website for more details).

#### **Connells Survey and Valuation**

Tel: 01525 218 630 Website: connells-surveyors.co.uk

Areas covered: Nationwide

#### **Copeland Yussuf Chartered Surveyors**

Tel: 020 3005 8660 Website: copelandyussuf.com

Areas covered: London and Kent

#### **Frazers Surveyors Ltd**

Tel: 01483 730909 Website: frazers.co.uk

Areas covered:

Postcodes CR 0, 2-8 | GU 1-52 | HA 0-9 | HP 5-19, 27 | KT 1-24 OX 9-14, 39, 44, 49 | PO 1-19 | RG 1, 2, 4-12, 14, 17-31, 40-42, 45 RH 1-6, 10, 11-14 S 5, 6, 12, 15, 19-27 | SL 0-9 | SM 1-7 | SN 1 SO 18, 19, 21-24, 30-32, 50, 53 | SW 1-20 | TW 1-20 | UB 1-11 W 1-14 | WD 3, 4

#### **MAP Surveyors**

Tel: 020 8300 1144 Website: mapsurveyors.co.uk

Areas covered:

Postcodes BR | CR | SE | EC | E | TN 1-22, 32 | ME 1-2, 4-6, 10, 14-20

**N** 1, 4–5, 7, 16, 19 | **KT** 1–8, 10, 17, 19 | **TW** 1–2, 9–12

**SW** 2, 9, 13–15, 17–20

#### **McDowalls Surveyors Ltd**

Tel: 020 8472 4422 Website: mcdowalls.com

Areas covered: Nationwide

#### Mirus Surveyors

Tel: 0333 9900 007 Website: mirussurveyors.com

Areas covered: Nationwide

#### Watsons

Tel: 01603 751 577 Website: watsons-property.co.uk

Areas covered: Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Yorkshire, County Durham, Tyne & Wear and Northumberland (refer to the website for more details).

For a full list of approved RICS Surveyors in your area, visit rics.org.uk

#### Please note:

We do not receive fees or commissions from any referrals.



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