

## An early Christmas present of a new home

One of Newlon's newest Shared Ownership developments is Goodman's Fields. Built in conjunction with Berkeley Homes, it is just a short walk to Aldgate East station. One of the residents there shares her story.



Alex, who works as a lawyer in the City, moved to London from Shropshire three years ago and had been renting in the old Athletes' Village in Stratford before making the decision to buy.

"The lease of our flat in Stratford was due to come to an end, so my flatmate and I began thinking about our next steps", explained Alex. "Both of us were attracted to the idea of owning our own homes and knew we wanted to remain living close by, so we decided to explore the possibility of each buying our own property but within the same development."

Alex was attracted to Shared Ownership as she realised it provided a much quicker route into owning a home without the need for a large deposit, together with an opportunity to spread other costs such as stamp duty.

"I began my property search on the Share to Buy Website, and then attended the London Home Show in Westminster where I was given brochures of Newlon's available properties, amongst others."

"I found that Newlon charged a much lower rate of rent than other housing associations did in respect of the other properties I looked at", added Alex. "This

meant that I could live much more centrally, in a more expensive development, while remaining in budget.”

Alex went on to attend the Newlon Homes Show, where she placed a reservation fee and organised a viewing so she could choose the exact flat she wanted to buy.

She was really satisfied with the service Newlon’s sales team provided throughout the buying process.

“They were friendly, approachable and were there to answer all of my questions throughout the process - and being a lawyer myself there were many!”

“I exchanged contracts and was able to proceed to completion within six weeks of being formally offered the property, and I was pleased to be able to move into Goodman’s Fields just in time for Christmas.”

The end result was a property which Alex is extremely happy with.

“My home is fantastic. It is a sizeable flat in a fabulous new development. I can walk to work in less than 20 minutes and Spitalfields Market, Tower Hill and Shoreditch are all also nearby.”

“I love living so centrally and plan to make the most of what the area has to offer over the coming years.”

*If you want to find out more about the Shared Ownership properties Newlon has available visit [newlonliving.co.uk](http://newlonliving.co.uk).*