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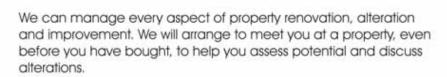
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Firstly I would like to welcome a new member to the Cochran Dickie Estate Agency Team. Lorraine Carrera has joined us at the beginning of the month and will initially work in our Paisley branch to cover the maternity leave for Emma who is expecting her second child in September. Some of you more observant types might recognise the name from working in the Bridge of Weir area for the past few years, a number of them with me before I made the move in June 2010. Lorraine is hugely experienced in estate agency and has worked in a number of branches throughout Renfrewshire/Inverclyde so it's a great piece of business during the transfer window and we are delighted to have her on board.

July was an interesting month. Traditionally quieter due to the holidays, it started off with some new properties coming onto the market and selling within a few days and then quieting down before rallying towards the end of the month! You can see why it is very hard to put any kind of pattern on the market right now!

Looking at the statistics across the marketplace, I'm not sure it's been the same for everyone where there is still a lot of property seeming to 'hang around' a lot longer than would deem 'normal'. We still have to retain a sense of realism when selling in this market in order to move on; this is still the mantra we are pushing in order to sell today.

If you blinked or were 'doing something less boring instead' (for those of you who remember the red hand gang), I made a very brief appearance on Channel 5's new but poorly devised, property programme Half Built House. For those of you who did see it, you will have seen what a state the house was in when I arrived and subsequently what looked like a decent effort of renovating it in a mere 10 days. Well, unbelievably the lady who owned the

house wrote to me and complained that the works that were carried out didn't match the effort and quality that her husband had put in to it in the previous 10 years! Some people are never happy and clearly blinkered!

Have a great August. Regards Curtis Chisholm





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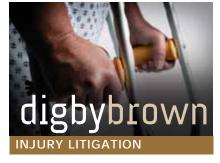
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A Brief History...

Kilbarchan has seen mixed fortunes over the centuries. Before 1560 the monks of Paisley Abbey owned much of the parish and agriculture was the main industry. At the time of the 1695 Poll Tax, agriculture still dominated, but other trades of masonry, carpentry, weaving, tailors and smithies were apparent.

There were corn mills at Glentyan, Locher, Mill of Cart and Johnstone in 1794. A system of thirlage was often used for paying the miller for grinding the oats grown on thirled land. Thirlage was paid in kind and all grain apart from oats was

In 1695 there were 30 or 40 weavers but the 18th century brought rapid expansion due to the introduction of improved methods of weaving and bleaching John Barbour built a factory, probably at Stack Yard, in 1739 making thick linen, and this was followed by a bleaching factory using water from the burn. There was also a candle factory and John Houston owned a brewery in 1782. In 1742 Allan Speirs started manufacturing higher class goods mainly for the Dublin market, since transport by sea was easier than by land. By 1782 there were 360 weaving looms in operation mainly producing muslin, gingham and tartan. With the

advent of competition from power looms towards the end of the century, business declined and many of the merchants ventured elsewhere in Scotland, England and abroad to start

Families in the area began to grow and started the modern equivalent of 'working from home' with home looms on the ground floor and living accommodation above. The number of looms peaked at 900 in 1840, and then declined with the advent of power looms in factories, so that by 1900 there were only 200, now down to one in the Weavers cottage owned by the National Trust and open to the public each afternoon in summer.

Today many of the original terraced houses survive, together with old names such as Shuttle Street and Ewing Street, although many of the outlying mansions were demolished as needs changed.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries trams and trains introduced links to Glasgow.

Today a dual carriageway bypass speeds traffic into Paisley and Glasgow.

Kilbarchan is a Conservation Area and tourist town with a population of about 4000 and has a Primary school, two excellent pubs, shops coffee houses and other every day needs including Doctor and Dentist surgery's.



Wheatlands Farm, Kilbarchan OFFERS OVER £295,000

Beautiful detached traditional farmhouse circa 1688 and was rebuilt in its current form in the early 80's with granny annexe.



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Avanel Knockbuckle Lane, Kilmacolm GUIDE PRICE £1,955,000

Avenel is a development of 6 Arts & Crafts designed

properties set in some eight acres, formerly the gardens of Avenel house, and fringes both the village, open countryside and farmland.



'Northfield' Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm OFFERS OVER £695,000

5 bedroom detached villa with circa 3800 sq ft of internal accommodation,

set in a small prestigious development within close proximity to the village of Kilmacolm.



'Silvertree', Duchal Road Kilmacolm OFFERS OVER £559,000

'Silvertree' is a handsome semi villa situated in the heart of the village of Kilmacolm, constructed in

an Arts & Crafts style amidst garden grounds extending to approx 0.3 acre.



19 Lomond Crescent, Bridge of Weir OFFERS OVER £450,000

An individually modern built, 4 bedroom detached villa set in a private road with attractive views over open countryside.



20 Church Road, Quarriers Village OFFERS OVER

£450,000

Number 20 Church Road is a handsome 4/5 bedroom late Victorian detached family home (circa 1888) with private gardens.



St Brydes Cottage Sheilds Holdings, Lochwinnoch

OFFERS OVER £445,000

This four bedroom detached villa offers excellent spacious family accommodation and is set in generous gardens with beautiful outlooks to the surrounding countryside.



19 Stanley Crescent, Paisley OFFERS OVER £445,000

Substantial 11 apartment detached villa in a breathtaking setting on the shores of the reservoir.



'Rockcliff' Barclaven Road, Kilamcolm OFFERS OVER £410.00

'Rockcliff' is a 5 bedroom elevated Edwardian villa situated in the much admired address of

Barclaven road enjoying open vistas across the village and beyond, amidst landscaped garden grounds.



21 Lomond Crescent, Bridge of Weir OFFERS OVER £365,000

Situated within well tended landscaped gardens grounds, Number 21 Lomond Crescent is a 4 bedroom detached 'Swedish Hus' with stunning open vistas.



1 Carruth Road, Bridge of Weir OFFERS OVER £365,000

Situated within well tended mature grounds, Number 1 Carruth Road is an extended 4/5 bedroom detached 'Lawrence' villa situated in one of the largest plots in the estate.



'Merkland' Duchal Road, Kilmacolm OFFERS OVER £339,000

Situated at the very heart of the village of Kilmacolm, 'Merkland' is a 4 bedroom

traditional upper villa comprehensively upgraded retaining a wealth of period features.



'Ashlar'
Bowfield Road,
Howwood
OFFERS OVER
£325,000
Beautiful detached villa
located in an elevated
position overlooking

farmland to Ben Lomond.



51 Birchwood Drive, Paisley OFFERS OVER £299,950

Detached five bedroom villa with recently extended living accommodation



2 Barochan Cottage OFFERS OVER £299,000

Situated in a semi rural location but still within the Gryffe Catchment area is this extended double fronted three bedroom traditional semi detached villa enjoying fabulous open aspects.



7 Rotherwick Drive, Ralston, Paisley FIXED PRICE £299,000

This detached villa is on outstanding condition and offers excellent living accomodation.



7 Belmont Road, Kilmacolm

UNDER OFFER

This beautifully appointed detached and extended elevated bungalow villa is in excellent decorative order and has stunning views over the countryside.



Wheatlands Farm, Kilbarchan OFFERS OVER £295,000

Beautiful detached traditional farmhouse circa 1688 and was rebuilt in its current form in the early 80's with granny annexe.

47 Torridon Drive.

Beautiful 4 bedroom

OFFERS OVER

Renfrew

£285,000

cul de sac.



10 Staybrae Grove, Crookston, Glasgow UNDER OFFER

Outstanding four bedroom detached family villa which has been successfully extended by its current owner.



25 Stanely Avenue, **Paisley** OFFERS OVER £255,000

This beautiful detached six apartment villa sits in a popular address with fantastic gardens.



44 Victoria Road. Brookfield OFFERS OVER £285,000

Extended traditional semi detached villa.



7 The Keys, Kildonan, Arran FIXED PRICE £250,000

Modern 3 bedroom detached villa with shore front location on the lovely

Isle of Arran.



1 Craigbet Place, Quarriers Village FIXED PRICE £269,500

A beautifully appointed & recently upgraded detached family villa with fabulous open aspects to the rear.



19 Lennox Avenue, Scotstoun OFFERS OVER £249,950

Traditional end terrace villa comprising lounge; dining room; kitchen; 3 bedrooms and a family bathroom.



20 New Street, Kilbarchan **OFFERS OVER** £269,000

This period style end terraced villa which was formerly the police house has been fully modernised

but retains a great wealth of character and is set in the heart of the conservation village of Kilbarchan.



23 Lewis Crescent, Kilbarchan

OFFERS OVER £259,000

Fabulous extended 4 bedroom detached bungalow set amongst mature garden grounds, deceptively spacious in both accommodation and plot size.



Dunrobin, Bowfield Road, Howwood, PA9 OFFERS OVER £240,000

Situated in an elevated position 'Dunrobin' is a rare to the market extended detached bungalow built in circa 1930's.



3 Steeple Square, Kilbarchan OFFERS OVER

£235,000

A rare to the market 3 bedroom semi-detached cottage originally built in circa 1700s and

comprehensively re-developed in 2007, creating a beautiful family home.



4 Patrickbank Wynd, Elderslie

OFFERS OVER £229,000

This stunning modern extended detached villa sits in a corner position in the very popular estate of Patrickbank.



57 Hawthorn Crescent, Erskine **OFFERS OVER**

£224,000 Extended detached

bungalow with stunning open aspects to rear.



36 King George Park Avenue, Renfrew

UNDER OFFER

Pristine Detached Modern Villa in the popular Dean Park area of Renfrew.



19 Tantallon Drive, **Paisley**

OFFERS OVER

£195,000

Rare five bedroom extended detached villa offering spacious and flexible family accommodation



64 Mansionhouse Gardens, Shawlands **OFFERS OVER** £219,000

Set within this highly sought-after residential development, a modern

three storey townhouse with parking to the front, single integral garage and private level grounds to the rear.



Briglinn Cottage, 2a Kilmacolm Road, Bridge of Weir **OFFERS OVER** £215,000

Briglinn Cottage is a charming traditional semidetached cottage located in

the heart of Bridge of Weir dating back to circa 1833 and is presented to the market in beautiful decorative order.



10 Duchray Drive, Ralston, Paisley

UNDER OFFER

Extended semi detached bungalow in much sought after address offering good family accommodation.



41 Ben More Drive, Paisley **OFFERS OVER**

£189,000 Fabulous extended

detached 5 bedroom modern villa offering ample flexible family

accommodation and enjoying a south westerly garden with woodland to the rear.



1 Parkhill Drive. Lochwinnoch UNDER OFFER

Detached 3 bedroom chalet style villa requiring a degree of modernisation.



17 Horsewood Road, **Bridge of Weir** OFFERS OVER £169,000

Well presented Keanie built 3 bedroom semi detached villa, set in the heart of the village of Bridge of Weir.



65 Locher Crescent, Houston

UNDER OFFER

Modern and extended 3bedroom detached villa in one of the of the few cul de sacs in the Locher estate.



50 Fischer Gardens, **Paisley**

OFFERS OVER £159,950

Situated at the end of a quiet cul de sac sits this immaculately presented & modernised 4 bedroom

detached villa with South west facing gardens and conservatory.

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25 Torran Drive, Erskine UNDER OFFER

This modern semi detached villa is in beautiful internal condition and set in the modern estate of Torran Drive.



26 St Boswells Crescent, Paisley OFFERS OVER £139,000

Three bedroom semi detached villa in a quiet residential address.



26 Cairnban Street, Govan

UNDER OFFER

This immaculate 2 bedroom mid terrace villa is presented to the market in excellent condition and would make an ideal home for young family or a couple.



7 High Barholm, Kilbarchan FIXED PRICE £88,000

Main door flat set in the heart of the village of Kilbarchan.



54 Balmoral Drive, Elderslie OFFERS OVER £155,000

This 3 bedroom semi detached villa is set in arguably one of the largest plots in the local area with fantastic mature gardens to both front and rear.



14 Sunningdale Drive, Bridge of Weir OFFERS OVER £139,000

Set within a popular residential locale, is this modernised 3 bedroom end terraced villa.



0/2 95 Ruchill Street, Glasgow OFFERS OVER

OFFERS OVER £112,500

This extremely spacious modern two bedroom apartment offers accommodation on the ground level.



5 Rashieglen, Erskine OFFERS OVER £86,500

This charming two bedroom mid terrace is in a quiet residential cul de sac and offers good accommodation.



4 Ladyland Place, Kilbirnie OFFERS OVER

£149,995
This modern linked villa is beautifully appointed



12 Barshaw Drive, Paisley OFFERS OVER

£135,000

This 3 bedroom semi detached villa is a great family home in a popular area of Paisley.



10 Mainscroft, Erskine UNDER OFFER

This two bedroom, modern lower cottage flat is ideal for those looking to downsize.



7 Ingleby Court, Bridge of Weir OFFERS OVER £85,000

Enjoying a central location in the village of Bridge of Weir is this modern 2 bedroom apartment in the preferred first floor location.



19 Barclay Avenue, Elderslie

OFFERS OVER £145,000

throughout.

Modern three bedroom mid terrace villa in immaculate order offering a good level of family accommodation.



4 Methuen Road, Paisley

UNDER OFFER

Three bedroom semi detached villa in a generous corner plot. Great family home.



Flat 3/1 The Elipta, 110 Saucel Crescent, Paisley

OFFERS OVER £95,000

Modern two bedroom open plan apartment close to Canal Street train station.



24 Memus Avenue, Cardonald

UNDER OFFER

Pristine two bedroom, two public room upper cottage flat with private garden.



19 Campsie Drive, Paisley

UNDER OFFER

This two bedroom detached bungalow has the potential to be developed in a great home



3 Greenlaw Avenue, Paisley

FIXED PRICE £125,000

Beautiful traditional two bedroom ground floor flat in the ever popular Greenlaw conservation area



33 Greenhill Crescent, Linwood

OFFERS OVER £95,000

This three bedroom end terrace villa is presented to the market in superb condition.



5 Willow Avenue, Elderslie FIXED PRICE £85,000

This two bedroom mid terrace cottage is in a quiet, popular part of Elderslie.



13 Ballayhennan Crescent, Tarbet

UNDER OFFER

This charming semi detached villa requires upgrading and is in an idyllic setting.



Flat 3/2 4 Highgrove Court, Renfrew OFFERS OVER £119,000

This beautifully presented modern and spacious top floor flat is situated within the pop Highgrove area and is located close to the town centre.



14a Low Barholm, Kilbarchan

OFFERS OVER £89,950

Ground floor 2 bedroom terraced flat dates back to circa 1825 and is set in the heart of the conservation village of Kilbarchan.



14 Tiree Avenue, Glenburn, Paisley OFFERS IN THE REGION £85,000

This three bedroom mid terrace villa offer spacious accommodation over two levels.



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UNDER OFFER

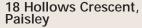
This two bedroom upper cottage flat is a good size with large garden.

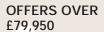


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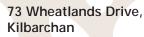
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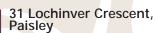


This spacious three bedroom villa has benefited from a recent upgrade.



UNDER OFFER

This beautifully appointed 2 bedroom lower cottage flat has been refurbished to create a stunning apartment with excellent rear gardens.



UNDER OFFER

This spacious three bedroom upper cottage flat offers excellent family accommodation and private gardens.



33 Spey Avenue, Paisley

OFFERS OVER £79,000

Excellent ground floor apartment offers a good level of accommodation.



72 High Street,

OFFERS OVER £69,999

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22 Espedair Street, Paisley

OFFERS OVER £69,995

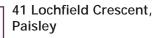
This traditional two bedroom flat is in excellent condition having been recently refurbished.



1/4 22 Neilston, Paisley

OFFERS IN THE **REGION £69,995**

This immaculately presented 1st floor flat is set within the former Royal Alexandria Hospital.



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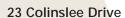
This two bedroom upper cottage flat is located in the popular Lochfield area of Paisley.



Flat 0/1 320 Maxwell Road, Pollockshields, Glasgow

FIXED PRICE £59,000

Elevated ground floor flat. Ideally placed for local shops and commuter links to Glasgow.



UNDER OFFER

This one bedroom upper cottage flat is in the popular area of Lochfield. Ideal first time buy.



7 Blackstoun Oval, **Paisley**

FIXED PRICE £42,000

This two bedroom upper cottage flat could be an excellent home but requires modernisation.



69 Springbank Road, Paisley

FIXED PRICE - £35,000

This top floor one bedroom apartment offers a great first time buy or



Happy kids are healthy kids

AFTER CELEBRATING 20 YEARS IN THE BUSINESS WOODLANDS ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE COMPLETION AND OPENING OF THEIR NEW PURPOSE BUILT NURSERY.



Rosie and Alison, owners of Woodlands Day Nursery have always appreciated the wonderful outdoor environment that has surrounded Woodlands and now they have finally achieved their goal to match the outdoor environment with a state of the art indoor environment.

The new Nursery building is not just a wonderful "space" for the children but also staff and parents, as it will now have extra facilities to ensure everyone feels welcomed, and can enjoy their visit or stay at Woodlands. The new build is set in a conservation area and has met all European O2 omission guidelines to ensure it is also an Eco friendly Nursery using underfloor heating from an air source vent pump and the lighting is high frequency with piros sensors which all will reduce 02 omissions.

All playroom windows are low level and along with Velux windows this will enable the children

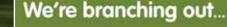
to appreciate all seasons and the surroundings they are in and feel like they are outdoors even when they are indoors!

However, the outdoors is where Woodlands heart has always been and while working alongside the forestry commission last year their vision is to progress on everything they have learned to have outdoor play areas which not only are exciting and adventurous for the children but also compliment and benefit from the wonderful setting.

Woodlands have included everyone involved in using their service to have their say in how the Nursery should look and they are very pleased with the finish. This is just the beginning, they aim to continue to progress ensuring they meet the individual needs of all the children, providing a curriculum which stimulates children's curiosity, promotes independence and provides a secure, happy foundation for learning.

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owners, Hugh and Elizabeth Scott.

They have owned Northfield from

Just before Lochwinnoch Road leaves Kilmacolm and heads into the lush Inverclyde countryside, it passes Northfield. Constructed in 2005 by Charles Church, this pleasingly symmetrical double bay-fronted villa is one of the largest residential properties in the village, covering around 3,800 square feet including its detached double garage. As the largest of just four properties within this highly exclusive modern development, this was the biggest house Charles Church had hitherto constructed in Scotland, and it was understandably used as the development's show home.

Today, this grand property retains its

original show home ambience,

thanks to the creativity and

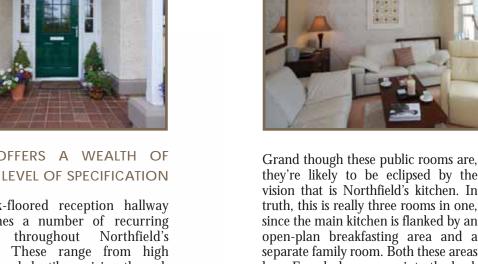
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new, diligently upgrading the house's already impressive specifications, and introducing aesthetics that any professional designer would be proud of. The end product is a nineapartment property whose boundless flexibility and opulent accommodation would be worthy of film stars, who would certainly feel at home in the reception hallway. A Hollywood-style staircase ascends imperiously to a halflanding, before splitting in opposite directions to reach a gallery landing that sweeps around the stairs on all four sides.

As well as accessing two opposing storage cupboards and a fullytiled two-piece cloakroom,

the oak-floored reception hallway establishes a number of recurring themes throughout Northfield's interior. These range from high ceilings and dentil cornicing through to stunning décor and sets of glazed double doors. One such pairing swings open to reveal a 30-foot formal lounge, complete with inglenook-style windows along its papered feature wall, and French doors in a box bay at the far end. Soft, neutrally coloured carpet can be found in all nine main apartments, including another double aspect apartment beside the lounge. This presently serves as a study, although it could easily be a family or TV room, and the same is true of the 21-foot bay windowed apartment directly across the hallway, which currently handles formal dining duties.



they're likely to be eclipsed by the vision that is Northfield's kitchen. In truth, this is really three rooms in one, since the main kitchen is flanked by an open-plan breakfasting area and a separate family room. Both these areas have French door access into the back garden, and each has matching feature wall décor on its furthermost wall. Either is quite capable of accommodating a table and chairs, and their positions lend a pleasing symmetry to a kitchen of rare quality. One wall is given over to an integrated Welsh dresser-style bank of cupboards, including display cabinetry and an elevated oven and microwave. A central island unit has wine racks and pan drawers underpinning a granite breakfasting bar, while the three remaining walls are home to a seamless sweep of designer cabinetry. Standout components include a fivering gas hob and pelmet lighting above the window, while keen chefs will revel in the profusion of worktop and storage space.

As well as external access via French doors in the breakfasting area and family room, the kitchen also connects with the gardens through a utility room. This reprises the kitchen's cabinetry and flooring, accessing one of two ground floor cloakrooms and serving as a conduit into a completely private side garden. Around the corner, Northfield's child-friendly and secure rear grounds are bounded by a mixture of stone walls and hedging. A level lawn extends up to a substantive patio, with a pathway leading to a detached double garage that is traditionally constructed, like the house itself. Indeed, this was one of the elements that initially attracted Hugh Scott to Northfield, as he explains: "I put great store in traditional construction, so I liked that element of the house when I first







viewed it. I also quite liked the separate garage, and the fact that there's parking for four cars outside it as well.

It's perhaps unsurprising that Hugh was similarly smitten with Northfield's interior: "I was very impressed with the room sizes, which were considerably bigger than any other properties we'd seen. It never feels crushed - we had 22 people here for lunch last Christmas, and that's not exceptional. At any one time, we can have ten people debating in the dining room, a dozen watching TV in the lounge and six people socialising in the kitchen, and yet the house copes admirably. It never feels any the worse for wear afterwards."

Considering the expansiveness of this ground floor accommodation, the first floor apartments have much to live up to, and they certainly don't disappoint. All five are spacious double bedrooms; four have high-quality integrated wardrobes, three offer en-suites and two benefit from double-aspect views. The en-suites are all presented with crisp white sanitaryware, matching tiling, chrome detailing and a delicately shaded border at half-height level. Even the capacious centrallypositioned family bathroom reprises this aesthetic, while the double aspect

master en-suite measures over 16 feet in length, bookended by a freestanding roll-top bath and a double shower cubicle. As for the bedrooms themselves, each is neutrally presented with a reprise of the soft carpets first seen downstairs; the master's storage is particularly impressive, with two refitted banks of double wardrobes augmented by a five-door sweep of storage across two separate walls.

Viewed holistically, it's easy to see why Northfield represents such a unique opportunity, particularly in the context of its location as the second-last house in the village, overlooking farmland. Minimal foot traffic passes the large and immaculately landscaped front garden, yet Kilmacolm's numerous amenities are comfortably within walking distance, including the acclaimed and sought-after St Columba's School. Blending modern specifications with traditional dimensions, and combining a peaceful family-friendly setting with urban convenience, this grand design offers the best of all worlds.



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