



FOUR ON THE MARKET APARTMENTS WITH OUTSIDE SPACE

**Apartment 173,
The Oaks,
Wintergarden,
Dublin 2**
€300,000
Owen Reilly (01)
677 7100



It's been more than 25 years since the Wintergarden was launched in 1998 on the site of a former ESB warehouse. Lauded as one of the most enlightened urban construction projects of its time, it was built around a massive, glass-roofed central courtyard with mature shrubs, trees and seating areas, giving residents an oasis of calm amid the fast pace of city centre life. Apartment 173 has 484 sq ft of living space which includes a living room, kitchen, one double bedroom and a bathroom.



**C34 Bastion
Quay, Athlone,
Co Westmeath**
€369,000
Mark Nestor
(0906) 409 095



This third-floor, 970 sq ft apartment in the fashionable Left Bank district of Athlone has a wraparound balcony. One side forms a long veranda overlooking the Shannon, while the other has a wide, tiled area with plenty of space for alfresco dining. That's accessed via doors from the living room, which features surround sound and a voice/app-controlled LED lighting system. There's also a kitchen/diner, utility room, two double bedrooms (one ensuite and one with a walk-in wardrobe) and a main bathroom.



**5 Auburn House,
71 Strand Road,
Bray, Co Wicklow**
€399,000
Sherry FitzGerald
(01) 286 6630



It may not have a balcony or terrace, but with the seafront directly across the road, this third-floor apartment has more than enough outside space for sea swimming, prom walks, climbing Bray Head or dropping into any of the neighbouring bars or restaurants lining Strand Road. Measuring 970 sq ft, it has a kitchen, dual aspect living/dining room with sea views, a shower room, bathroom and three bedrooms. With the Dart station a five-minute walk away, it's a handy commute into Dublin.



**Apartment 5,
Old Connaught
House,
Rathmichael,
Co Dublin**
€450,000
Olwen McCarthy
(01) 564 0032



Built in 1784, Old Connaught House has long since been converted into apartments, with residents sharing access to eight acres of communal gardens including a tennis court, croquet lawn, mini golf and sun terraces. No5 is a ground-floor apartment with 1,130 sq ft of living space, including an entrance porch, open-plan kitchen/dining/living area with island unit and contemporary fittings, two double bedrooms (one ensuite) and a family bathroom. It's a short drive to nearby Shankill and Dalkey.

Penthouse with private roof terrace in Dublin 2 for just under €500k

156 THE NORTHUMBERLANDS
Address: Love Lane East, Mount Street Lower, Dublin 2
Asking price: €495,000
Agent: Sherry FitzGerald (01) 269 8888

You don't often find a three-bed apartment on the south side of Dublin for less than half a million, let alone a penthouse with a private roof terrace. But that's exactly what's on offer in this property less than 15 minutes' walk from Grafton Street and Stephen's Green.

No surprise then that it's generating a flurry of interest, particularly among business executives and couples working in town, along with downsizers who'd love a low-maintenance city pad on Love Lane with shops, parks, public transport and other amenities on the doorstep.

Located off Lower Mount Street, The Northumberlands is a gated complex within walking distance

of such landmarks as Trinity College, Merrion Square, the National Gallery, National Concert Hall and the Docklands.

Accessed via a lift, No156 on the sixth floor opens into an entrance hall, off which is a living/dining room with doors leading out to the south-facing terrace from where you can soak up views of the city skyline. Next to that is a fitted kitchen and across the hall, three double bedrooms, one with a Juliet balcony, and a bathroom.

As well as being within walking distance of the entire city centre business district, the apartment is also close to public transport links such as the Dart stations at Pearse Street and Grand Canal Dock, the Luas at Stephen's Green, and Dublin Bus and Aircoach routes. If new owners want to venture further on two or four wheels, it comes with a designated underground parking spot and space to store bikes.



The roof terrace and (top) living room at the apartment located on Love Lane East

"The garden is south-facing and a real suntrap," adds Michael. "It's also not over-looked so despite being in the centre of Dublin, it's very peaceful."

Although neither were familiar with Dublin before moving here, they've come to love it. "In hindsight we got lucky, as we love Drumcondra," says Michael. "It's near to all amenities and there's a good sense of community."

"Our dog Rosie helped us to fall in love with the area," adds Dee. "Whilst walking her in the park, we met other dog owners and became friends. Drumcondra feels like living in a small town."

The week they moved back into the house in June 2020, Dee found out she was pregnant with their first baby, Maisie, who is now three years old. They've since had Noah, who is 22 months.

They're both nostalgic about leaving the house now as so much has happened since they first moved in, but they've bought another house in the area. "We've had a lot of firsts here, but at least we're not going too far away," says Michael.

"The house has been very good to us, and we've had some very memorable times," adds Dee. "But it's time to move on." Agent Kelly Bradshaw Dalton seeks €675,000 on the Stobbs' behalf.