

Home Information Packs (HIPs)



From 10th September 2007 you will need a HIP for all homes being marketed with three or more bedrooms. You must have at least ordered a HIP when your home is put on the market.

The aim of HIPs was to speed up the conveyancing process. As HIPs now include an Energy Performance Certificate they may also contribute to energy efficiency.

Harris & Harris can help you with your HIP. We have been preparing for their introduction and monitoring the changes in government policy.

"It's too early to tell if HIPs will work as intended," says Kathryn Lander, head of Harris + Harris's Residential Conveyancing Department. "They do contain some information that is essential. The policies of the big lenders will be a major factor in their success. If HIPs are going to work they must be accurate and reliable."

Harris & Harris can produce a HIP for your home, on paper and in electronic format, which we can give to you or your Estate Agent. Kathryn Lander says, *"Sellers are now bombarded with information about HIPs, and different marketing deals. We have worked hard with local partners to produce something that will be straightforward, worthwhile and cost effective."*

Harris & Harris can provide HIPs from the independent Home-Ready Group (www.home-ready.co.uk), and from other providers. The cost is usually between £200 and £400, which can be deferred.

For further information contact

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