

When we think of the property ladder, we tend to think of people climbing up it.

It's about trading in a small home to a bigger, better one.

After all, perceived wisdom is that bricks and mortar are a good investment for the future.

But for other sellers it's all about decreasing, not increasing square footage. It's about trading in the four bedroom detached villa for a bijou bungalow, cottage on the coast or a city apartment.



## **COMING SOON**

Beautifully appointed two bedroom first floor flat in central location with lift and private parking.

The number one reason for downsizing is grown-up children leaving a family home. Empty nesters no longer need all those bedrooms and can feel they are rattling around in a large property.

Practical issues are a factor as well. Staircases and high-maintenance gardens may be fine now, but can seem daunting in the future.

Other reasons for downsizing can be a decrease in income, which means a more affordable property is needed.

For others, particularly those about to enjoy retirement, it's a lifestyle choice: by exchanging large for small, you can release equity and use it to pursue your passions – such as ballroom dancing or bungee jumping!



## Auldgavel Place, Strathaven Offers Over £229,000 On the market for one week and now has a closing date on Wednesday 19th April @ 12 noon



Whatever your reasons for downsizing, we here at Gebbie & Wilson can help, call in for an informal chat and coffee with me, Carol Lamont.





