

# Will and Zoshia

Whilst renting a small flat in London, Will and Zoshia started saving to buy their first home together but knew buying in the Capital wasn't a viable option. So, when they had saved enough for a deposit, they started looking at towns and cities along the commuter belt.

When they visited Wintringham everything seemed perfect. They could easily commute into London, it is more affordable than other places they investigated, and it has a real countryside feel. They are both enjoy active lifestyles and really like Wintringham's focus on health, wellbeing and leisure. Everything just fell into place!

The couple also remarked on the developer incentives for first time buyers and how helpful the sales executive for Barratts was, with recommendations for a solicitor, mortgage broker and blind/shutter company. They liked buying a new build as the house was decorated and ready to move into and the garden was part paved and part turfed, with a shed included in the sale.

The move to Wintringham has also brought other opportunities, with Will changing jobs and the couple welcoming Mabel, the cockapoo puppy. They have always wanted a dog but couldn't get one in London as they had a tiny flat. Moving into a house with a garden, getting a dog would be the next step and within a few weeks of moving in they picked up Mabel.

Being part of a community was also an important factor for Will and Zoshia when choosing Wintringham and Will joined the Residents' Association to play a more active role.

The couple are looking forward to setting down roots in Wintringham and making the most of all the area has to offer.

Zoshia said: "There's a great community feel in Wintringham and lots of people stop for a chat; it's a very different vibe to London and even Stoke, where you wouldn't stop and just randomly chat to people. It's lovely to stop and chat to people and feel so comfortable where you live.

"The leisure trail is great for local dog walks, and we also take Mabel to Paxton Pits and Grafham Water for days out as she loves the water. St Neots is also very dog friendly, with lots of cafes, pubs and shops welcoming dogs.

"Wintringham is really well connected, and we've also started exploring more of Cambridgeshire. Places like St Ives and we've even been to the coast at Norfolk at the weekend. There's a nice mixture of old world and modern, and a real mix of industry, but it never seems imposing. Even when you are driving around, there's lots of rolling fields and green space. That's made us be more active as well and has made us want to explore the area more."

