

YOUR ONE-STOP LEGAL SHOP IN CHORLTON

A Chorlton-based solicitors have expanded their main business to incorporate, as a one-stop-shop, an estate agency. The additional services of selling and buying properties, as well as independent mortgage advice and a full conveyancing service, will complement the firm's existing core business of employment law, personal injury, as well as wills and probate services.

Alexander Speed, Principal Solicitor and founder of Francis Alexander, explains:

"We have been established now for three years or so. I have lived in and around the area all my life and have seen how the areas of Didsbury and Chorlton have accelerated over the past few years in attracting a vast mixture of individuals and families looking for a quality suburb to settle in."

Alex was a pupil at Cavendish Road Primary School in west Didsbury, and from there attended St Mark's (now Barlow). His claim to fame is that Noel Gallagher of Oasis was in his class!

Alex studied at Loreto College for three years, then commenced employment as a clerk at a major city centre firm of solicitors. He explains that he started parking cars, collecting the senior partners' sandwiches and dry cleaning! With great determination he later qualified as a lawyer by attending night school over a long period. Alex is also a Fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives. After 14 years at that particular firm, he decided to spread his wings and launch Francis Alexander.

The offices are in the heart of Chorlton, with a large showroom of properties just next door. The premises where the estate agency is based formally traded as the Halifax. This newly refurbished office offers a complete package: from the initial marketing right through to the conveyancing process and completion.

Francis Alexander offer superb legal advice on a whole range of matters and are available without the inflated costs a city centre firm might charge. The benefits to the public are obvious: no different elements to worry about, one dedicated number, transparent working practices, and they are fully regulated by the Law Society.

Alex feels that there has been a lot of bad publicity for estate agents recently, with programmes such as the BBC Whistleblower bringing this to the forefront. Francis Alexander want to show that they are a professional company. Alex finds it bizarre that, there is no mandatory regulation for estate agents. For Alex to trade he has to have a minimum professional indemnity cover of £2million per case; all client money has to be kept separate, and each year he is independently audited and full reporting to the Law Society takes place.

Francis Alexander pride themselves upon being completely transparent. The ten staff members are all well versed in keeping accurate records and being accountable in any advice or work they carry out in the firm's name.

Francis Alexander, as an opening offer, will sell your property and deal with the conveyancing for 1% + VAT and disbursements. As an added incentive for the first ten properties to complete, two executive seats to see Manchester United in a home premiership game will also be given with each completed sale.

Francis Alexander properties will appear on the largest UK website, Rightmove, and on their own property website www.sps.net. This is in addition to local press and window advertising.

So if you are looking to move and you need some legal advice, visit Francis Alexander. Alex and the team have high expectations for the future and offer outstanding client care. Drop in and see whether they can be of any help to you.



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