The home hunters

Can't face the long slog of searching for a new home? An East Devon company specialises in doing the hard work for you.

LEFT: **Helen FitzGerald, left, and Hannah Harling of Coastal Property Search. They are pictured in the beautiful gardens of a coastal property found for clients.**

If you enjoy watching Phil & Kirsty on Channel 4's *Location Location Location*, you may be interested to know that East Devon has its very own property search duo – Helen FitzGerald and Hannah Harling of Coastal Property Search.

'H & H', as they are known, have a unique blend of local knowledge, energy and good humour, and say they can help make property and location search positive, fun and stress-free (well nearly).

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Successful at finding property from £200,000 to £2 million, Coastal Property Search offers an unpretentious, down-to-earth and professional service without charging a fortune.

Helen said: "Whether you decide to use a search agent or not, many of us find it hard to resist switching on our computers and checking endless property websites to see what's for sale. While this DIY approach certainly has its attractions and benefits, it might not always turn out to be a totally positive experience.

"We often take on clients who are fed up driving miles to see properties they thought looked great on the internet.

"It's our job to see beyond the snapshot on the net and find out what the estate agents didn't want you to know – pylons nearby, neighbours very close, noisy roads, dark rooms, tiny windows, ceilings so low you have to walk with a stoop, and 'distant views of the sea' (well, a bit too distant!)

"Also, it's very easy to dismiss a property on the internet simply because of its unfortunate appearance. However, with our creative hats on, we can spot a potential winner and, if the location is up to scratch, it may be possible to turn an 'ugly duckling' into a well deserved swan!"

Helen and Hannah set up Coastal Property Search with a clear vision – to create a service that is an affordable luxury, finding property in all price ranges, and to take their idea into other coastal areas, around the West Country.

Following the success of their East Devon and West Dorset office, they recently opened their second base in Poole, covering East Dorset and West Hampshire. Further offices are planned in Devon and Cornwall for the very near future.

"Moving to a new area should be an exciting and life changing experience, but all too often finding the right property in the best location can be frustrating and time consuming," said Helen. "So, if you need some help from the local experts, do get in touch." ■

● *Coastal Property Search can be contacted on 01297 443891 or visit www.coastalpropertysearch.co.uk*

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There must be a better way!

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