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## Newsletter March 2021 Don't 'just' buy a property

You plan to buy a property. This is often not the biggest challenge. Now you own it but you have to furnish it. But you are back in the UK. Then you find out the electric has been cut for no apparent reason. There is no-one to help. Don't let these horror stories be part of your 'buying process'. OliveHomes.com is different. Let's find out why you shouldn't 'just' buy a property!



Make sure you take care of the details!

While our first priority is to help you find the ideal property, it wouldn't be very helpful of us to ignore everything else. It is all the extras that make some agents stand out against the others. This is where we use our many years of experience to ensure we can offer you a great choice of professionals to do all those bits and pieces necessary to put the icing on the cake.

We understand that the majority of our clients will not be based full time in Portugal and have to head back home. For this reason, we have researched the marketplace and found companies that we are proud to introduce and recommend.

Below is a selection of the most common services where we can assist:

### Legal Services

We have a panel of recommended lawyers all across Portugal who can provide the necessary legal and conveyancing services to ensure you get the right advice and protection. Lawyers will undertake a 'report on title' which covers an investigation into the ownership of the property and the various planning considerations. Lawyers can also help with tax and inheritance planning.

### Utility Connections

You really don't want to be queuing up in the offices of the electric, gas and water suppliers. So don't! If it is a new home we will ensure you are connected without any hassle. For those clients purchasing an existing property we will make sure the meters are read and the bills switched across into your name without disruption. We aim to have all bills paid by direct debit and that way you need not worry if you miss a bill.

### Bank Account

If you'd like to open a bank account (you really should if you are buying a property here) then we can help introduce you to the right person and local branch/bank. In this day and age, the list of requirements necessary to open an account has grown but it's all straightforward once you know what you need to give the banks. Sometimes it is easier to be prepared before you leave your home country so let us know beforehand if you wish to open an account while you are here.

### Mortgage Services

If you are looking for (or just considering) a mortgage then we can help by obtaining the best rates in the marketplace. We are able to introduce our clients to various banks to ensure we obtain either the best rates and/or the best financial terms. Banks will usually lend up to the age of 70/75 and it is usually on the basis of a full repayment mortgage. [Read more here.](#)

### Currency Exchange

If the banks were not so greedy then currency exchange companies wouldn't exist. Truth is, they can save you thousands on overseas transfers. We can help you open an account with some of the best ones in the market. In the future, the transfer abroad becomes very simple as you just transfer to the local bank account of the exchange company. No more worries about SWIFT codes, IBAN's and NIF's! [Read more here.](#)

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