

# Could downsizing be the right move for you?

The downsizing incentive scheme is a voluntary scheme that offers practical support and financial assistance to help eligible applicants of larger properties (3 or more bedrooms) to move to a smaller, more manageable home. The scheme is also open to tenants living in an adapted property of any size where nobody in the household needs the specialist features. The scheme helps to free up properties that are in great demand.

Find out more about the scheme including how to apply at

- [www.moray.gov.uk/downsizing](http://www.moray.gov.uk/downsizing)
- Email [housing@moray.gov.uk](mailto:housing@moray.gov.uk)
- Phone **0300 123 4566**



## Susanne's Experience

Hi, my name is Susanne and I'd like to share my experience of downsizing from a 2 bedroom adapted property to a 1 bedroom property with anyone who is considering this but is unsure and anxious about it. Let's face it, it's a huge decision to make, and I was given all the time I needed.

When I first thought about it and applied I felt a mix of emotions. Feeling positive then negative and filled with apprehension, I actually withdrew from the process. A year later I applied again. The same feelings resurfaced but this time the positive feelings were a lot stronger. When I was notified that there might be a property available to suit my needs, I got really excited.

It was still an anxious time waiting for a viewing with thoughts of will I like the property? What if I don't? However, it was reassuring to know that if I felt the property was not right for me, I could turn it down and not be penalised. I did like the property, and I'm now happily settled in my new home.

The Housing Downsizing Officer was extremely helpful and kept me informed every step of the way. The Housing Officer for the property I was offered, was also extremely helpful. The whole team was kind, understanding and supportive.

I can honestly say to anyone that is thinking about downsizing try it and you will be pleasantly surprised by the information you receive, and the support from the team. You are in control there is no pressure only advice and support. Of course, there is the financial incentive which goes a long way to help with the cost of moving.

I can honestly recommend the downsizing scheme to anyone thinking about it.

All the best

*Susanne*

