



Gillian Whittle and Vernon Haydock are all smiles now they're at Courthill

# Love at first site

We meet a retired couple who moved from Lancashire to one of Scotland's most friendly and welcoming parks after falling in love with it upon first viewing

**W**hen it comes to parks, first impressions really matter. Much like going on a first date, visiting a park for the first time can count for everything. But when Vernon Haydock and Gillian Whittle took a holiday north of the border and paid an impromptu visit to Courthill Park, in Auldgirth, Dumfries, they did not expect to be so bowled over they'd decide to make the move on the spot.

## New residents

The park's newest residents Vernon and Gillian were on a holiday from their home in Blackrod, near Bolton, in Lancashire.

Vernon said: 'While taking a break in Scotland we happened to come across a lovely looking retirement park called Courthill Park. Because we had been considering a move to such a park we decided to have a look around. We were both made very welcome and shown around the park.'

Park owner Chris Little was only too happy to show the couple around the site. Gillian added, 'Chris showed us a plot, which is now our new home.'

'We were hooked and decided there and then that this was the place for us.'

'We were given brochures and details of what the park had to offer along with a cup of coffee. Chris explained everything so well. We went away with lots to think about as this was very much a spur of the moment decision.'

'The help we have been given from all the family, Chris, Stuart and Mary has been fantastic. They have been so helpful in explaining everything during the process of choosing and siting our home.'

'When our moving day arrived we were very apprehensive as we had chosen everything with brochures and online and the



ABOVE: Vernon and Gillian's lovely home

siting had been discussed on our not very frequent visits to the park.'

## The right choice

So, are the couple happy that they made the move? Gillian continued, 'We are thrilled with the choices we made and the work carried out by the team at Courthill Park. The welcome has been wonderful from the residents of the park and we thank them for all the wonderful cards we have received. This includes the photo album of progress of the build and siting given to us by a neighbour.'

'The excellent facilities also extend to our two spaniels Smudge and Patch who have two big fields to run in.'

'After living there for only a week we both felt as if we had been there for years. We both would like to say a very big thank you to the management and team at Courthill Park for all their help and advice to what is going to be a very happy retirement.'

## Happy retirement

The couple are both retired: Gillian was a shipping clerk; Vernon an operations manager at a social housing firm. Since moving into

their lovely 40ft x 20 Tingdene Barnwell, the couple have enjoyed spending more time doing the things they love.

They are both green-fingered and really like being in the garden and feeding the birds, as well as enjoying some quality time seeing the country in their touring caravan.

Pets are permitted at the park and Vernon and Gillian's two spaniels have been loving life at Courthill as much as their owners.

Courthill is one of the friendliest and most welcoming sites in Scotland. Everybody on the park – from the management to their fellow residents – have wished them well since they picked up their keys and started their park adventure.

## About the park

Courthill Park is a family-run park that was established way back in 1963.

At Courthill, the park's owner, the Little family, strives to cater for residents' every need so that park dwellers can simply sit back and enjoy the stunning views of the surrounding countryside.

The park is also only a short drive to the local shops. With convenient local buses running every hour, retirement living could not be easier!

There will be an array of superb show homes available to view from October 2017 and limited plot availability so don't miss out!

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