

# Empty home brought back into use from...Tarbolton



**Address: Croft Street, Tarbolton**  
**Total length of time empty: 11 months**

The owner of this property's agent got in touch in September 2014. The property had been empty for 9 months due to a lack of interest. The EHO was able to help, and the main action taken was offering advice and assistance on the local market. The EHO discussed a wide range of options with the agent, particularly highlighting the need to advertise the property locally, as most people who would be interested in living in this area will have family or work ties to the area.

In addition, I highlighted a local Rent Deposit Guarantee scheme as offering a good opportunity to access tenants who would like to live in this area.

Following on from this, the agents listed the property with the Rent Deposit Guarantee scheme and placed local adverts in addition to their normal method of finding tenants through RightMove and S1Homes.

**Outcome:** As a result, the property was rented privately in November 2014. This tenancy unfortunately failed relatively quickly, but the advice provided helped the agents in marketing the property to find another local tenant who was more suitable following on from this, thus preventing the property from again following into long-term vacancy. In this instance, the property was rented privately in March 2015.

*Comments and/or quotes from owners (optional):*

*"Really helpful, great to have a local point of contact, and will certainly contact again in the future".*

Case study details supplied by Ross Morris, Empty Homes Officer, South Ayrshire Council.