Checklist - Who to tell you've moved home

Services and utilities

One of the first things you will want to do is take care of all your services and utility providers – whether you stick with the property's current providers or opt to switch. In terms of your utilities, be sure to take the readings at your new property as soon as you move in, to make sure that you are not liable for any bills that remain outstanding from the previous owners. This should include:

- Water
- Gas
- Electricity

Also, don't forget to inform your gas, electricity and water companies that you are moving out of your old property, and to submit readings. This way, you won't be liable for any bills beyond this date.

Other crucial services

You will also want to prioritise other crucial services and authorities (which can take a while to sort) such as:

- Communications (mobile phone, internet and landline phone)
- TV licensing
- Your new local council tax department
- Parking permit

Other third parties to inform

You will also want to inform anybody that you receive communications from or have dealings with. This could include your:

- Bank/s or building societies
- Credit card companies
- Your employer
- Cable/satellite service providers
- Insurance companies
- Pension and investment companies
- National savings and premium bonds
- Inland revenue
- Solicitor
- DVLA
- Vehicle insurance (this is crucial because failing to tell your insurer of your new address could affect your premium or invalidate your policy)
- Breakdown recovery company

Health

If you are only moving around the corner, then you will need to inform your health providers such as your doctor, dentist, optician and vet. If you are moving further afield however, then you will need to register with new practices.

Consider redirecting your post

For a fee, you can ask the post office to redirect all of your post from your old property for a period of time. This will help you ensure that nothing slips through the net and that you don't miss anything important.