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Wilsons estate Agents

Privacy policy

Privacy Policy for GDPR

1 Purpose

Our purpose is to provide a clear and transparent overview of how we collect, use, and protect personal data in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and other relevant data protection regulations. This policy aims to ensure that our customers, and users have a comprehensive understanding of how we manage their personal information, including the types of data we collect, how we use it, and how we keep it secure. By setting out our approach to data protection, we aim to build trust and confidence with our audience, while also complying with the legal requirements and best practices in the field of data protection.

2 Scope

This policy applies to all personal data collected by Wilsons Estate Agents and outlines our responsibilities and obligations regarding the collection, use, and protection of personal data, and provides guidance on how we handle personal information in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

3. About us and the Privacy Policy - Protecting your privacy.

Our website is operated by Chris Willey & Son TA Wilsons (Registered Address 4-5 King Square, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 3YF). We have notified our processing of personal data under the Data Protection Act 1998. We respect your personal privacy and will not use your personal information in any way that we would not accept ourselves. We have set out the following information about how we manage the personal information that we do collect. Wilsons Estate Agents keep the information you share with us as safe as possible and to do this we've set out our privacy policy in line with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We will only ever use the details you share with us to help make your association with us the best it can be, and nothing else.

This Privacy Policy explains when and why we collect personal information about our website visitors, customers and people who contact or interact with us, how we use it, the conditions under which we may disclose it to others and how we keep it secure.

If you do not want us to process your personal information as described in this Privacy Policy, please do not provide information to Chris Willey & Son Limited, trading as Wilsons. However, if you wish to enter into a legal transaction with Wilsons, you will be legally required to provide certain types of data and documents in accordance with anti-money laundering legislation.

For any questions relating to our Privacy Policy, please contact us at Wilsons Estate Agents via telephone on 01823 324324 or by email <u>info@wilsonsestateagents.co.uk</u>

4. How do we collect personal information about you?

We obtain personal information about you that you provide to us through our telephone conversations, website, emails, documents you provide to us or face to face. For example, when you:

- Enquire about any properties for sale.
- Ask us to value / appraise your property.
- Register for details of property for sale.
- Interact with us on our social media site's.

We may also obtain personal information relating to you using automated technical means when you visit our website.

5. What type of personal information do we collect?

The information we collect from you might include (but is not limited to):

- Your name
- Address
- Email address.
- Phone number.
- Date of birth
- Financial details
- Employment details and any other information you choose to provide to us.

The information we collect through our website using automated technical means includes:

- The Internet protocol (IP) address used to connect your computer to the Internet.
- Your login information
- Browser type and version
- Time zone setting, browser plug-in types and versions.
- Operating system and platform
- Identification number
- Online identifier and location data

We also collect information about your website visit including which website pages are accessed, page response times and length of visits to pages.

5.1 How long do we retain your personal information?

We review our retention periods for personal data on a regular basis. We are legally required to hold some types of information for certain prescribed periods to fulfil our statutory obligations. Outside of specific statutory obligations, we will hold your personal data on our systems for as long as is necessary for the relevant purposes for which we use it, or in accordance with any retention periods set out in any relevant contract you hold with us. Where we process personal data in connection with performing a contract, we will retain data for a maximum period of six years following your last interaction with us. Where we process personal data for marketing purposes, with your consent, we will retain data until you ask us to stop and for a short period to enable us to action your request.

5.2 How do we use your personal information?

We may use the information that you directly provide to us in the following ways:

- We may use your name, e-mail address, phone number and postal address for the purpose of carrying out our obligations arising from any contracts entered into between you and Wilsons, such as providing you with services you have requested, visiting and arranging viewings of your property. Our legal basis for this use is that it is necessary for the performance of a contract to which you are party.
- We may use your name, email address, phone number and postal address to
 provide you with information you have requested from us, respond to enquiries or
 requests from you, communicate with you in relation to those enquiries or requests
 and arranging visits to your property by our staff. Our legal basis for this use is our
 legitimate interests, namely carrying out activities in the course of Wilsons business
 in response to customer enquiries or requests.
- We may use your name, email address, phone number and postal address to
 provide you with information regarding similar properties and services to those you
 have already enquired about or purchased. Our legal basis for this use is our
 legitimate interests, namely the ongoing marketing of properties and services to
 individuals with whom we have an existing relationship in connection with our
 services and/or who have expressed an interest in those properties and services.
- Where you have entered into a contract with us or we have provided you with services, we may use your name, email address, postal address or phone number to ask for your feedback about the services we have provided to you. Our legal basis for this use is our legitimate interests, namely evaluating and where necessary improving the quality of our service provision with a view to promoting the success of our business and positive customer relationships.
- Where you are a party to an existing contract with us or regularly enter into contracts with us for our services, we may use your name, email address, postal address or phone number to notify you of changes to the terms and conditions of our services. Our legal basis for this use is our legitimate interests, namely the administration and management of our business contracts and relationships.
- We may use your name, email address and postal address to send you marketing communications, if you have chosen to receive these. These may include information about properties for sale, the current property market, or promotions. Our legal basis for this use is consent.
- We may use your name, address and date of birth to verify your identity to comply with anti-money laundering regulations. Our legal basis for this use is compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject.
- We may use the information that we automatically collect using technical means through our website to:
- Administer our site and for troubleshooting, testing, research and statistical purposes. We use Google Analytics, a third-party website monitoring tool. Our legal basis for this is our legitimate interests, namely monitoring the use of our software and IT systems, improving our website.

This automated collection of information may involve the use of cookies. Please see our Cookies Policy for further detail about these <u>www.wilsonsestateagents/cookies</u>. We may analyse the personal information we collect directly from you and obtain using automated technical means, to create a profile of your interests and preferences so that we can contact you with information relevant to you (if you have chosen to receive marketing communications from us).

We may also use any of your personal information that we collect from you directly and additional information about you from external sources where necessary to detect and reduce fraud and credit risk.

5.4 Who has access to information?

We will not sell or rent your information to third parties. We may pass your information to third party service providers (only the personal information that is necessary to deliver the service and we have a contract in place that requires them to keep your information secure and otherwise use your information in accordance with applicable data protection law), including but not limited to:

• Business partners, suppliers and sub-contractors working on our behalf for the purposes of completing tasks and providing services to you.

Your personal data, including name, address, contact details and preferences will be shared with Expert Agent who provide Wilsons with property sales software.

We may transfer your personal information to a third party as part of a sale of some or all of our business and assets, or as part of any business restructuring or reorganisation, or if we're under a duty to disclose or share your personal data in order to comply with any legal obligation or to enforce or apply our terms of use or to protect the rights, property or safety of our customers. However, we will take steps with the aim of ensuring that your privacy rights continue to be protected. In addition to the specific disclosures set out in this section, we may disclose your personal information where such disclosure is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject, or in order to protect your vital interests or the vital interests of another natural person, or for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims, whether in court proceedings or in an administrative out-of-court procedure.

6. Your rights

In this section we have summarised the rights that you have under data protection law. Some of the rights are complex, applying only in certain circumstances and subject to certain exceptions, and in the interests of keeping this policy concise, not all of the details have been included in our summaries. Accordingly, you should read the relevant laws and guidance from the regulatory authorities for a full explanation of these rights.

You have the right:

• To object to us processing your personal information for marketing purposes. If you object, we will stop processing your personal information for this purpose. When we collect your data, you can choose whether you wish to receive marketing

communications from us. If you wish to stop receiving marketing communications, you can opt out at any time by clicking the 'manage your communication preferences' link at the bottom of one of our emails.

- To access the information, we hold about you and certain information about our processing of it and your rights in relation to it.
- In certain circumstances, to obtain erasure of the personal information we hold about you, subject to certain exceptions.
- To rectification of the information, we hold about you.
- In certain circumstances, to restrict our processing of your personal information or object to us processing it. If you object, we will stop processing your personal information unless certain exceptions apply.
- Where our legal basis for processing your personal information is your consent or the performance of a contract and we process it by automated means, to be provided with the personal information we hold about you in structured, commonly used and machine-readable format and to transmit the information to another controller.
- Where our processing of your personal information is based on your consent, to withdraw that consent at any time. If you withdraw your consent, we will stop the relevant processing, but it will not affect the lawfulness of our processing before the withdrawal.
- To exercise any of these rights, email us at info@wilsonsestateagents.co.uk. In addition, you can exercise your right to object to direct marketing at any time by clicking the 'manage your communication preferences' link at the bottom of one of our emails.
- If you consider that our processing of your personal information infringes data protection laws, you have the right to lodge a complaint to a supervisory authority responsible for data protection. You may do this in the EU member state of your habitual residence, your place of work or the place of the alleged infringement. More information about lodging a complaint with the Information.
- Commissioner's Office (the relevant UK supervisory authority) can be found at <u>https://ico.org.uk/concerns/.</u>

7. Security precautions in place to protect your information.

We take appropriate technical and organisational precautions to secure your personal information and prevent its loss, misuse, or alteration. The transmission of unencrypted (or inadequately encrypted) data over the internet is inherently insecure, and for this reason we cannot guarantee the security of data sent between us over the internet.

8. Use of Cookies

Like many other websites, our website uses cookies. Cookies are small pieces of information sent by an organisation to your computer and stored on your hard drive to allow that website to recognise you when you visit. They collect statistical data about your browsing actions and patterns. Cookies allow us to provide important site functionality, so you don't have to re-enter lots of information. They also allow us to remember what links and pages you have been or viewed during a session. This helps us deliver a better, more personalised service to you. It is possible to switch off cookies by setting your browser preferences. For more information on the Cookies we use, visit our Cookies Policy www.wilsonsestateagents.co.uk/cookies.

9. Links to other websites

Our website may contain links to other websites run by other organisations. We are not responsible for the privacy practices of those organisations or the content of their websites. You should read the privacy policies of these organisations before providing them with any personal information.

10. Transferring your information outside of European Economic Area ("EEA")

If you use our services while you are outside the EEA, your information may be transferred outside the EEA in order to provide you with those services.

11. Review of this Policy

We keep this Policy under regular review, normally annually, unless there is a change in law/legislation or regulation.

If we change our Privacy Policy, we will post the changes on our website and update our Quality Management System to reflect these changes.

12 Further information

You can obtain further information about data protection laws by visiting the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <u>www.ico.org.uk</u>.

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