

Rental business buys up properties in Wee County

NEW Clackmannanshire business Two Rent promises to provide quality living for local people after opening its Alloa office last week.

The company – which was founded by Mark Kennedy-Stewart and his wife Anna in 2002 – already owns 50 properties throughout the Wee County and the couple are looking to expand their portfolio of homes even further.

“The way the company works, we don’t use letting agents to rent out the properties,” said Mark.

“We find it easier to deal with tenants directly. Our emphasis is on buying older properties and upgrading them, and we do everything ourselves, with our own contractors.”

Mark and Anna, who have a 13-year-old daughter, fell into the property business by accident after deciding to buy a house to let out to an employee who couldn’t afford a mortgage.

After realising that the property market would



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provide them with more lucrative careers than their jobs – Mark was an accountant and Anna was a marketing specialist – they continued to build up their portfolio which now contains 115 homes all over Scotland.

“Anna takes care of the property maintenance side of things while I do the accounts and the buying,” said Mark. “We work well together.”

Although the couple are very selective when it comes to choosing tenants, Mark insisted they would never discriminate against people who were

on benefits.

“Tenants just have to be able to pay the deposit and pay the rent on time,” he said.

The company, which employs 13 staff, purchased 40 homes in Alloa and 10 elsewhere in Clackmannanshire around three months ago and have since been upgrading them.

Mark said they prided themselves on producing a show-home standard of house for tenants before they move in.

The new Alloa office in Mill Street is open 2-8pm on Wednesdays.