

CO-LOCATION KEY TO HOMECHECK ONLINE SERVICE

Homecheck.co.uk, an innovative online service giving homebuyers and their professional advisers valuable environmental information, has been successfully launched using the specialist co-location service for website servers provided by Densitron Internet Technologies Limited (DITL).

Like many on-line services, cost effective management of its on-line infrastructure has been vital to controlling overheads, both in the start-up and development phases of the business. To achieve this, Homecheck was able to locate its own server at DITL's new co-location centre at Biggin Hill in Kent where the company provides a comprehensive server hosting facility.

This incorporates a high security, air conditioned clean environment, continuous on-site monitoring and maintenance service, easy client access to its server/s and DITL's high capacity connectivity backbone. It is one of the most powerful connection facilities in southern England and allows graduated traffic requirements to be securely and efficiently managed during the rapid growth phase of the new online business.

Initially, Homecheck.co.uk was able to outsource its single start-up server for a nominal £100 per month to include all the back up facilities and a traffic allocation of up to 5 GB, enough to service some 50,000 hits a day or 800 visitors. Homecheck's requirement has already leapt to combine two servers, plus a high capacity leased line to its premises, and it now allocates several thousand pounds per month to on-line services from DITL. This illustrates the flexibility and cost effectiveness of its co-location service for the rapid growth online business.

The Homecheck.co.uk service gives home buyers detailed information about their proposed purchase. As well as property prices for the area, environmental factors such as flood risk, subsidence, pollution and local landfill sites can all be checked. Details of local schools and crime figures for the neighbourhood are also available. For property professionals, such as lawyers, surveyors and estate agents, Homecheck Pro has information and search facilities including statutory registers, site history, insurance and surveyors' reports to support conveyancing.

Homecheck has been established by Sitescope Limited, a leading information provider in the property market, and co-ordinates information from numerous sources including Ordnance Survey, the Environment Agency, the British Geological Survey, Valuation Office, English Nature and the DETR. Searches for professionals cost around £30 while information listings for consumers are accessed free and there is no cost to professional services to list their activities.

Mike Hardcastle, managing director of DITL says:

“Our phased service has been the ideal solution for Homecheck, providing a low cost start-up service that has grown with the business. The Homecheck management team has been able to focus both its time and financial resources on marketing the business, with complete confidence that the infrastructure is available to service rapid increases in traffic.”

Full details of the co-location service for web-servers is available from Densitron Internet Technologies Ltd., Unit 4, Airport Trading Estate, Biggin Hill, Kent, TN16 3BW. Tel: 01959 542 000 Fax: 01959 542 001 Web: www.densitron.net

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The company is a world leader in display technologies and embedded PC products. It designs, manufactures and markets industrial computers, single board computers and wide range of display products.

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