

# Significant rise in properties

A LOCAL estate agent has reported a "significant increase" in new properties placed on the market and sales activity during the first six months of 2011 compared to the same period last year.

Paul Merritt, senior partner of Robert Ellis Estate Agents and Chartered Surveyors reported that the West Nottingham independent estate agent had seen a 20% increase in the number of properties for sale and a 30% increase in the



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number of properties sold in 2011 over 2010.

Paul said: "We have seen a steady improvement in our performance over the past two years with a significant stepped increase over the last six months. We have a very mature business where we are asked to sell properties for people who bought them originally from Robert Ellis. To cope with the improved levels of sales, we have recruited more people to join the team and have further expanded our property management and lettings department into our Long Eaton branch."