

Teenage landlord makes TV debut

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■ Youngster follows in mum and dad's property footsteps

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AN 18-YEAR-OLD property developer who went to an auction to buy a house ended up appearing for the first time on television.

Sittingbourne teenager Kiran Reardon is the youngest property developer to have taken part in BBC TV's popular morning show *Homes Under The Hammer*.

Kiran, a former Fulston Manor School student bought an end-of-terrace house in Chalkwell Road for £87,000 at Clive Emson's May auction, and was immediately snapped up to star in the programme.

He is following in the footsteps of his mum and dad, Hasmita and Steve Reardon of Reardon Properties, Sittingbourne.

Hasmita won the South East award in the Property Woman of the Year contest sponsored by Bradford and Bingley, and owns more than 75 buy-to-let properties.

Kiran will project manage the house's development, organising his own team to carry out the work.

Estate agents will give a pre-restoration valuation, and another once Kiran has carried out all the building and decoration work.

He plans to lay laminate flooring, make sure the electrics are up to scratch and tackle any damp problems.

Kiran immediately clicked with presenter Martin Roberts, who was impressed with the teenager's confidence.

Kiran has already proved he inherited his parents' business acumen founding a website, The Tenant Registry, which allows landlords to check out potential

tenants to see if they are honest and reliable, an idea he thought of when he was just 16.

It costs £1 per use and Kiran plans to develop it so tenants can also find out how good or bad a potential landlord may be.

Kiran aims to complete his development project within four to five weeks and plans to hold on to the two-bedroom house with a view to renting it out.



■ Kiran, mum Hasmita, dad Steve and presenter Martin Roberts.

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