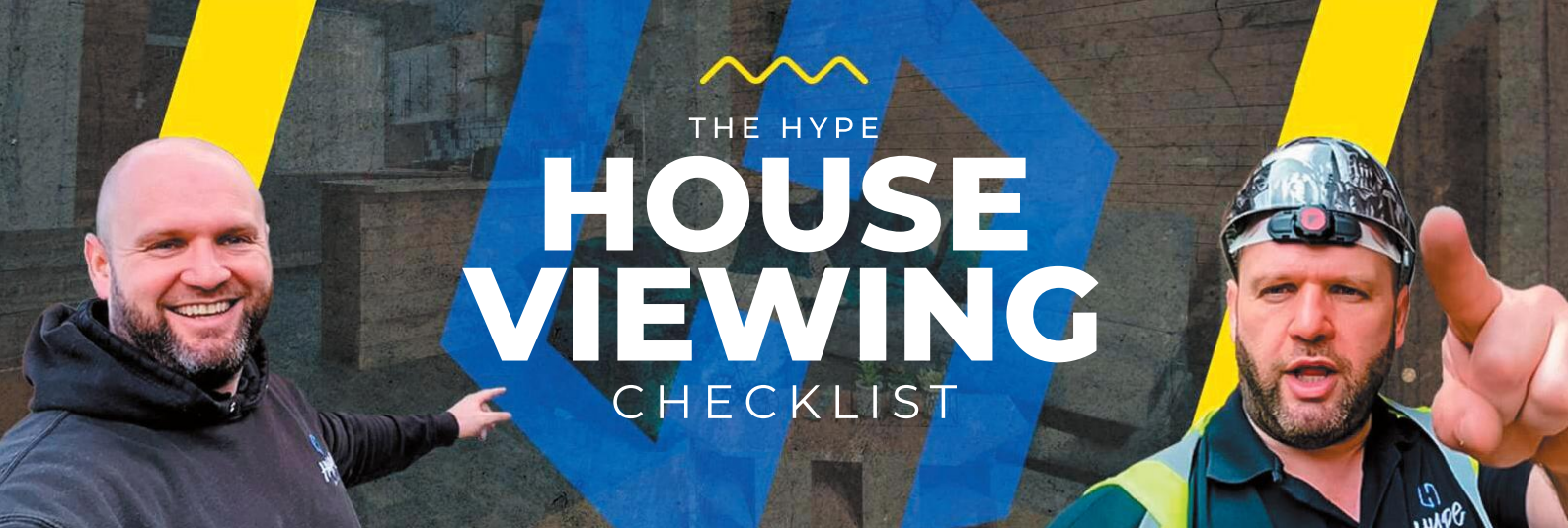




Our House Viewing Checklist gives you a handy, printable list of things you should be looking out for when you go to view a house for the first time. The list is by no means exhaustive and is meant only as a guide – but it will give you a good starting point.



BRICKWORK

Are there any cracks in the brickwork?

Does it need repointing?

Are any of the bricks missing?

Are any of the bricks discoloured or contain damp patches?

Are the bricks spalling (often referred to as having blown)?



WINDOWS & DOORS

Do they open and close easily?

If they have locks, do the keys work?

Is there condensation in any of the windows?

Have any of the seals failed?



GARDEN

Is the property overlooked by many neighbours?

Do you have enough space?

Is any maintenance needed?

Is the garden South-facing (to get most sunlight)?



ROOF & CHIMNEY

Are there any roof tiles missing or have any cracked or slipped?

Has any of the lead flashing come loose?

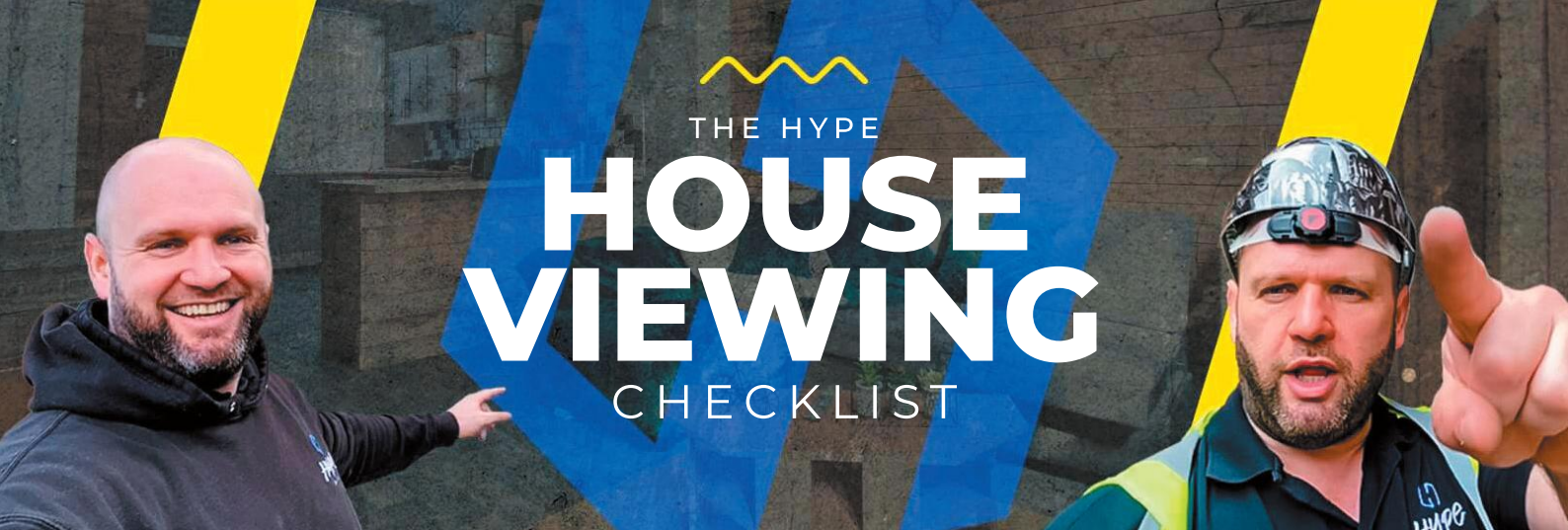
Are the fascias/soffits in good condition?

Is the guttering OK?

What's the chimney like? Is it capped?

Is the flaunching cracking?





PLUMBING

Does the boiler work properly?
How old is it? Has it been serviced regularly?
Is there paperwork to prove this?

Are there enough radiators and are they in good condition?

Do the taps work?
Are the bath/shower facilities OK?
Are there any visible leaks?



UTILITIES

Is there adequate broadband and WiFi?
What is the mobile phone coverage like?
Can you get Sky/Virgin?



LOCALITY

Is there a school if you need one?
How close are the nearest amenities – convenience store, chemist and petrol station, for example?
Do you have access to public transport?



ELECTRICS

Is there a burglar alarm?
Are smoke/fire alarms fitted throughout?
Are there enough sockets in each room and where are they located?
Do the lights work?
Are there any extractor fans?
Is any of the wiring faulty or exposed?

