Squeeze on Space Lifts Profit but Shrinks Living Standards

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As long as you do your prep and tie up finance, there is no reason to shy away from buying at auction, writes Grainne Rothery

**W**hat with Mark and Tony Carty. House hunters in Co. Westmeath are ready for the 2015 auction season. And once again auction fever is at fever pitch.

The post-Christmas auction frenzy, held in January and February, is the traditional start of the property year, with the first batch of properties to go under the hammer in the new year as vendors and agencies frantically try to get their properties on the market before the rush of the spring season. The action continues on into March and April, with properties coming on to the market as part of the annual property crash. The post-Christmas auction frenzy is a testament to the demand for property, with the property market in fine fettle.

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