

"Shewsbury Manor", overlooking the river Boyne, sold out inside an hour

Dozens queue for Drogheda Scheme

A NEW phenomenon hit Drogheda, Co Louth this week when more than a dozen people queued overnight outside Sullivan Estate Agents.

The pot of gold they sought was the chance to buy a house in Shrewsbury Manor, a new development overlooking the Boyne.

While such occurrences happened regularly in Dublin, they are unusual outside the capital city. The rule of "first-come firstserved" was applied to the booking of 14 homes which are being released prior to the launch of the second phase of the development. By 9am on Tuesday morning a queue of over 50 people had formed outside the estate agent's offices.

Shrewsbury Manor is a development of three- and four-bedroom homes. Prices for the current phase ranged from £82,950 for a three-bedroom semi-detached with extended kitchen, to £88,950 for a four-bedroom

semi, and all 14 sold within 45 minutes of going on the market.

A total of 110 houses are planned for the estate, which is being built by Barry and Glen Leddy of Lyngrove. Twenty-four of these have been sold from the plans in recent months.

The interest is such that a further 30 houses are expected to come on stream in about two weeks time. However, they may be more expensive than those previously sold.