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## What you get for £700,000 in Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Flintshire, Worcestershire, London, Argyll and Bute, Edinburgh and Normandy



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### Oxfordshire

Heythrop Cottage is an 18th-century four-bedroom house in Church Enstone, a pretty Cotswolds village with a 300-year-old

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# Bricks & Mortar

II listed property offers heaps of period charm: leaded windows with original window seats as well as flagstone flooring and an open fireplace. There is more than 1,820 sq ft of accommodation, including two reception rooms, a kitchen, one bathroom, a cellar and an attic room. The long garden has a store and outbuilding.

**Air pollution** 8.8mcg/m<sup>3</sup> particulate pollution annual average, 1.2mcg/m<sup>3</sup> below the WHO guideline of 10mcg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Upside** The desirable location.

**Downside** The decor needs updating.

**Price** £695,000

**Contact** [knightfrank.co.uk](http://knightfrank.co.uk)



## Buckinghamshire

Get the best of both worlds with this three-bedroom period townhouse in Amersham. The 981 sq ft house is on a quiet road backing on to open countryside. It is a 20-minute stroll to Chalfont & Latimer station (for 40-minute trains into London Marylebone). The front door opens directly into the lounge, which has an open fireplace and leads to a kitchen and conservatory/dining area. The upper two levels include three

**Air pollution** 10.3mcg/m<sup>3</sup>, 0.3mcg/m<sup>3</sup> above the WHO guideline of 10mcg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Upside** Good schooling near by.

**Downside** The premium price tag that comes with such a commutable location.

**Price** £695,000

**Contact** [savills.com](https://www.savills.com)



## Flintshire

Looking for space to stretch out? Built in 1890, Fron Deg is a well-proportioned villa perched in an elevated spot above Holywell, a market town named after St Winefride's Well, one of the Seven Wonders of Wales. The five-bedroom house has three reception rooms, a kitchen with hardwood worktops, an island and Belfast sink, as well as a utility room and a large cellar. The upper two floors include two bathrooms, eaves storage and a large landing/games room. In its almost two thirds of an acre of grounds there are pristine lawns, a raised vegetable garden and orchard, and a chic terraced garden for alfresco hosting. Views stretch to the sea.

**Air pollution** 6mcg/m<sup>3</sup>, 4mcg/m<sup>3</sup> below the WHO guideline of 10mcg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Downside** The F rating for energy efficiency.

**Price** £695,000

**Contact** [jackson-stops.co.uk](http://jackson-stops.co.uk)



## Worcestershire

Ditch the stairs with this contemporary single-storey barn conversion. The Hideaway is a four-bedroom bungalow lying off a country lane about five miles southwest of the town of Droitwich Spa and six miles north of Worcester; the area has an excellent range of state and private schools listed in the *Sunday Times* [Parent Power league 2022](#). You get 2,057 sq ft of living space, including an open-plan kitchen/living/dining room with monochrome cabinetry, a skylight and a wall of glass doors out on to a south-facing terrace and surrounding farmers' fields. The entrance hallway area has a water closet and built-in cupboard, there's a main bathroom and the principal bedroom has an en suite bathroom and dressing area.

**Air pollution** 7.8mcg/m<sup>3</sup>, 2.2mcg/m<sup>3</sup> below the WHO guideline of 10mcg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Upside** It's ready to move in.

**Downside** Overexuberant use of spotlights.



## London NW3

On the hunt for a pied-à-terre with speedy connections to central London? You'll find this one-bedroom apartment on College Crescent in Hampstead on the first floor of a smart Victorian terraced house. The open-plan kitchen/living/dining area has high ceilings, sash windows and leads to a 61 sq ft wrought-iron balcony. The compact, 568 sq ft of living space includes a shower room, and the bedroom has plenty of built-in storage. Swiss Cottage Tube station is a couple of minutes' stroll away for Jubilee Line services. Energy costs should be reasonable: the flat has a C rating for energy efficiency.

**Air pollution** 15mcg/m<sup>3</sup>, 5mcg/m<sup>3</sup> above the WHO guideline of 10mcg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Upside** Share of freehold.

**Downside** The small bathroom does not have space for a tub.

**Price** £700,000

**Contact** [dexters.co.uk](https://www.dexters.co.uk)

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## Arygl and Bute

It's not many houses that come with a Victorian fernery containing a more than 1,000-year-old king fern among other exotic foliage. Built in the 1840s in the fairytale Scots baronial style on the east coast of the Isle of Bute near Rothesay, Ascog Hall is a green-fingered owner's dream, with its glass-canopied sunken indoor oasis — a public visitor attraction before the pandemic — the elaborate centrepiece of three acres of thriving gardens. The five-bedroom, three-bathroom house is rich in lavish period detail, from towers with fish scale slated turrets to stencilled panelled vestibule ceilings. There's a ruined coach house and stables in the grounds which has development potential for further residential dwellings.

**Air pollution** 4.5 mcg/m<sup>3</sup> particulate pollution annual average, 5.5 mcg/m<sup>3</sup> below the WHO guideline of 10mcg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Price Offers over £699,000**

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## Edinburgh

Situated in the village of Ratho Station on the western edge of Edinburgh, this very spacious villa — suitable for the largest of families — could scarcely be better located for travelling, whether into the capital or beyond. The central motorway network, park and ride facilities, tram line and even Edinburgh International airport are all within a few minutes of the property. As well the eight bedrooms, four bathrooms and three reception rooms (including a home cinema), there's a garden pod which is currently fitted out as a home gym but could just as easily be used as a home office or studio. The grounds of the house are large enough that there's space for a second dwelling to be built, subject to planning permission.

Air pollution: 6.9 mcg/m<sup>3</sup>, 3.1 mcg/m<sup>3</sup> below the WHO guideline of 10mcg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Upside: Great transport connections.

**Downside** Close to the runway of Edinburgh Airport.

**Price** £699,000



## Normandy, France

Bag yourself a slice of bucolic living in the landscapes that inspired the painter Claude Monet. This five-bedroom country house lies close to Vernon, a historic town on the banks of the Seine, halfway between Paris and Rouen. Beautifully renovated, it retains plenty of French rustic charm courtesy of the beamed ceilings, stone fireplaces and checkerboard floors. Living space includes a kitchen, living room, covered winter garden room and vaulted cellar. Boring bits include mains drainage, double glazing and a laundry and boiler room. There's also a garage and one-bedroom gîte with a reception room and bathroom. Shops and Vernon-Giverny train station are within an eight-minute drive for 55-minute trains to Paris. Monet's house, gardens and waterlily pond is in nearby Giverny.

**Upside** The pool.

**Downside** The tourists in summer.

**Price** £676,000

**Contact** [hamptons-international.com](http://hamptons-international.com)

