

10 Properties in Britain's Best Towns to Live in

Check out these properties in the most desirable areas within the UK

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The UK has 69 towns in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. This week, take your pick from our round-up of the best properties on the market right now in some of the UK's most desired towns and cities.

1. Houseboat Spinnaker, Isle of Wight



Starting off our roundup is a slightly unconventional property, but an impressive one nonetheless. Moored in the idyllic town of Bembridge in the East of the Isle of Wight is Houseboat Spinnaker, a 1,323 sq ft 3-bedroom, 2-bath, 2-reception room waterside home. Bembridge Harbour is a bustling town full of artisan shops including a butcher, florist, bakery, delicatessen, fishmonger and a selection of superb cafes and restaurants. It also boasts two Sailing Clubs and is a hotspot for water sports and activities, making this an ideal town for sporty families or those who want to wake up to views over the harbour and into the Solent toward Portsmouth and the Spinnaker Tower every day. [Available through Spence Willard for £425k](#)

2. The Mooring, Henley-on-Thames



This is a unique and rare property overlooking a vast, classic and notably iconic landmark, the River Thames. In the heart of Henley, The Mooring's location is conveniently close to numerous amenities and is only a short distance from the motorway and Heathrow with links into Paddington only 55 minutes away. Perched right on the riverfront, explore the footpaths leading to Hambleden, Marlow, Wargrave and Shiplake. The house itself is a Grade II listed townhouse with a 30-year-old garden and flexible living interiors including beautiful French doors and a studio perfect for artists. [Available through Savills for £1.45m](#)

Read the CTH Guide to Henley-on-Thames

3. Creek Cottage, Devon



Just a stone's throw away from the water's edge of Warfleet Creek sits this spacious semi-detached cottage in the picturesque town of Dartmouth. Home to the Britannia Royal Naval College and considered one of the prettiest towns in Europe, Dartmouth offers great links to London and enjoys a wealthy host of boutiques, galleries, shops and restaurants. The house overlooks the water and wooded hills and enjoys a wraparound balcony and gardens so you can enjoy the picturesque views from all angles. [Available through Savills for £1.5m](#)

4. The Garden Apartment, Moor Park, Harrogate



Beckwithshaw is a quintessentially English village in North Yorkshire with a tiny population of approximately 400. It is within this petite village in Moor Park that The Garden Apartment is located, a striking property in the bounds of a Grade II listed mansion. It includes 200 acres of land, a gym, contemporary interior design and a vaulted wine cellar. With wonderful walks and interesting cycling routes, this village is ideal for typical country life lovers. [Available through Hunters for £400,000](#)

5. Camden Park, Tunbridge Wells



Within Tunbridge Wells is Camden Park, one of the town's four private parts. Sought-after for its proximity to town which includes respected schools, extensive shopping facilities and an array of independent boutiques, jewellers, galleries and cafes serving artisanal cuisine on the High Street, Camden Park is an appealing mix of traditional and contemporary architecture, surroundings and properties. This six-bed property encapsulates the best of both with modern open plan living areas and a gravel drive bordered by shrubs and trees. [Available through Knight Frank for £2m](#)

6. Chagford, Newton Abbot



This fine country home located in picturesque Dartmoor is a newly refurbished 8 bedroom property with jealousy-inducing amenities. A gem of Dartmoor is its National Park which is full of historic wild open moorlands, deep river valleys and rare wildlife, and this property overlooks all of it. The town works hard to support local business owners and in turn, relies on residents to support the National Park's conservation projects. If you're a nature fan who loves the idea of waking up to acres of awe-inspiring views, this immaculate family home is the property for you. [Available through Knight Frank for £4m](#)

7. The Chapel, Harrogate



Grove Road, a popular residential area within walking distance of central Harrogate offers fantastic food and shopping related amenities and is a mere 200 metres from the historic King's Road. Harrogate's rail station provides rapid connections to Central London and Edinburgh and both Leeds and York are a modest 12-15 miles away. The Chapel was originally built in 1896 as Wesleyan Methodist Chapel and has been extensively refurbished to suit owners looking for impressively contemporary marble features and Italian style architecture. [Available through Strutt & Parker for £1.5m](#)

8. Holland Park Villas, Kensington



Nestled in one of London's most prestigious and adored areas is Holland Park Villas, luxury garden apartments and penthouses developed by Native Land. Living here is living with the beautifully maintained Holland Park on your doorstep which has 2.5 hectares of gardens, children's play facilities, multiple sporting areas and huge amounts of woodland and wildlife. Kensington's amenities are endless with the finest food, drink and shopping London has to offer, and if nothing there pleases you, Mayfair and Soho are also close by. The apartments are modern yet homely with exquisite interior design and exteriors too, so there's no doubt the 68 apartments will be sold in a flash. [Available through Native Land, prices starting from £1.775m](#)

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9. The Three Cocks House, Gloucestershire



Gloucestershire is a unique county in that it comprises of the Cotswold Hills, River Severn and Forest of Dean. Within the charming Cotswolds about a half mile from Tetbury sits this 600-year-old period house with recently renovated interiors and open spaces perfect for entertaining. Enjoy 5 bedrooms attracting natural light, 3 generously sized reception rooms with beautiful interior fixtures and the south-facing privately landscaped gardens with views over the quaint town, lawned terraces and herbaceous borders leading down to an orchard and paddocks. [Available through Knight Frank for £1.29m](#)

10. The Old Rectory, Malvern



Boasting 9 bedrooms, 5 reception rooms and 7 bathrooms, The Old Rectory is a highly coveted Grade II listed former Rectory in the tranquil village of Malvern, Herefordshire. The town is largely Victorian and is home to The Malvern Hill which is perfect for hiking, the Malvern Museum for cultural artefact fiends and the Malvern Hills, a 'designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty'. Malvern is a spa town and civil parish that runs on a relaxingly mellow pace but is infused with enjoyable things to do and see. The property itself is set in mature gardens equating to 0.8 acres, has 2 stables and a studio and sewing room and many more amenities perfect for those looking for a glorious home within a charming British town. [Available through Andrew Grant for £900,000](#)