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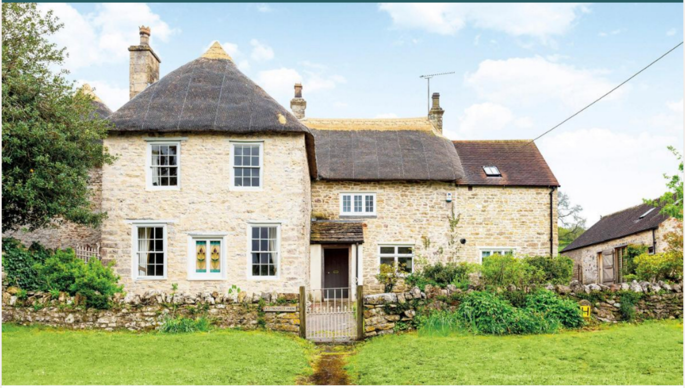
HOUSES OF THE WEEK

Lustworthy homes for sale in Somerset, London, Cumbria, Exeter, Wiltshire and Kent

Our pick of the hottest properties include a stone-built house 3½ miles from Frome, private residences by Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts, a derelict barn with planning permission, a five-storey Georgian townhouse and a converted clock tower. By Emma Wells



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Somerset £1.5m

The Mendips aren't just for Glastonbury: drawn by its stylish towns, indie shopping scene and cool co-working spaces, buyers from Bath, London and the southeast are heading there too. In pretty Mells, 3½ miles from Frome — one of our Best Places to Live this year — Old Prospect Farm blends ancient stone with contemporary furniture and fabrics. The main house has four bedrooms, a granite and marble kitchen, stone floors and a three-oven electric Aga; there's also a detached one-bedroom barn conversion. It's set in more than half an acre of gardens, with a further 17 acres available by separate negotiation. Bath is 14½ miles away; it's a five-minute drive to Babington House. *01225 312244,* [*hamptons.co.uk*](hamptons.co.uk)

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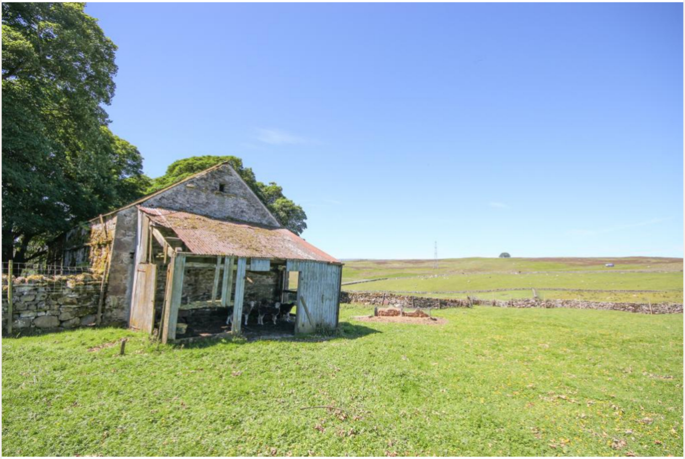
London W1 from £17.5m
With architecture by Squire & Partners and interiors by Finchatton, Twenty Grosvenor Square is the first foray into standalone private residences from Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts. Behind the restored classical facade of the development, which will be completed this summer, there are 37 three-, four- and five-bedroom flats, two-thirds of which have sold. Prices start at £17.5m for a four-bedder, rising to about £38m. Some have balconies, and all residents can use the concierge, private wine cellar, cinema, library and spa. Expect an annual service charge of £50,000 for a 3,563 sq ft flat. *020 3019 0630, [20gs.com](20gs.com)*



Cumbria from £105,000

Katy Cropper became a celebrity shepherdess in 1990, as the first female winner of One Man and His Dog. Now she is selling Hause Barn, on her farm near Shap, on the edge of the Lake District National Park and a half-hour drive from Kendal. It's uninhabitable at the moment, but there's planning consent to convert it into a five-bedroom home, surrounded by a large garden. It goes to auction on July 23, and can be sold beforehand if the price is right. The buyer should allow about £150,000 for its transformation. *01768 867788, cumbrian-properties.co.uk*

Exeter £1.15m
The retired barristers who are selling No 3 The Quadrant have seen St Leonard’s, on the city outskirts, morph from a quiet, genteel area into a hotspot for buyers, thanks to lively new shops and popular independent schools. One of six grade II listed Georgian stuccoed properties on the terrace, the five-storey house has 3,800 sq ft of living space, including five bedrooms. There’s also a large walled

garden with a lawn and flagstones. *01392 229406, struttandparker.com*

Wiltshire £665,000
Its tough to turn twee into genuinely stylish, but the owner of 18th-century Pennyfarthing Cottage, on the high street in Ansty, has done exactly that. The two-bedroom home (with a further guest suite) now has heated limestone tiles on the floor, a pink clawfoot bath tub, beamed and vaulted ceilings, and an inglenook fireplace. The village is pretty, but for shopping, you'll need to head to Tisbury, two miles away: no great hardship, as its fishmonger, posh wine shop and art gallery helped earn this hip hub a spot in our Best Places to Live guide this year. Salisbury, the overall winner, is 17 miles away. *01722 337575, myddeltonmajor.co.uk*

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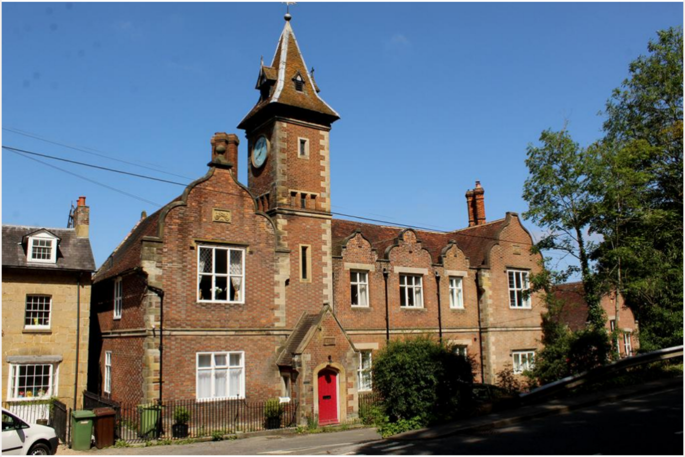

Kent from £200,000

Habitable, but in need of TLC, the grade II listed Clock Tower, in Lamberhurst, goes to auction on Thursday. With two bedrooms on the ground floor, a kitchen and reception one storey up, the clock tower itself and a private patio garden, it could make a quirky mid-terrace home. It's in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, eight miles from Tunbridge Wells and five from Wadhurst station, which has direct services to London Bridge, Charing Cross and Cannon Street (from 55 minutes). *020 7494 3686, auctions.allsop.co.uk*