

On The Market

Wye look any further?

Riverside splendour at the Florence Hotel

>> A beautifully located AA four-diamond-rated B&B in the Lower Wye Valley, Gloucestershire, is for sale at a guide price of £895,000.

Nestled on a hillside next to the River Wye, The Florence Country House Hotel is surrounded by five acres of woodland and shrub gardens. Consisting of two detached traditional stone properties, it has eight en-suite bedrooms, three restaurants totalling 56 covers, and a bar/lounge with a wood-burning stove and views across the Wye river.

Taking advantage of the surrounding countryside, the current owners organise activities including fishing, art courses, golf and walking. Planning permission has been granted for a 50-seat function room and kitchen extension.

Mark Jones, at Knight Frank Hotels in Birmingham, said: "This picturesque hotel has not only a superb position, benefiting from healthy passing trade of nearby Bigsweir Bridge, Tintern Abbey and Chepstow



Racecourse, but also caters for people wishing to visit the historic towns of Ross-On-Wye and Symonds Yat. The famous Offa's Dyke Trail runs

behind the Florence."

Contact Knight Frank, Birmingham, on 0121 234 0337

Convict chic

Guesthouse with a chequered past

>> A guesthouse with a colourful history is on sale at a guide price of £725,000.

The Old Lock Up in Wirksworth, a market town in the Derbyshire Dales, was originally a magistrate's house and then a town police station. One of the original cells remains, complete with a steel-lined door, while other cells have been converted into



bathrooms and a downstairs bar.

Built in 1842 and initially filled with a motley crew of criminals, the house later played host to a more distinguished clientele, including author DH Lawrence and his wife Frieda.

A coach house and nearby Grade II listed Gothic chapel are also part of the guesthouse, which has five letting rooms and planning permission for further development.

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Join the Scottish Renaissance

Developer's dream in Ayrshire

>> An 11-bedroom hotel with development potential in a popular Ayrshire holiday town is on sale for offers above £350,000.

The Hamilton Arms Hotel, Girvan, is a prominent local establishment, with extensive facilities including public bar, large function room and dining room.

Robert Taylor of Colliers Robert Barry said: "The Hamilton Arms Hotel is a deceptively large

property with a prominent roadside position and offers scope for further development, not only of the business but of the large site occupied by the hotel.

"It will appeal to a wide variety of buyers including first timers and also those who yearn for small-scale property development."

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Pinn the tail on the profits

Secluded cottage on the Devon coast

>> Tucked away in its own orchard, the Barn & Pinn Cottage is a small, perfectly formed B&B with room to grow.

After running the business for 10 years, the current owners have decided to take life a little slower and are selling the freehold property for £815,000.

Located two miles from the seaside town of Sidmouth, and a short distance from the East Devon coastline, the cottage has six en-suite letting rooms and two-bedroom private accommodation. There is a 25-cover restaurant, open four evenings a week, and outbuildings that could be additional letting rooms.



Penny Sloan, at Redwoods Dowling Kerr, said: "There is substantial potential for expansion. Planning was granted (now lapsed) for developing a three-bedroom home and foundations have already been laid."

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