

Looking for the lifestyle



The Crown Hotel: this historic and substantial inn with letting accommodation overlooks the duck pond in the picture-postcard village of Aldbourne, in Wiltshire, close to the Ridgeway Path and the South Lambourn Downs. Asking price for the leasehold through agent Guy Simmonds is £39,000

Guy Simmonds: welcoming newcomers

Agent Guy Simmonds, which sells pubs in all regions of England and Wales, says there is a resurgence of activity in the south-west market particularly from newcomers to the industry.

Managing director Stephen Taylor says many enquiries come from buyers from London and the south who are victims of corporate redundancy. "One of the most popular requests from these corporate clients is to find a suitable outlet in the southwest, either leasehold or freehold, which offers an attractive lifestyle together with a good income," he reports.

Taylor adds that a good number of clients have attended the company's corporate redundancy training courses, where it is uniquely positioned to help buyers. But he adds: "We have experienced a shortage of properties for sale in the region to satisfy the demands of discerning purchasers".

"The businesses that are most sought after are those with letting bedrooms, easily-run wet outlets and specialist catering venues".