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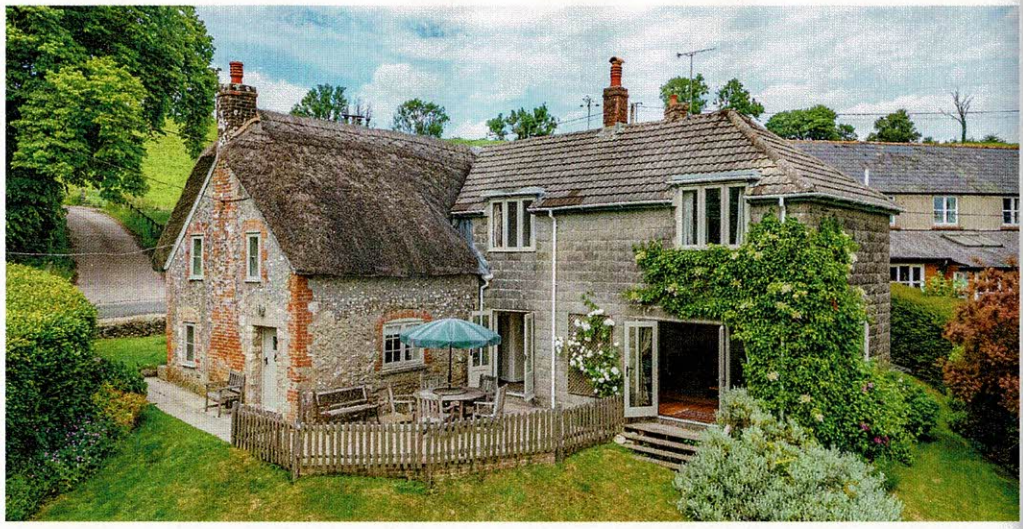
West is best

Why not move to the West Country, where the living is easy and the cottages are characterful, charming and comfortable?



↑ Cornwall, £1.65 million

'The reception rooms are well proportioned and full of character, including a dual-aspect drawing room and a cosy sitting room, both featuring wood-burning stoves that create warm and inviting spaces for relaxation,' says the agent of the four-bedroom Rosehill Cottage. On the ground floor, too, is the kitchen/breakfast area, where an Aga also provides a gentle radiance. Rosehill has been renovated, making the interiors elegant and inviting. Although it forms a part of the waterside village of Mylor Bridge (close to Falmouth), Rosehill Cottage feels secluded, even on approach via a private lane and also once within the grounds, which run to about 1¾ acres and include a paddock. Outbuildings proliferate, making this perfect for new buyers in need of storage. One is currently used as a studio, although it would lend itself to use as a home office, writer's retreat or similar. *Rohrs & Rowe (01872 306360)*



↑ Dorset, £765,000

The 16th and the 20th centuries meet in four-bedroom Brock Cottage, where the part of this unlisted home that dates from the 1500s co-exists with a 1900s extension. Equally, in this house of contrasts, the roof is both thatched and tiled and the exterior consists of stone elevations and mellow brick detailing. The spacious dining room and sitting room both have windows on two sides that overlook the pretty garden. The terrace can be reached via double hallway doors or the single door that leads from the dining room. The sitting room also boasts double doors that lead onto the gently sloping lawn. At the far end of the garden, a stream defines part of the boundary. The hamlet of Higher Wraxall is peaceful and offers easy access to Dorchester and the Jurassic Coast. *Knight Frank (01935 810064)*