

Champagne celebration open day at Swindon Serviced Apartments

Companies in the Swindon area can make substantial savings on the cost of hotel accommodation for staff, particularly for executives visiting from abroad, by renting short term serviced apartments from Swindon Serviced Apartments.

A newly completed complex of apartments at The Old Police Station, 100 Whitbourne Avenue-, Swindon, is fully managed and serviced, and has an integrated business centre, providing ideal accommodation for business people.

The apartments, either one or two bedroom, are immaculately fitted out, fully furnished and include flat screen digital TVs, housekeeping and maid service, portering and high-speed wireless broadband. The gated complex, with generous parking facilities, also includes three three-bedroom houses which are



ideal for business people who are staying long enough to have their families with them, or prior to the

purchase of property.

Rupert Hickman of Swindon Serviced Apartments said: "This is a very cost effective alternative to a hotel stay, providing more freedom, more privacy and more space, which is also much cheaper than an equivalent quality hotel room."

Following a four year conversion The Old Police Station provides 10 top quality apartments, each offering the feeling of space and the air of luxury of a suite in a grand hotel. Come and see for yourself at our Champagne Celebration Open Day on Friday 25 April 2pm to 8pm, all are welcome! For more details or bookings, contact Rupert Hickman on 01793 491073 or visit: www.swindonservicedapartments.com where an email link is provided.

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The centre also has a number of meeting rooms for hire available for licensees and non licensees alike and they are charged at an hourly rate which is reduced for licensees.

The management team organises a number of social events for the licensees throughout the year to enable the chance to network and build on that important community feel.

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House prices healthy in the Cotswolds area

The housing market in the Cotswolds remains healthy, despite nationwide uncertainty and a drop in house price increases, one of the area's leading estate agents has confirmed.

Roy Bowyer, of Cirencester-based Moore Allen & Innocent, said: "The headline is that the market in the Cotswolds is very good. Last week we had a four-bedroom house in Cirencester that sold in excess of its asking price following competition during the first week of showing."

"In late January we put to auction a substantial family home with a guide price of £1 million. Although it very narrowly failed to meet its reserve there were 27 potential buyers at the auction, four of whom had their chequebooks open until the bidding stopped four percent short of the reserve."

"As the year progresses, every Saturday – our most popular viewing day at this time of year – is recording more and more viewings. February has been a phenomenal month, with twice as many properties coming on to our books as in February 2007."

"Meanwhile, website traffic is through the roof. Interest rates are down and we've enjoyed the sunniest February on record, and that means people are out and about and looking for new homes."

"While the industry in general is reviewing staffing levels, we're recruiting and expanding. We have new managers in our residential property and residential lettings departments to cope with the increased demand for our services."

In February, Nationwide reported



that house price increases had fallen for the fourth consecutive month. Land Registry figures showed a slowing in the annual rate of house price inflation. Industry statistics suggested that transactions had been 40 percent down in the last three months of 2007 compared to the same period in 2006.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors said it expected the downward trend to persist for some months.

"Crucially with lenders scaling back loan-to-value ratios and generally favouring existing homeowners in terms of lending rates, first time buyers are continuing to struggle to get a foothold in the property market," said the RICS chief economist Simon Rubinsohn. "Without their renewed support, prices are likely to drift lower."

The average house price in the UK is now reckoned to be just over £179,300, but Roy said house prices in the Cotswolds remain strong. "There is a solid middle market, with two and three-bedroom houses are still commanding in excess of £200,000, and plenty of buyers and sellers around," he said.

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