

Best places to buy property in the UK in 2020

With pundits optimistic about the future of property prices, Carol Lewis looks at the hotspots



Edinburgh is tipped for price growth
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Even before a government pledge to invest in the north of England and the Midlands, pundits were predicting that the greatest growth in property prices, and the most reliable rental potential, would be in these regions.

Although no one is talking of a boom, London and the South East are likely, with the exception of a few pockets of growth, to remain subdued while cities to the north will continue to strengthen now that Brexit looks set to “get done”.

Richard Donnell from the online portal Zoopla says: “While we expect some pent-up demand to return in the first three months, affordability will dictate how much prices will increase. We expect a UK average of 3 per cent. That said, the most affordable cities still...

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Luton, in Bedfordshire, is slap-bang in the middle of the so-called Cambridge-London-Oxford triangle, and is attracting investors who see potential for growth thanks to the town's £1.5 billion regeneration programme.

Santhosh Gowda, the chairman of Strawberry Star Group, a developer that is building Lu2on — a hotel and 877 flats near Luton Airport Parkway station — has sold property to several buy-to-let investors. “As one of the ten best buy-to-let areas in England, we are predicting that Luton's rental yield will

grow at 6 per cent over the next three years, significantly higher than much of London,” he says.

Slough, in Berkshire, another formerly derided town (the poet John Betjeman called for “friendly bombs” to fall on it) is tipped for regeneration. Berkeley is building 1,300 homes at the former Horlicks factory and Muse developments is leading the £650 million North West Quadrant project to regenerate the Thames Valley University site from 2021.

There are plans too for a fast rail link between Slough and Heathrow.

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Property price predictions

Region	2020	2021	2022
London	+2.5%	+3.0%	+3.5%
South East	+2.0%	+2.5%	+3.0%
North East	+4.0%	+4.5%	+5.0%
Midlands	+3.5%	+4.0%	+4.5%
North West	+4.5%	+5.0%	+5.5%
Yorkshire	+3.0%	+3.5%	+4.0%
West Midlands	+3.0%	+3.5%	+4.0%
East of England	+2.5%	+3.0%	+3.5%
West Midlands	+3.0%	+3.5%	+4.0%
Yorkshire	+3.0%	+3.5%	+4.0%
North East	+4.0%	+4.5%	+5.0%
Midlands	+3.5%	+4.0%	+4.5%
North West	+4.5%	+5.0%	+5.5%
Yorkshire	+3.0%	+3.5%	+4.0%
West Midlands	+3.0%	+3.5%	+4.0%
East of England	+2.5%	+3.0%	+3.5%

Edinburgh is tipped for price growth, along with North Yorkshire, when a Government pledge to invest in the north of England and the Midlands, and a commitment from the Bank of England to cut the base rate to 1 per cent, has sent property prices in these regions soaring. Carol Lewis looks at the hotspots.

London Property prices in London are expected to rise 2.5 per cent in 2020, 3 per cent in 2021 and 3.5 per cent in 2022. The capital's property market is expected to be resilient to the economic challenges of 2020, with a strong recovery in 2021. The London property market is expected to be resilient to the economic challenges of 2020, with a strong recovery in 2021. The London property market is expected to be resilient to the economic challenges of 2020, with a strong recovery in 2021.

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