



October 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Make your home look
stylish and spooky

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List your home in October

3 REASONS TO CONSIDER LISTING YOUR HOME

You've likely heard that summer is the peak selling season. But listing in the autumn has its advantages, too! Here are four top reasons to list your home this fall:

1. Close before the tax year ends

Sellers wishing to sell their home before the calendar year ends need to consider listing their home in October.

2. Buyers are more serious

Buyers who shop in the autumn months are often more serious than spring and summer buyers, as they want to close quickly.

3. More attention from agents

Selling in the autumn means your agent can devote their full attention to marketing and selling your home.

Featured Listing



'SUMMERSIDE' | CONDERTON

GUIDE PRICE £1,250,000



Halloween DECORATING IDEAS

Halloween is back this year in full force. Meaning that you have the perfect excuse to double down on Halloween decorations. These Halloween decorating ideas will make your home look spookily stylish and scarily inviting...

1 GET YOUR PORCH PREPPED FOR HALLOWEEN
Consider just painting some pumpkins for your front door for an effortless look. Simply choose a color scheme you love.

2 PICK OUT ELEGANT HALLOWEEN LIGHTING IDEAS
There are plenty of sophisticated lighting ideas, such as a gorgeous golden glass pumpkin light decoration, that house-proud homeowners will enjoy displaying.

3 TURN SUGAR COOKIES INTO HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS
Halloween-decorated gingerbread men and plain sugar cookies can be used as decor on a plate by your front porch.

4 PICK A HALLOWEEN WREATH THAT'S DROP DEAD GORGEOUS
Make a Halloween wreath the center of your Halloween decorating ideas. You can dress this up with decorations.

October Home Maintenance

- ✓ Check your toilet for any leaks and replace any parts
- ✓ Pack up the patio gear with the outdoor dining season coming to a close
- ✓ Seal outdoor surfaces by applying a stain and sealant
- ✓ Summer's over, make sure you've turned off your exterior faucets and hoses.



Have a happy
HALLOWEEN!

May this Halloween be filled with spooky delights & cozy moments with your loved ones.

Small Business of the Month

SHOW YOUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT
THE SPOTTY DOG PLACE

The Spotty Dog Place is a cute, quirky shop based in the historical town of Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire. It is a delight for those who love art & craft. Featuring a carefully chosen selection of unique contemporary art and finely crafted gifts from artist Rachel Elizabeth and other UK artists. Additionally, our experienced, in-house Artist Rachel Elizabeth offers craft and art workshops at the shop too, pottery painting sessions and we also offer bespoke Baby prints in both clay and on pottery.

Rachel Elizabeth, Owner and Head Designer of The Spotty Dog, specialises in Glass Fusing and Illustration. Many of her designs are inspired by her rural surroundings in Worcestershire, where she lives with her family in an idyllic cottage. She also has a massive love for cats and dogs and is often snuggled up with her dog and one of her many cats.

Where are we:

The Spotty Dog Place, 5 Barton Street,
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Community Events

JOIN IN WITH SOME LOCAL EVENTS!

OCT

Pick Your Own Pumpkins at Over Farm

OCT 19 -28

Light Eternal at Gloucester Cathedral

OCT 6

Michael Bubl  Tribute Night at Gloucester Robinswood Hotel

OCT 20 -30

Salvation Z at Gloucester Prison

OCT 28-29

Annual Gift and Craft Fair at Nature in Art

Join in local events!



The Spotty Dog Place

Unique contemporary art
& finely crafted gifts

by Rachel Elizabeth
ARTIST

Featured Listings



£400,000

BREDON
TEWSKESBURY

4 Beds | 1200 Sq ft | 1 Baths



£625,000

GLOUCESTER ROAD
CHELTENHAM

10 Beds | 3386 Sq ft | 10 Baths



OFFERS OVER
£700,000

MAIN ROAD
MINSTERWORTH

5 Beds | 3212 Sq ft | 3 Baths

What not to do before CLOSING ON A HOUSE

It's just as important to know what not to do before closing on a house to avoid triggering potential problems with your home loan application.



- **START A NEW JOB**
Changes in employment status may affect the approval of your mortgage. As your lender verifies your employment and calculates your debt-to-income ratio.
- **MAKE LATE PAYMENTS**
just one late payment may cause your credit score to plunge, so be sure to stay on track.
- **TAKE OUT NEW CREDIT**
Your credit score plays a big role in whether you're approved for a home loan, and opening new credit accounts can have a negative effect on your score.
- **DELAY RESPONDING TO YOUR LENDER**
Closing timeline can stretch over weeks / months, you'll only slow it down when you ignore requests from your lender.

WHAT TO DO AFTER CLOSING

- Organize closing documents
- Test smoke detectors
- Get started on home repairs
- Change existing locks
- Clean and paint the home
- Change your address



HALLOWEEN CROSSWORD

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Down

3. Ichabod Crane's nightmare
4. These spooky bones dance inside of you!
6. Bad luck if these cross your path
7. This howls at the moon
8. A spider's trap for food
9. See these creeping and crawling on the ceiling with 8 legs
10. The spooky season of color changing leaves
11. All wrapped up in Egypt
15. Dracula's bed

Across

1. Was he the monster or just misunderstood?
2. These drink blood
5. Creepy, eerie
12. Warts on noses and pointy hats
13. Traditional Halloween carving craft
14. Casper is a friendly one
16. Where ghosts live, an eerie place
17. Something a ghost says
18. Beware! These flying rodents turn into vampires.
19. Orange gourds

EASY DIY HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS



BOO GARLAND

Give the mantel a little seasonal decor with a garland made from vintage book pages.

To make: Start by tearing three pages from a vintage book. Use a glue stick to attach the pages to three sheets of black construction paper. Trim construction paper, using a craft knife and graph ruler, so that it is about 1/2-inch larger on all sides than the book paper. Trace a letter, using a set of letter stencils, in the center of each book page using a black fine tip pen. Fill in the outline with a black permanent marker, being careful to stay within the lines. Use a small hole punch to make two holes in the top of each page. Thread a long length of black rickrack through the holes, spacing letter evenly. Hang using tape or small nails.



WREATH OF PLENTY

Grasses come in all colors, shapes, and textures, creating infinite opportunities for embellishment.

To make: Craft a wreath from dried millet and hare's-tail grass to circle the stem of a larger pumpkin, such as a blue Jarrahdale (middle), or use a wispy grass such as stipa to crown a small white pumpkin (bottom center). Glue stems of puffy hare's-tail grass (far left) at differing heights around a white pumpkin.



CAT WREATH

The puuurfect front door decor for the season. And the silly bow tie makes him extra sweet so trick-or-treaters won't get scared away!

To make: Wrap 14-inch foam wreath form with wide black ribbon, securing with floral pins as you go, until completely covered. Cut two 10-inch lengths of 18-gauge craft wire. Poke holes in top of wreath for ears. Bend wire to make ear shapes, and insert into wreath form. Wrap wire ears with ribbon, using hot glue to secure. Add orange burlap bow.

Your Local Family Agent

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