

## Get a taste of park life this weekend

A residential park development at Barnham near Thetford is holding an open day tomorrow and Sunday, when seven fully furnished park homes will be available to view, all with two double bedrooms, an en-suite shower room and family bathroom.

Rymer Point Park offers an opportunity for people to take up a lifestyle which provides traditional community living in modern, new homes. Owned by park management company Britannia Parks, Rymer Point Park offers homes for sale to people over 45 with a new, fully furnished single-storey home on a landscaped plot costing from £117,500.

People who enjoy park living in the UK (with about 300,000 doing so) often sold their former home to release equity in the process and enjoy the fact the park developments are secure with like-minded neighbours.

On Sunday, there will be a demonstration on gardening including planting tubs and hanging baskets from noon-3pm. The open weekend is from 10am-4pm both days and there is no need to book in advance.

Rymer Point itself is situated at the end of a lane in peaceful countryside with 30 homes on site. Park homes look like traditional houses but are made off-site using timber and steel, and set on a steel chassis. They are permanently sited on individual plots and the buyer owns the home but rents the land it is on for an annual fee of about £1,000 per annum. There are regulations regarding the age of the occupiers.

■ Contact Reg and Ann Muskett on 07795 634 913 or visit [www.britanniaparks.com](http://www.britanniaparks.com)



# Elegant house in a fine town setting

**T**his elegant Georgian townhouse in the centre of Holt has certainly got an interesting history, being the town's concert hall in 1820 when New Street, where it is located, was known as Withers Street.

The hall was almost 100ft long and later the front part became the Co-op grocery shop and the rear was used as a cinema! This burned down in 1937 leaving room for the sheltered garden and now the property is a lovely family home in the heart of a gorgeous Georgian town.

Gallery House, 13 New Street, Holt is for sale for £670,000 with Cockertons.

You could not get a better

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location, with the house located just off the High Street and it offers well-proportioned rooms over three floors. The property has been modernised over recent years, but retains its period elegance with fine plaster coving, high ceilings, sash windows and grand reception rooms. Even the front door set in its classic porch is beautiful. You enter into an impressive hall which leads to the drawing room, with a brick fireplace, and the sitting room, also with a fireplace and double doors to the garden. The kitchen has a cast iron range cooker and there is a

dining/breakfast room and utility. On the first floor are four bedrooms, two with en-suites and a bathroom, and on the second floor is a family room, two bedrooms, a box room and a bathroom.

Outside, there is a terrace overlooking the large flint-walled garden and there is a gravelled drive with parking. The property is a couple of minutes' walk into the town with its lovely shops. Holt, surrounded by wonderful countryside, is about six miles from Sheringham, with Norwich about 20 miles away.

■ Gallery House, 13 New Street, Holt is for sale for with Cockertons on 01263 711167.

## Thatched house has plenty of modern comforts

If you are looking for a delightful thatched village house which does not need work, this property is perfect, because it has been fully refurbished and is all ready for a new owner to move in!

Ivy House, The Street, Acle, is a Grade II listed house situated in the sought-after Broadland town of Acle.

The sympathetic work done to the property has ensured original features have been retained, but it now boasts a super new kitchen with oak units and polished work surfaces, as well as travertine-tiled bathrooms. The property has also been fully rewired with a new central heating system installed. So it's all set to go!

Ivy House, Acle is for sale for £499,950 with Aldreds.

The property offers three floors with an entrance hall leading to the drawing room



which has a marble fireplace and French doors to a conservatory. There is also a dining room with a brick inglenook fireplace, a snug with exposed beams, the kitchen/breakfast room, a

utility, laundry room, and boiler room. On the first floor there is a lovely window with stained glass panels and three bedrooms, one with a feature fireplace, and a family bathroom. And on the second

floor is the real surprise with a master bedroom suite boasting its own lounge area and an en-suite bathroom with a vaulted ceiling and travertine tiling to floors and walls. It also has a spa bath, so you can relax and enjoy at the top of the house, away from everyone!

Outside, there are rear gardens and ample parking space for two vehicles as well as a brick and tiled coachhouse and former stable, outbuildings all offering further scope for future development and conversion if you really do want a project to take on! And if that was not enough, the property comes with a detached annexe offering a kitchen/dining area, lounge and upstairs one bedroom and a shower room.

■ Ivy House, The Street, Acle is for sale for £499,950 with Aldreds on 01493 751751.



■ If you go down to the woods today...you will find this unusual, pretty 19th century cottage. The property, Bradmer, on the edge of the sought-after village of Burnham Norton, near Burnham Market in North Norfolk, was built around 1820 with a dressed chalk front and pantile roof. It nestles in its own mature gardens and woodland and has been owned by the

Sheppard family since 1933. The owners added a studio and bathroom, but it has otherwise been unaltered since then. It has a kitchen, bathroom, four bedrooms and plenty of period features. Its setting is tranquil, with wonderful views to the marshes and Scolt Head island to the sea.

■ Bradmer is for sale for a guide price of £795,000 with Sowerbys on 01328 730340.

### BARN ED AND SOLAR SIMON



Help make your home an eco-haven

**Ed:** How can we create a Norfolk eco-lifestyle?

**Simon:** There is a myriad things you can do, for instance, using only rechargeable batteries. This way I can stop all the nasty chemicals, such as mercury, lead and cadmium ending up in a landfill site.

**Ed:** Surely the worst landfill offender is a plastic bag?

**Simon:** I started using cotton bags when I discovered an Adidas shopping bag; suddenly I didn't feel like an old lady carrying my shopping home, but a streetwise dad. There aren't many bags that are photodegradable, biodegradable or compostable. Degradable bags are not really ideal, compostable bags are made from things like potato starch and biopolymers, and, no, I don't know what a biopolymer is. I know what a potato is, though.

**Ed:** Biopolymers are produced from biomass for use in the packaging industry and are biodegradable and some are even compostable.

**Simon:** One company is manufacturing takeaway packaging and cutlery that is biodegradable – we could convert all the takeaways on Prince of Wales Road, and that would be tonnes of petrochemical saved straightaway.

**Ed:** Another great waste of energy comes from offices that are lit up with nobody working at their desks.

**Simon:** Standby Busters you can fit them simply in any house or office are a good way to save energy and money. If you had them fitted in an office at the flick of a switch or remote control you could ensure no computers, printers were left on standby overnight, saving a small fortune.

**Ed:** And as for the home – at about £14.99 a Standby Buster has a speedy payback period.

**Simon:** Using stapleless staples for internal mail – think of the money saved at some of the big city offices. In our shop we re-use bubble wrap and envelopes.

**Ed:** Ok, what about everything else, from cotton buds, office in-trays, and shoe cleaning products to horse bedding?

**Simon:** Easy, cotton buds by Simply Gentle made from organic cotton with a biodegradable stick, in-trays made from recycled plastic, use Fairtrade cloths and a natural polish, and why does a horse need bedding – don't they sleep standing up?

### ECOBARN – THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE

It won't be long now until we have our own micro generation on site. Because we will not be connected to the grid we need to store electricity generated. We are using big batteries that will have their own little room. If it gets really windy the turbine mustn't over charge the batteries so it has to "dump" the electricity somewhere, we have decided that we will use this surplus to heat the water and a drying/airing cupboard. We'll have solar hot water, but in the winter the extra wind will help to heat the water at night.

### NEST BOXES

If you are developing a barn and want to provide a home, pictured, for an owl or just want a box for garden birds, get one from The Eco Nest Box



Co, who will custom-build you a box for a whole range of wildlife. ■ Contact Ed or Simon who'll put you onto Jon at The Eco Nest Box Co.

### CRACKING THE CODE

**Cooker panel:** An outlet which has a switch to isolate the cooker and a socket.

**Pendant:** A light that hangs from the ceiling. Ceiling rose: White component fixed to the ceiling from which the pendant is wired.

**SWA:** Steel wire armoured cable, commonly used underground or where cable may get damaged. Twin and earth: The most common grey (or white) cable that is used in the walls of your house. It has an outer casing of PVC then a further layer of PVC

to protect the live and neutral conductors and the earth wire is bare copper.

**JB:** Junction box, I always refer to the brown round joint boxes as JBs.

### TOP TIP

If you are having a new boiler, heating system or hot water cylinder then think seriously about having a solar thermal (hot water) panels fitted into your new system. The solar tubes or panels can obviously be fitted at any time, but it can be easier if you are having plumbing work done.

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