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Rectories

**Comment for Kasia Maciejowska, The Times
From The Buying Solution**

Philip Selway, Managing Partner of upmarket property buying consultancy, The Buying Solution, says: "Rectories are popular because they are usually large country Georgian or Victorian houses located in the best part of a village which make for fabulous family houses. Therefore, the name 'Old Rectory' immediately adds value to a property as it conjures up an image of a beautiful property in an idyllic location which has a certain status attached to it. This means that they always attract a large amount of interest.

"Historically, rectory or parsonages sold directly from the diocese were always marketed in the auction room, and when buying direct from the Church, the properties were stamp duty exempt, something which added to their appeal. This is not so common any more as the majority of rectories now on the market are re-sales.

"Buyers should consider the restrictions when purchasing an old rectory – there are some quaint rules that need to be observed depending on where you buy and how closely associated it is with the Church, for example, you cannot 'ferment alcohol' in some rectories. Also, although the majority come with lovely gardens, sometimes the land adjoining can be designated to the Church and can't be sold with the property, so it is important to do your research."

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