

SILVER ANNIVERSARY FOR HARRISON HARDIE

Independent estate agents Harrison Hardie has been celebrating its 25th anniversary with staff, clients and local partners.

Founded in 2000, the company has grown alongside the Cotswolds community, earning a reputation for its local knowledge, personal service and professionalism across residential sales, lettings and property management and witnessing and helping to shape significant changes in the regional property market.

From the countryside revival during the early 2000s to the post-pandemic surge in rural living, Harrison Hardie has been at the forefront of the area's growing popularity. As more buyers and families have been drawn to the Cotswolds for its beauty, connectivity and lifestyle, the agency has continued to evolve, investing in technology, expanding its team and deepening its relationships with the local community.

'When Harrison Hardie first opened its doors, the goal was simple: to offer a genuinely local service built on trust and integrity,' say its owners Victoria and Andrew Snell. 'Twenty-five years later, that commitment remains at the heart of everything we do. We've been privileged to grow alongside our clients and neighbours, and we're incredibly proud of the role we've played in helping people find their place in this beautiful part of the world. As we look to the next 25 years, our focus remains on combining traditional values with modern innovation to continue serving the Cotswolds community.'

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Victoria and Andrew Snell
of Harrison Hardie



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Where is the Christmas tree going to go ?

As Christmas approaches, the property market typically quietens down, says Tania Thompson of Cotswold House Hunter. It seems fitting to focus instead on something timeless – the way people feel about a home.

At this time of year, when twinkling lights begin to appear in windows and people start planning festive gatherings, conversations with my clients take on a distinctly seasonal tone. It never fails to make me smile when a client walks into a house and immediately says: 'The Christmas tree would look perfect there', or: 'You could fit the whole family around that dining table.'

For many, viewing a home isn't just about how it works day-to-day – it's about how it feels at key moments in life. Clients imagine birthdays, Sunday lunches, summer drinks on the terrace, or simply curling up by the fire with a book. But it's Christmas that seems to spark the most imagination.

Some clients look for space to host a house full of relatives – a large dining room for festive feasts, a kitchen where several generations can chat and stir sauces together, or a sitting room that can fit a big Christmas tree.

Is there enough space to have everyone to stay or is there local accommodation that can house

everyone? Others, perhaps downsizing, are thinking of how lovely it will be to visit family instead, knowing they'll return to a warm, manageable home designed for peaceful moments rather than parties.

And then there are the details that make people fall in love with a property – the staircase perfect for a festive garland, the window ledge just right for candles, or the hall that feels welcoming before a single decoration is in place. There are of course the practicalities of buying a home – such as has it got enough space or enough garden?

However, part of my job is to remind clients that a house is a home, not just a transaction, and it's about making memories, Christmases, birthdays, lazy weekends, and family milestones yet to come.

As we approach the end of the year, I'm reminded that while the market may wait for its next signal, buyers' hearts don't pause. They are still picturing futures, celebrations, and traditions in homes that feel just right for them.

Wishing you all a warm and happy festive season – and perhaps the excitement of finding the perfect place in which to celebrate it next year. ● cotswoldhousehunter.co.uk

