

## **Scary but true, we don't get spooked by place names**

Spooky street names fail to put off house hunters or those who live in Britain's most ghostly addresses, according to a study released on the eve of Halloween.

Estate agent Purplebricks discovered almost 2000 roads, lanes and closes in UK towns and cities that carry references to a ghoulish past.

From Coffin Close in Swindon, to Spook Hill in Dorking and Goblin Green in Welwyn Garden City the names may appear scary to some, but not the 180,000 people who occupy homes in these areas.

Michael Bruce, CEO, Purplebricks, said: "Some of the addresses we found might have a creepy ring to them especially at this time of year, but far from deterring potential buyers, we have found it can arouse interest and often encourages a viewing."

The most common of the 'Halloween style' names used in addresses is Cemetery, found in 850 towns, followed by Grave, in 180 urban environments. Coven occurs in 143 places.

There are 40 streets which don't mind being associated with Gallows, 30 which mention Hallows and 23 references are made to Hanging.

The word Hell doesn't bother those who live in the 67 neighbourhoods where it occurs, nor the 20 mentions of the Devil or Devil's.

Witch and Witches can be found in 39 locations and for those who like creepy crawlies, Spiders in 19. Living in an area with Trick in the name might be an invite to knock at the door for some but not so at the 18 Hatchets, the five Warlocks or two Wizards.

Woe betide those who chance their arm in the three places which carry the name Broomstick, or the two Goblins while there are four addresses featuring Blood. Perhaps sanctuary could be found in Crucifix Lane in London.

Purplebricks even found a highly appropriate Halloween address in Pumpkin Hill, Slough. However there are no Corpses, Nightmares or Kreuger, though plenty of Elm Streets

For those looking for a spookily-named street. Purplebricks has a few properties up for sale, including: Noose Lane, Willenhall; Crow Lane, Romford; Hanging Hill Lane, Brentwood; Black Wood, Billingham and Broom Close, Broughton-in-Furness.

Michael Bruce added: "Most of these names are linked with the colourful past of that particular neighbourhood. They certainly don't affect prices and in some cases actually boost curiosity. Many buyers consider the unusual addresses to have added cache. It's nice that such road names survive, they reflect the UK's rich history and many date back hundreds of years. They can say as much about the people who used to live there as the events that took place in that area."

London has the highest number of creepily names addresses, followed by Birmingham then Manchester, Norwich, Coventry, Sheffield, Rugby, Bristol and Nottingham.

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