

FIVE OF THE BEST: HABITATS FOR TECH HEADS

Uber-geeks rule OK in modern gaffs with plenty of gizmos, finds Cheryl Markosky



Are you the sort of tech head who builds a PC using the innards of an old toaster, a piece of string and the dashboard of a car? If so, perhaps a home in a new development with a cutting-edge sound system, variable lighting programmes and a James Bond-style car lift is right on the button.

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WINNINGTON ROAD, HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB N2

£15,750,000

Okay, you need to stump up a fair bit of cash for the boys' toys in this one-off, seven-bedroom house with eight bathrooms and five reception rooms. However, if you can convince the bank manager to lend you the hefty sum required, you can watch your favourite films in the cinema room with full surround sound, raid the wine cellar, play with the Lutron lighting system, and also electronically operate blinds and curtains. Plus don't forget the petrol head, eight-car garage/car showroom.

www.arlingtonresidential.com



READING GATEWAY, BERKSHIRE

FROM £325,000

Pick up a two-, three- or four-bedroom house with a garden, off-road parking, BT superfast fibre broadband, and a tech pack worth £5,000. It includes enticements like widescreen LED and Apple televisions, 32 gigabyte wi-fi, and a Sonos Play 5. Connectivity is terrific – you're about three miles from Reading and 23 minutes by train to Paddington.

www.bewley.co.uk

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ANCASTER GATE, RICHMOND HILL, SURREY

£3,995,000

London Square's refurbished Grade II-listed Georgian mansion is anything but quaint when it comes to its inner workings. Check out the German WOHR underground double car lift, Creston intelligent mood lighting and multi-room audio programmes, and freestanding bath with comfort select controls to precisely control inflowing water temperature.

www.featherstoneleigh.co.uk

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MARYLEBONE SQUARE W1

FROM £2,555,000

This new city block by Concord London is comprised of 54 high-end apartments, each laying claim to a KNX home automation system where you can change lighting scenes via an iPad, plus enjoy innovative comfort cooling technology.

www.marylebonesquare.com

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UK SILICON VALLEY

- Once known for beer, biscuits and bulbs, today Reading is home to giants of industry, such as Microsoft, Oracle, Cisco Systems, Huawei and Symantec.
- Business turnover in Reading's tech hub increased by £962,802 in 2017, with 58,109 people employed.
- Technical businesses in the wider Reading cluster – including Wokingham, Theale, Henley and Bracknell – had a turnover of £13.6 billion.
- Bracknell hosts a number of leading techie names, from Vodafone and Hewlett Packard, to Dell, Honda and Panasonic.



BLU BRACKNELL, BERKSHIRE

FROM £218,500

Techies will relish this scheme's smart technology Zipato home automation system controlled from a BluLiving app. Along with slick video entry set-ups and CCTV security, owners will also enjoy a communal outdoor gym, table tennis and barbecue zone.

www.savills.com

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