

# Broadstairs named best place to live by the sea



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BROADSTAIRS has been labelled the top places to live by the sea in Britain.

According to national newspaper The Times, the town tops a list of 30 locations, beating other high-profile areas such as Dartmouth in Devon and Whitby in North Yorkshire as a "top coastal location".



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Listing the highlights of the town, the guide says: "Broadstairs is a genteel place with more long-term residents and smarter homes than its neighbours along the coast, Margate and Ramsgate."

It names Kingsgate and North Foreland among the smartest spots, popular among London commuters with families and those looking to downsize.

Its Blue Flag beaches, good schools and transport links to the capital are touted as its other selling features.

The town was described by Charles Dickens as "our English watering place."

Experts say average house prices for a four bedroom house with garden come in at a cool half a million pounds.

Broadstairs is the only town in Kent picked out as a place to be. Its nearest competitor was Brighton in East Sussex, which came in at number nine.