Property Market Newsletter – May 2025

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Welcome to your exclusive community report for Maidenhead, Windsor, and Marlow, designed to keep you informed about local property trends, market opportunities, and what's happening in your area this spring. Whether you're considering selling, letting, or simply staying ahead of the curve, this report is your go-to resource for the latest data and insights.

## Maidenhead, Windsor & Marlow: At a Glance:

- Average House Price (Maidenhead, April 2025): £688,134
- Average Sale Time: 14 weeks
- Current Market Growth (Windsor & Maidenhead): 3.7% year-on-year to January 2025
- Rental Market Growth Forecast (Maidenhead): 4-5% increase in 2025
- Population Growth (Windsor & Maidenhead): 6.2% between 2011 and 2021
- Key Developments: Major regeneration projects, improved transport links, and infrastructure upgrades

## Latest Market Data & Community Overview:

#### House prices:

Maidenhead continues to be a highly desirable location for buyers and tenants, thanks to its excellent transport links (including the Elizabeth Line), strong local economy, and scenic riverside living. The average house price in Maidenhead is currently around £688,134, with detached homes averaging £715,167 and flats around £302,000. Over the past year, Windsor & Maidenhead have seen a 3.7% increase in house prices, reflecting robust demand even in the face of wider economic pressures.

## Key Trends:

- Steady Growth: Prices are expected to rise by 3-4% through 2025, in line with national trends.
- Strong Demand: Particularly in sought-after areas such as Bray and Taplow, where properties are selling quickly and often at competitive prices.
- Rental Market: The average rent for a two-bedroom property is £1,650 per month, projected to reach £1,750–£1,800 by year-end

## Windsor & Marlow:

Windsor and Marlow mirror Maidenhead's trends, benefiting from their proximity to London, excellent schools, and vibrant town centres. The property market here is balanced, offering more choice to buyers and less competition than in previous years.

## What's Happening in the Property Market? Latest Trends

## **Balanced Market & Increased Inventory:**

2025 offers opportunities for buyers and sellers as home listings reach a seven-year high, easing competition. Sellers benefit from motivated buyers despite April's Stamp Duty Land Tax (SDLT) increase. With new SDLT thresholds, expert advice and accurate pricing are crucial for buyers planning their moves.

## <u>A Word from Me</u>

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## **Regeneration & Infrastructure:**

Maidenhead is undergoing significant regeneration, including:

- Town Centre Redevelopment: New retail, leisure, and residential spaces.
- Watermark Development: Riverside living and modern amenities.
- Nicholsons Shopping Centre & The Landing: Transforming the town into a business and communications hub, supporting long-term property values.

#### Legislative Changes:

- New SDLT Rates: From April 2025, new SDLT rates mean most buyers will pay more stamp duty than before. If you're considering a move, it's more important than ever to seek expert advice to understand your costs and maximise your budget under the new rules.
- Lettings Regulation: Stricter landlord rules and potential new EPC requirements (likely moving from 'E' to 'C' by 2030) mean energy efficiency is now a priority for landlords and tenants alike.

#### Investment & Economic Growth:

- External Investment: CityFibre's £14m investment in digital infrastructure is projected to unlock £146m in innovation and boost house values by £103m.
- Council Investment: A £13m budget for 2024/25 is earmarked for road improvements and critical infrastructure, supporting Maidenhead's future growth.

## <u>True Success Story: Fast Sale in SL6 6, Maidenhead:</u>

In April 2025, a four-bedroom detached house on Oldacres, Maidenhead (SL6 6), was listed at £1,025,000 and attracted significant attention. Thanks to the property's modern energy-efficient upgrades and its location near excellent schools and the Thames, it received multiple offers within days. The home **sold for £1,045,000-£20,000 above the asking price-after just 9 days on the market.** This sale highlights the continued demand for high-quality, well-presented homes in Maidenhead area, especially those with strong EPC ratings and proximity to sought-after amenities. The quick turnaround and premium achieved demonstrate that, even in a balanced market, the right property can exceed expectations and deliver outstanding results for sellers.

## Upcoming Community Events – May 2025

Stay connected to your community with these local events:

- Maidenhead River Festival (May 17–18): Celebrate the Thames with live music, food stalls, and family-friendly activities along the riverside.
- Windsor Spring Food Fair (May 10–11): Sample the best of local produce and artisan treats in Windsor town centre.
- Marlow Open Gardens (May 24-25): Explore beautiful private gardens across Marlow, supporting local charities.
- Maidenhead Arts Trail (May 30–June 1): Discover local artists and makers with exhibitions and workshops throughout the town.
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## Key Local Developments Impacting the Property Market:

#### Infrastructure & Regeneration:

- Road Improvements: A £6m scheme is underway to improve traffic flow through Maidenhead's main roundabouts, reducing congestion and improving air quality. This will make the town even more attractive to commuters and families.
- Digital Upgrades: Enhanced 5G connectivity and fibre broadband are being rolled out, supporting remote work and boosting the appeal of homes for professionals.
- Retail & Office Space: The redevelopment of Nicholsons Shopping Centre and The Landing is
  positioning Maidenhead as a leading business hub, likely to increase demand for both homes and
  rental properties.

#### Market Recognition:

Top UK Location: Windsor & Maidenhead have been ranked the UK's top location in the 2025 Vitality Index, reflecting their economic strength, quality of life, and vibrant community spirit.

## Why Now Is the Time to Act:

With property prices rising, strong buyer demand, and new regulations on the horizon, 2025 is a pivotal year for anyone considering a move. Sellers can take advantage of motivated buyers looking to beat the SDLT deadline, while landlords can benefit from rising rents and a shortage of rental properties.

#### For Homeowners:

- Now is an excellent time to get a free, up-to-date valuation and explore your options.
- Energy-efficient upgrades and modernisation can help your property stand out and achieve a premium price.

#### For Landlords:

- Demand for quality rentals is high, and new regulations mean well-presented, energy-efficient homes are in strong demand.
- Our team can guide you through the latest legislative changes and help maximise your rental yields.

## For Buyers:

- With more homes on the market and less competition, you have greater choice and negotiating power.
- Plan carefully with the new SDLT rates effective from April 2025 to maximize your benefits.

## Stay Informed & Connected:

This is a dynamic time for Maidenhead, Windsor, and Marlow. Whether you're thinking of selling, letting, or simply want to know your property's value, I'm here to provide expert, local advice tailored to your needs.

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