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UK house price growth remained soft in March

- Annual house price growth remained subdued at 0.7% in March
- Modest 0.2% price rise during the month, after taking account of seasonal factors
- Annual price falls in London and the South East

Each month I get these figures from the Nationwide, and similar ones from Halifax. It really seems to matter less and less as people see that property is a long-term investment and no 'quick buck'. It is also a tangible way to spend your money and to some, more attractive than Pensions and Investment Bonds (I am not decrying either, but any portfolio should be widespread). Even when we are in such tumultuous times, people still need somewhere to live and therefore even our landlord clients are still very much in the market.

Month-on-month Price Growth

	Mar 19	Feb 19
Monthly Index*	427.1	426.4
Monthly Change*	+0.2%	0.0%
Annual Change	+0.7%	+0.4%
Average Price	£213,102	£211,304

*Figures from Nationwide
not seasonally adjusted.

We are also, apparently, not building enough houses to keep up with increased demand, and this is probably why this church is so full again! Our brokerage remains very busy and again, on the look-out for more staff, as Bristol appears to still have 'the Buzz'. With unemployment still low, I see no reason (even the 'B' word) why this will change, again,

if you are looking long-term. Lenders are still lending, sometimes through gritted teeth, although I do feel some are more cautious than others, as we await the decision on our future.

Please come and have a chat with us, either at the auction or just on Alma Vale Road and get some ideas on finance options as an initial chat is free.

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