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Alison Cork, from HomesAndBargains.co.uk, has put together a series of offers especially for Post readers.

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Giveaway of the week

To celebrate its launch, The Espresso Coffee Club is giving one lucky reader the chance to win one of its luxury Presso coffee machines, plus 800 of your favourite coffee capsules. The Club, which is the UK's first Nespresso compatible company, offers six different blends of coffee capsules, which are individually foil-wrapped for freshness. Each time you buy, you will earn rewards, redeemable against future purchases.

For more information, visit espressocoffeeclub.co.uk or call 0845 544 1272.

To enter online and for terms and conditions visit homesandbargains.co.uk/comps.

Closes July 1. T&Cs apply



Out There Interiors

Save on the art deco glam of mirrored furniture with an exclusive 20 per cent discount on selected pieces from Out There Interiors. For a limited period, the Kelly dressing table (pictured) is reduced from £275 to £220, the Misha chest of drawers (RRP £315) is £252, the Joanie tallboy (RRP £290) is £232 and the Cora bedside table (RRP £175) is just £140. To claim the discount, visit outthereinteriors.com or call 0208 099 7443 and quote EVST0612. Offer ends June 20.



The Hart of bathroom savings

Leading bathroom supplier CP Hart is offering up to 50 per cent off its designer collections. The regal Winchester roll-top bath with polished chrome feet is down from £1,759 to £880. Big name brands such as Alessi and Starck are also on offer and there are reductions on exclusive in-house collections. With discounts across ceramics, brassware, baths and furniture, there has never been a better time to draw on CP Hart's expertise to create the bathroom of your dreams.

Visit cphart.co.uk or call 0845 600 1950 while stocks last.



Designed in England

Designer Andrew Tanner teamed up with British manufacturers Royal Winton to create this classy but quirky Chintz Where? bone china tableware, offered to readers at an exclusive 20 per cent off. The collection includes a cake stand, tea pot, creamer, mug, sugar bowl, dinner plate, side plate, tea plate and cup and saucer, and each piece has a hidden hand applied chintz pattern in black or blue. Dinner plates (pictured) are reduced from £26 to £20.80. To claim the offer, visit designedinengland.co.uk and quote Union Jack before June 30.



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Plants were chosen and planted by the clients who've created a lush green oasis of Japanese Acers

A hardwood bench seat spans the entire width and runs parallel to the shape of the beds. We cantilevered the seat to achieve a greater sense of depth.

A small step up leads to the next level, also laid to beautiful honed limestone paving



Seamless transition from inside to great outdoors

With home improvements as popular as ever, designer Katherine Roper looks at the current trend for creating a smooth transition from indoors to outdoors

Livingoutside

ONE only has to look around at the tradesman's vans everywhere to see the number of building renovations and improvements taking place in a street near you. I am also noticing the continued trend of converting the ground floor of many Victorian terrace houses into open-plan living spaces.

This interior lifestyle choice

often includes opening up the back of the house to the garden via large double or bi-fold doors.

This idea of bringing the outside in is nothing new and it is great that it is still increasing in popularity, and why not?

Merging the threshold between

the house and garden increases the footprint of your living space further and brings light flooding into what can often be dark rooms.

Further more, the views from the house open up the space visually, even if it is too cold to open up the doors.

Plants and nature are brought right up to the door threshold.

The use of "up lighting" at night can extend this effect yet further and by planting the right mix of pollinating plants to encourage bees and wildlife into the garden, who needs Springwatch?

This small garden is a perfect example of how one can continue the living space in such a way.

This south-facing garden originally laid to lawn and enclosed by 5ft rotting fence panels, complete with dilapidated shed has been transformed into an oasis of inner city calm and tranquility.

A place the clients can relax and unwind after a hard days work.

The use of tall-bespoke hard-

wood slatted trelliswork on both right and left hand boundaries increases privacy levels, whilst allowing light to filter through.

These horizontal slats not only lead the eye down the garden but also increase its perceived length.

The area immediately outside the patio doors has a dining table and chairs with pots and lush planting, a small step up leads to the next level, also laid to beautiful honed limestone paving.

The light paving and rendered walls allow light to bounce around the garden.

The varying heights of the raised beds are carefully proportioned to add interest to the design

and enable depth of planting. A hardwood bench seat spans across the entire width of the garden and runs parallel to the shape of the beds.

We cantilevered the seat in order to achieve a greater sense of depth within the garden and at night a spotlight under the bench emphasises this design further.

The bench and trellis are constructed out of the same timber, tying the different elements together and creating a warmer aesthetic to the overall design.

Plants were chosen and planted by the clients who've created a lush green oasis of Japanese Acers and other dappled shade loving plants along the back wall.

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Take your pick from this week's top 12 mortgage deals

from www.thisismoney.co.uk

FIXED

Lender	Scheme type	Initial rate	Subs. rate	Overall cost	Min dep.	Fee
RBS	Fixed until 31/07/14	3.35%	4.00%	4.0%	40%	£0
HSBC	Fixed until 30/09/14	3.59%	3.94%	4.0%	30%	£0
RBS	Fixed until 31/07/14	3.75%	4.00%	4.0%	25%	£0
Woolwich	Fixed until 30/09/14	3.74%	3.89%	4.0%	30%	£0
Leeds	Fixed until 30/06/14	3.43%	5.69%	5.5%	25%	£199
HSBC	Fixed until 30/09/14	3.29%	3.94%	4.00%	30%	£599
First Direct	Fixed for two years	3.79%	3.69%	3.8%	35%	£0
Leeds	Fixed until 30/06/15	3.69%	5.69%	5.6%	25%	£199
Nationwide	Fixed for two years	3.79%	3.99%	4.1%	40%	£99
Woolwich	Fixed until 30/09/14	3.99%	3.89%	4.0%	20%	£0
Post Office	Fixed until 31/08/14	3.65%	4.49%	4.5%	25%	£495
Yorkshire	Fixed until 30/09/14	3.64%	4.99%	4.9%	25%	£495

VARIABLE

Lender	Scheme type	Initial rate	Subs. rate	Overall cost	Min dep.	Fee
HSBC	2.29% above base for term	2.79%	2.79%	2.8%	40%	£0
HSBC	2.49% above base for term	2.99%	2.99%	3.1%	30%	£599
Market Harborough	2.74% disc. for two years	2.75%	5.49%	5.1%	20%	£345
RBS	2.59% above until 31/07/14	3.09%	4.00%	3.9%	40%	£0
Market Harborough	2.54% disc. for two years	2.95%	5.49%	5.2%	25%	£245
Yorkshire	2.79% above until 30/09/15	3.29%	4.99%	4.7%	25%	£295
Hinckley and Rugby	2.40% disc. for two years	3.24%	5.64%	5.4%	20%	£890
Norwich and Peterborough	2.74% above for three years	3.24%	4.99%	4.7%	25%	£795
Clydesdale Bank	1.76% disc. until 31/08/14	3.19%	4.95%	4.8%	25%	£999
Chelsea	2.64% above until 31/08/14	3.14%	5.79%	5.5%	30%	£395
Woolwich	2.79% above until 30/09/14	3.29%	3.89%	3.9%	30%	£999
Post Office	2.39% above until 31/08/14	2.89%	4.49%	4.3%	25%	£995