

One for a quick escape

The Beech House Gîte in Yoxford, Suffolk, clashes 1950s design classics with French gîte leanings; a red-brick exterior with blue window frames leads on to lavender-filled gardens, but inside it's all retro lighting and graphic patterned sofas. The one-bedroom cottage costs from £290 for three nights.

It's one of the stylish self-catering properties offered by Best of Suffolk. Other hits include South Cottages in Thorpeness, a two-bedroom pad near the beach, from £192 for two nights. 01728 638 962, bestofsuffolk.co.uk.