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WEST SOMERSET

From show-stopping views, wild moorland



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STAYING OVER SWAIN HOUSE

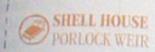
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MILLER'S AT THE ANCHOR PORLOCK WEIR

famous Miller's Antiques Price Guides) is clearly in love with the area because he keeps opening hotels here. Part of his so-called 'Exmoor Collection', the Anchor is right on the harbour at Porlock Weir. Like most of Miller's many

ventures, it's flamboyant, eccentric, crammed with antiques and furnished with a jumble of books and curios. shabby-chic sofas, open fires four-poster beds and a palette of vivid colours. Doubles from £90 (01643 862753, millersuk.com)



Within spitting distance of Porlock' pebble beach, this award-winning contemporary house gazes at the sea from glassy, open-plan space that extend out onto a waterside deck. You could spend all day here just watching the birds, the boats,

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