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## WEBSITE OF THE DAY - housenetwork.co.uk

### Nice estate agents? Surely not...

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Housenetwork is a newly established way of selling your property for a set fee - no more haggling for the best commission rates with some shiny suited chinless wonder. Here you know what you're paying before to start out.

Buying and selling your home is stressful enough without the grief caused by having to chase up your estate agent all the time. Nine times out of ten you end up wondering what the hell you're paying them for.

This nationwide network aims to change all that offering "unrivalled customer services". They offer all the services of a regular estate agent with the knowledge they are fully regulated and are keen to trade on their reputation rather than glitzy sales pitches.

We're recommending this site untested in the real world, so we'd love to know how any of you get on if you decide to give them a try. Drop us a line through the new Talk section or via the usual feedback section.

[www.housenetwork.co.uk](http://www.housenetwork.co.uk)

If you have a website that you want to tell us about email us via the feedback form.

The screenshot shows the Housenetwork.co.uk website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'home', 'search', and 'sitemap' links. The main header features the 'housenetwork.co.uk' logo and a 'SELL YOUR HOME THROUGH A REGIONAL ESTATE AGENT' banner. Below this, it lists 'Across our portal network, including-' with logos for LOOK4PROPERTY.COM, rightmove.co.uk, and propertyfinder.com. A sub-header reads 'REGIONAL ESTATE AGENTS - SELLING HOUSES - SELL PROPERTY ONLINE'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a 'Quick Search' box with a 'Go' button and a vertical menu with links: Buyer Search, Rental Search, Developers/Builders, Sell Your Property, Let Your Property, Mortgage Centre, Showcase Your Home, Where We Advertise, Company Slideshows, Faq / Advice Centre, and Contact Us / Instruct Us. Below this is a 'CLIENT LOGIN AREA' with a 'Login' button and links for 'Password Reminder' and 'Login Problems?'. The right column features a 'Selling a House - Regional Estate Agent' section with text describing the service and links to view recently sold properties and testimonials. At the bottom right, there is a 'Do you know anything about HIPs?' section and a 'Sell property with House Network' link. A sidebar on the right contains a 'which?' logo, 'BBC - Money Programme' text, and a 'Our fees - options' section with two columns: 'Visual Design' (£199 + VAT) and 'Completion' (£199 + VAT), with an 'OR' in between, and another set of 'Visual Design' (Free) and 'Completion' (0.75% + VAT).