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DELIGHTFUL HISTORIC TUDOR STYLE RAILWAY STATION WITH STATION MASTER'S HOUSE

Station Master's House

2 Reception Rooms, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom & Kitchen

Telegraph Office, Porters Room, Waiting Room and Ticket Office, Signal Box, Engine Shed, Goods Warehouse, Coal Cell & Lime Store, Platform with Victorian Gas Lamps

Grade II Listed

Paddock and Site for 5 Static Caravans and Tourers

Extending To 3 Acres in Total



SITUATION

Norham Station lies about 1 mile south of the village of Norham, an attractive Border village lying on the south bank of the River Tweed which denotes the Border between England and Scotland. Its historic castle dates back to the 12th century and is one of the county's most impressive fortifications. Norham has a good array of quality shops and services including a newsagent, general store, bakers, butcher/wine merchant, fishing tackle shop, two pubs, doctor's surgery and a well regarded First School.

North Northumberland and the Scottish Borders have a huge amount to offer in the way of sport, culture, scenery and a very enviable lifestyle as well as good and rapid access to the north and south via Newcastle and Edinburgh respectively. Both have international airports and the very efficient fast East Coast Main Railway Line.

Berwick upon Tweed is 8 miles to the east and provides excellent Middle and High Schools and there are also private schools at Longridge Towers near Berwick and St. Marys at Melrose. Berwick is a thriving market town with two golf courses and the Maltings Theatre/Cinema plus a busy working harbour and leisure centre.

HISTORY

Norham Station was built in 1851 on the North Eastern Railway Line between Tweedmouth and Sprouston Junction. It was built with great quality as were all railway stations in those days and in a Tudor style. As well as the station building itself there is the Station Masters House, a telegraph office, a porter's room and a store. It also includes a signal box that is exactly as it was in the days when it was a working station together with a ticket office with some amazing railway memorabilia.

Peter Short became Station Master and Signaller and he and his wife moved into the Station Master's House in 1963. Norham was a busy station handling goods for the local shops and parcels for the villagers as well as coal and lime. In early 1965 it was announced that the station was to be closed and Peter & his wife Katherine bought the property.

The whole property was lovingly maintained and restored by the Shorts who were great railway enthusiasts and built up one of the finest collections of railway mementos. The Station was a very popular tourist attraction and was open to the public until 2010.

DESCRIPTION

The Station Master's House is built of sandstone under a Welsh slate roof with a rendered extension and comprises Sitting Room, Study with open fire, Breakfasting Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom. The house is unusual in that it is 2-storey to the front and single storey to the rear

The Station itself comprises numerous buildings including Signal Box, Telegraph Office, Porters Room, Ticket Office, Engine Shed and Goods Warehouse.

In addition to the main block of buildings there are a further two substantial stone buildings, with slate roofs which have unlimited potential and could be converted for a number of uses.

The old Platform remains as does the area that was used for the rolling stock and engines when not on the main line. The land extends to 3 acres and in the past housed 5 static caravans as well as tourers. This could be reinstated if required otherwise the land would be ideal for horses, ponies or a flock of sheep alternatively kept as an amenity area.

The whole property could be reinstated as a museum with huge historical interest and could be developed to create a viable tourist outlet with the potential for expansion in several different directions including storage or holiday accommodation.

Alternatively there is the potential for conversion of the buildings into a number of uses subject to the necessary consents.

Note: There is an obligation on the owner of the Station to maintain the abutments to the dismantled bridge on the land owned.

SERVICES

Mains water, private septic tank, oil fired central heating in the main house.

FIXTURES AND FITTINGS

All railway memorabilia and fittings in the railway buildings are available and can be acquired subject to separate valuation.

LISTING

The property is Grade II Listed.

COUNCIL TAX

Station House is in Band C.

CLOSING DATE

A closing date for offers may be fixed and interested parties are advised to clearly register their interest with the Sole Selling Agents.

DIRECTIONS

Coming from the south on the A1 turn left upon reaching the roundabout just south of the new Tweed Bridge on the A1 bypass at Berwick upon Tweed and take the first left onto the A698 signposted Cornhill-on-Tweed. Continue for about 4 miles before turning right onto the unclassified road signposted Norham (having passed the first sign to Norham and Norham Castle). Norham Station is on the left and is marked by a sale board.

From Edinburgh head south on the A1, turn right immediately after crossing the new Tweed Bridge on the Berwick bypass off the A1 onto the A698 and proceed as above.

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* Station buildings shown in BLUE





