

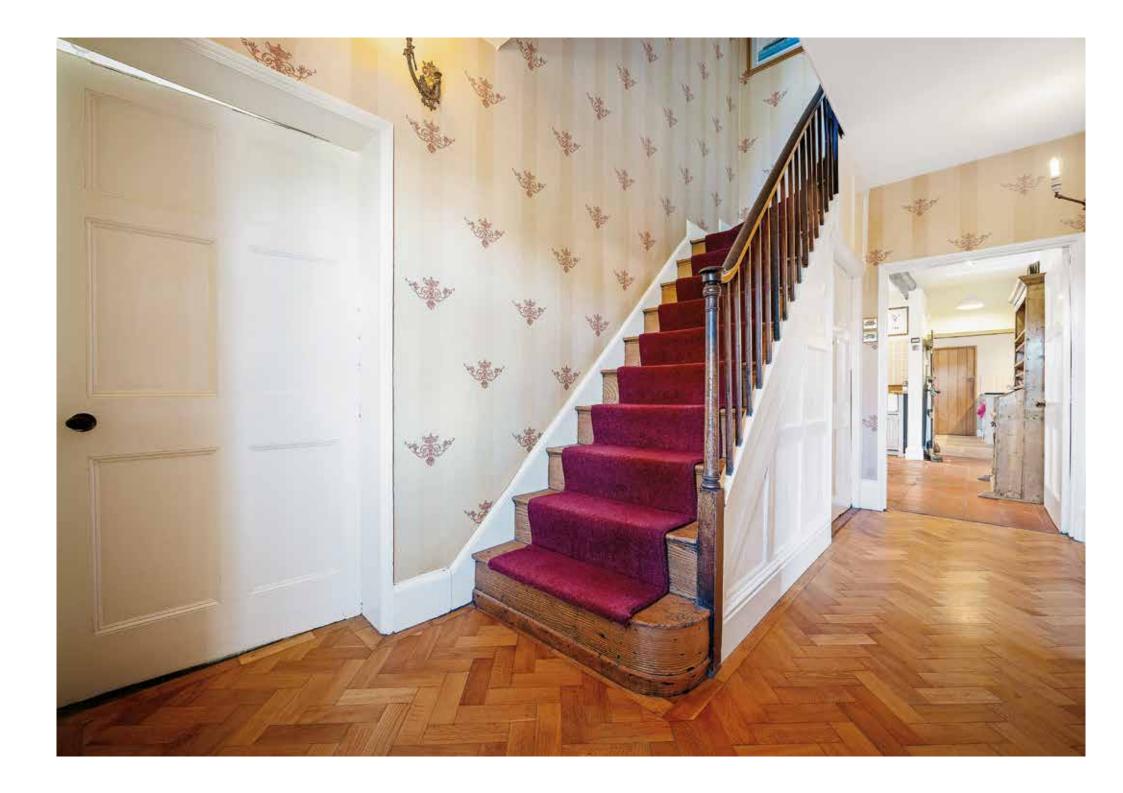
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# FIR TREE HOUSE



An imposing three storey period building with a superb oak framed extension in the heart of this popular Warwickshire village.

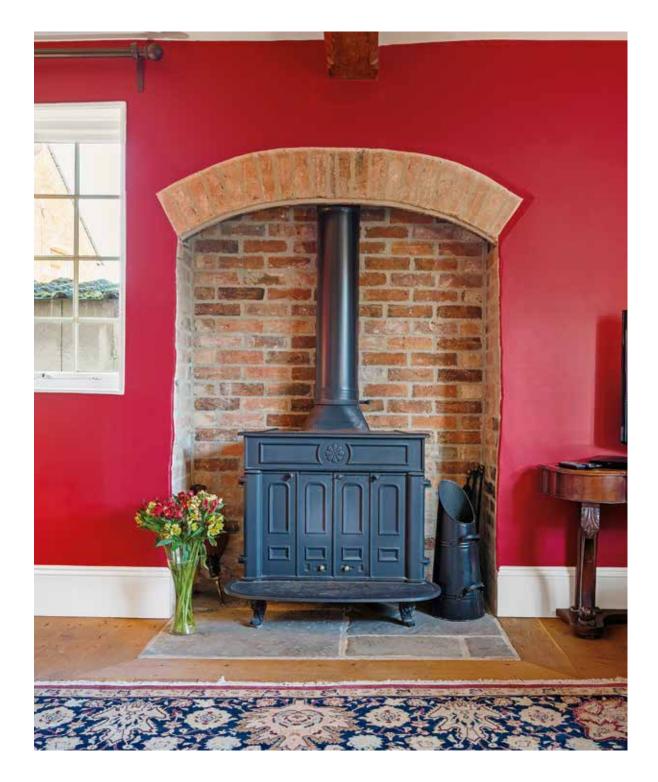


### KEY FEATURES

Fir Tree House was originally constructed as a Regency farmhouse in 1816, in the heart of Church Lawford in Warwickshire. The property is unlisted, providing the current owners the opportunity to create a wonderful family home, that incorporates many of the building's original features, but with a sympathetic, contemporary oak, framed garden room, providing a wonderful feature to a house that has 3489 ft.2 of accommodation. The property occupies a privileged position overlooking the village green and offers three storeys of accommodation with six bedrooms and two bathrooms, including a principal bedroom suite with ensuite and dressing room, shower room. On the ground floor there is a drawing room, snug, hobby room/playroom, a gorgeous farmhouse style kitchen with aga, rear office, laundry room, pantry and cloakroom. The stunning oak framed garden room which was constructed by our current vendors provides an outstanding area to relax and enjoy the garden with its underfloor heating and bifold doors. It provides access to both the terrace and a southerly facing garden. There is ample parking and a garage (with planning permission granted for a modern and enlarged replacement)

#### **Ground Floor**

The entrance hall has a herringbone timber floor and an original staircase leading to the first floor, an understairs door provides access to a useful cellar, whilst other doors lead to the hobby room/playroom. The drawing room is situated at the front of the house, with a log burner, exposed chimney breast and attractive small pane dual aspect windows overlooking the fore gardens. The hallway continues to the large kitchen where there is an aga set within the original inglenook fireplace and expose ceiling timbers and original quarry tiled floor, with access to the secondary staircase and garden room. A cosy snug is at the rear of the house with views of the rear courtyard and exposed ceiling timbers. The laundry room which has been re-constructed by a present owner with underfloor heating and access via latched doors to an office, cloakroom, boiler room and pantry.





### SELLER INSIGHT

Built c1816, this beautiful six-bedroom Regency home occupies a coveted location directly opposite the village green in the heart of the charming village of Church Lawford. "We knew we'd be moving to the area almost two years before we purchased this house, and therefore we'd been looking at a number of villages in order to narrow down our property search." says Louise. "The first time we visited Church Lawford, we drove down Green Lane, discovered it was a dead end and as we turned back, there before us was Fir Tree House. I turned to Philip and said, 'Wouldn't it be lovely to live in a house like that?' Fast forward a year and to our absolute delight we discovered the house was on the market. The rest, as they say…"

"It was the look of the house that really grabbed us; it's absolutely beautiful," says Philip. "However, internally it was in a bit of a sorry state when we moved here twenty-one years ago. The top floor was almost completely derelict and the rest of the interior needed an awful lot of TLC so we ended up having to strip it right back. During the renovation process our aim was to transform it into a really comfortable family home, but we also wanted to preserve as many of its original features as possible, some of which we uncovered during that renovation process. All in all I'd say we struck a really good balance between the old and the new; the house retains every bit of its original character and charm, but at the same time it's wonderfully conducive to modern family life and to entertaining."

"The garden is another lovely feature," continues Louise. "It wraps around the house and it's completely walled so we've always enjoyed a superb degree of privacy. We have a large south-facing lawned area, a little vegetable garden and there are lots of lovely places where we can just sit out and relax." "It was a great space for the children when they were young," adds Philip, "and it's also a lovely place to entertain friends and family during the warmer months."

"Some years ago we added a gorgeous garden room, which flows off both the kitchen and the front reception room, and that's definitely one of our favourite rooms. It's really light and bright, and it allows us to feel immersed in the garden, whatever the weather."

"The village is a lovely place with a very strong sense of community, and during our time here we've made some great friends. The village hall is a hive of activity, as is the church so there are lots of events throughout the year. We've also enjoyed the rural aspect of our surroundings. We can step out of our front door and go for lovely long country walks."

"The top floor of the house was a great space for the children when they were growing up. It was their part of the house where they could hang out with their friends and make as much noise as they wanted without disturbing us."

"The house has been the most amazing family home, but it's far too big for just the two of us and it's crying out for a new family to fill it," says Phillip. "We'll be sad to leave, and there's lots that we'll miss," adds Louise. "However, most of all it will be our wonderful friends and neighbours."\*

\* These comments are the personal views of the current owner and are included as an insight into life at the property. They have not been independently verified, should not be relied on without verification and do not necessarily reflect the views of the agent.

















#### First Floor & Second Floor

The first-floor landing has a small pane window overlooking the village green access to 3 bedrooms and the family bathroom. The principal bedroom suite has the original elm floorboards, a dual aspect and a cast-iron feature fireplace. A door leads to well-equipped dressing room with a variety of built-in cabinetry for useful storage, access is provided to the refitted ensuite shower room with walk-in shower, wash basin, and low-level WC. At the rear of the first floor there is a linen store and access to a heritage style bathroom suite with high-level WC, pedestal wash handbasin, freestanding roll top bath with claw feet and a corner shower cubicle. Bedroom three is currently in use as a convenient study and has the original exposed floorboards and just outside of the room is the secondary 'servant staircase' that leads to the farmhouse kitchen. Bedroom two is another double room which has views to the front as well as cast iron fireplace, whilst the second floor has access to loft space and three further double bedrooms, perfect for a growing family. Bedroom four is at the rear of the house currently in use as a second floor sitting room, a perfect retreat for the children. Neighbouring this is bedroom five which has views to the front and side whilst bedroom six has delightful views over the rest of the village including the local church and the open fields beyond. On the landing there is a door leading to a convenient WC.

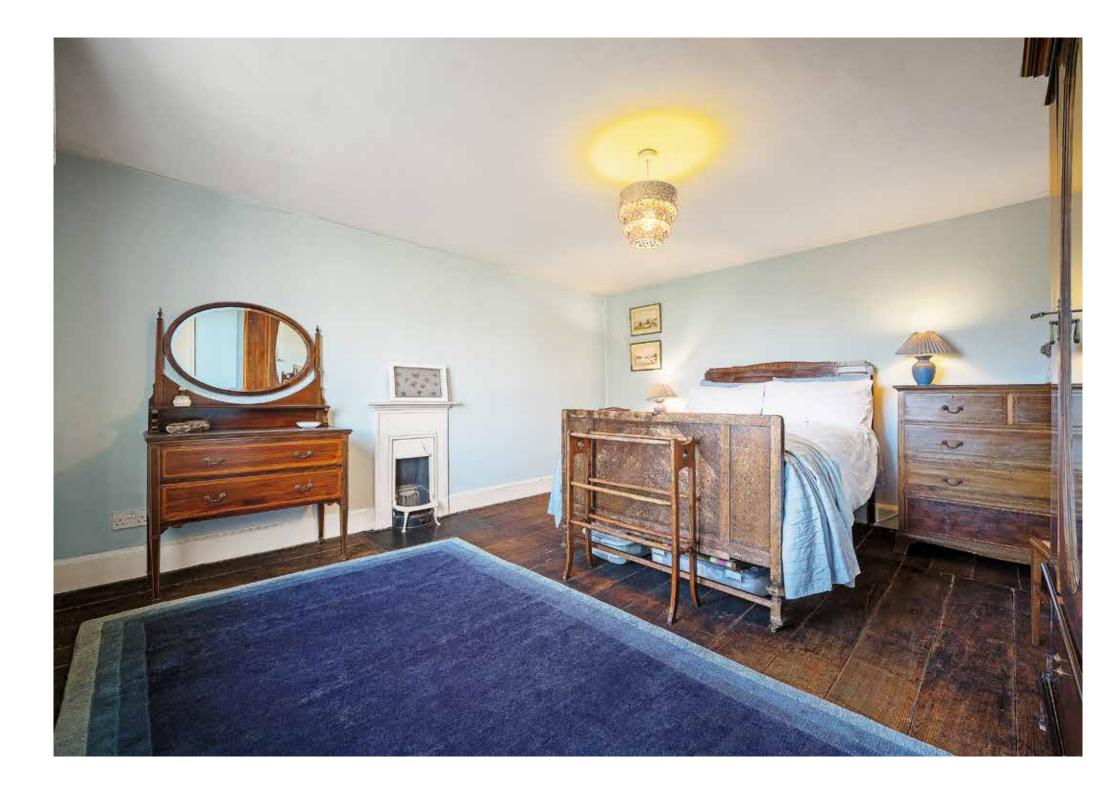










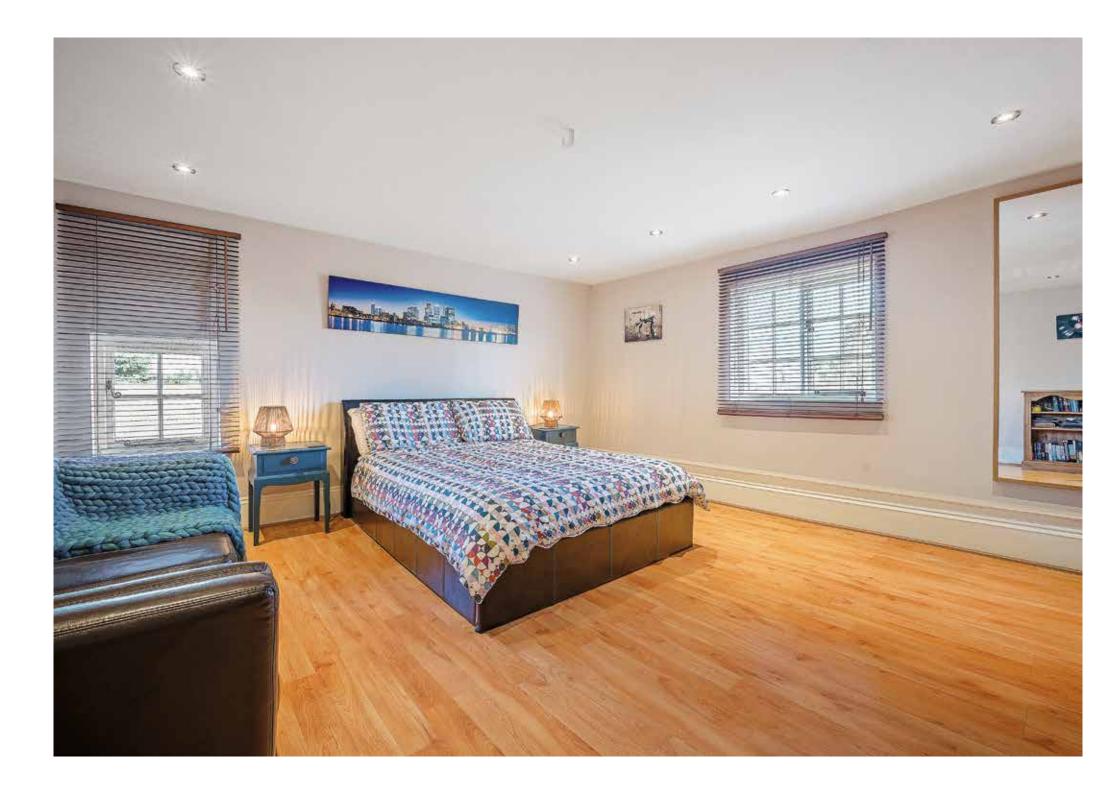












### Front Garden, Garage & Parking

Fir Tree House has a well-stocked walled fore garden with pea gravel pathway, leading to the attractive entrance porch. The driveway provides parking for four vehicles and access to a detached garage which currently has valid planning commission until September 2024 for the construction of a new, larger garage in its place, under the planning reference R21/0666.

There is a small rear yard with greenhouse and seating area and entrance to the rear laundry room.

#### Rear Garden

The southerly facing rear walled garden has a raised terraced lawn, with an attractive retaining wall, constructed with railway sleepers and an established magnolia tree. There is a large patio area just off the garden room and gated access to the rear garden from the front and a pathway that leads around the garden room. At the top end of the garden there are raised flower beds, a seating area and a potting shed.











## LOCATION

Church Lawford is a small village located in the Rugby district of Warwickshire, England. It is situated about 5 miles east of Rugby town centre and is part of the civil parish of Lawford. The village is nestled in the picturesque Warwickshire countryside and is surrounded by farmland.

While Church Lawford is relatively small, it has a rich history, and there are several points of interest in and around the village. The name "Church Lawford" suggests the presence of a church, and indeed, the village is home to the Church of St. Peter, which is a medieval parish church. This church, like many others in the region, often reflects the architectural styles and historical periods of its various additions and renovations.

The village itself is likely to have evolved around the church, with agricultural activities playing a significant role in its development over the centuries. Warwickshire has a long and varied history, with evidence of human habitation dating back to prehistoric times.

The village plays host to a thriving village hall and local pub, The Old Smithy, along with a play park and field.















## INFORMATION

### Services

Mains water, electricity, gas, mains drainage and broadband.

### Local Authority

Rugby Borough Council. Telephone (01788) 533533. Council tax band 'F'.

### Viewing Arrangements

Strictly via the vendors sole agents Sam Funnell (07714 515484) and Claire Heritage (07894 561313).

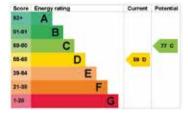




FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR



GROSS INTERNAL AREA: 3489 sq ft, 325 m2 ADDITIONAL AREAS TOTAL: 606 sq ft, 57 m2

#### OVERALL TOTALS: 4095 sq ft, 382 m2

SIZES AND DIMENSIONS ARE APPROXIMATE, ACTUAL MAY VARY







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