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Greylands House, Ducie Avenue, Bembridge, Isle of Wight, PO35 5NF

# A stunning and historic house on the beach in Bembridge. This impressive period home overlooks expansive gardens which extend to the water's edge with gated access from Ducie Beach.

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Constructed in 1904 and formerly both a school and used to house convalescing soldiers in the War, Greylands House occupies a prime position on the beach and overlooking The Solent. Grade II Listed, this impressive property has a rich history and offering an excellent blend of accommodation, period character and attractive gardens. Built to provide a school educating languages with international students, Greylands House has been a private residence for over fifty years to one family owner and offers a spacious home set within substantial grounds and glorious sea views. Beach access through a gate at the end of the garden via a substantial viewing deck makes it quite unique and the position of the house at the bottom of Ducie Avenue, a short distance from the village centre, sailing club and harbour creates a wonderful package.

Tucked away just off a tree-lined avenue which leads to the picturesque Ducie Beach, Greylands House is only a short walk from the village centre and Bembridge Harbour which has extensive mooring facilities and two sailing clubs, while the village has a good range of shops, cafes and restaurants in addition to an excellent fishmongers, butchers and farm shop. Ducie Beach is a short walk away, popular among locals for its accessible swimming and privacy. The coastal path crosses Ducie Avenue nearby the property allowing direct access to the walking routes to the harbour, a plethora of stunning beaches and further to Culver Down and Brading RSPB marshes, all excellent for picturesque countryside walks.

# Accommodation

#### Entrance

A sweeping driveway leads through a pair of gates to a gravelled drive with plenty of parking. The entrance is found beneath a columned porch with timber door and sidelights with iron outer gate.

#### Entrance Hall

An impressive reception hall with a magnificent fireplace, tiled surround and oak mantle. Panelling with ornate carvings is found on the walls and wooden floorboards run throughout the ground floor.

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The light filled central space is believed to have some similarities and it is understood, a connection to the architect of the Titanic, including the oval lead and glazed roof lantern and a winding oak staircase. Two columns rise supporting the galleried landing and there is wooden wall panelling at lower level to mid height.

# Morning Room

A fantastic reception room with dual aspect windows within deep bays accessing the gardens enjoying views to the sea. There is a fireplace with marble surround and iron grate.

#### Dining Room

The former 'staff room' is filled with character including oak panelled walls, high level picture rails and ornate detail mouldings on the ceiling. Floor to ceiling windows and glazed patio doors lead to the kitchen.

## Kitchen/Breakfast Room

Set within a glazed extension, the kitchen has tiled floors and a range of undercounter storage units with breakfast bar, integrated oven with hob over, doors to the garden, vaulted poly carbonate ceiling with fan lighting and brilliant views achieved over the gardens, Solent and to the mainland. This room represents an ideal opportunity for a modern replacement extension which could house the kitchen but subject to obtaining the necessary planning consents.

## Drawing Room

A substantial room currently arranged as a 'games room' with inglenook bay housing an impressive stone fireplace with oak ornate carving over. Alcove shelving and a bay window with French patio doors accessing the garden.

#### Utility Room

A large versatile storage space housing twin Pottington gas fired boilers and space and plumbing for washing machine and tumble dryer.

#### Shower Room

Tilled floors and walls, walk-in shower, W.C. and wash basin.

## First Floor

A magnificent oak staircase winds to a light filled galleried landing beneath a remarkable oval roof lantern. The first floor comprises of four substantial double bedrooms, three of which enjoy sea views, one of which has an ensuite shower room and there is a substantial family bathroom, airing cupboard, panelled bath, pedestal wash basin and W.C.

#### Grounds

Greylands House is set back from the beach behind substantial level gardens which are laid to lawn and incorporate the former grass tennis court. There is a substantial and recently replaced deck overlooking the sea and plenty of











space and privacy afforded by mature trees and well-kept borders with herbaceous shrubs and a path which leads to steps descending to the beach with a secure gate at the bottom. Plenty of parking is available on a gravelled driveway with central fountain feature and a double garage which could be renewed and enhanced, subject to obtaining the necessary planning consents and approval.

## Services

Mains electricity, gas, water and drainage. Central heating is provided by twin gas fired boilers located in the utility room and delivered via radiators.

#### Tenure

The property is offered Freehold.

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# Viewings

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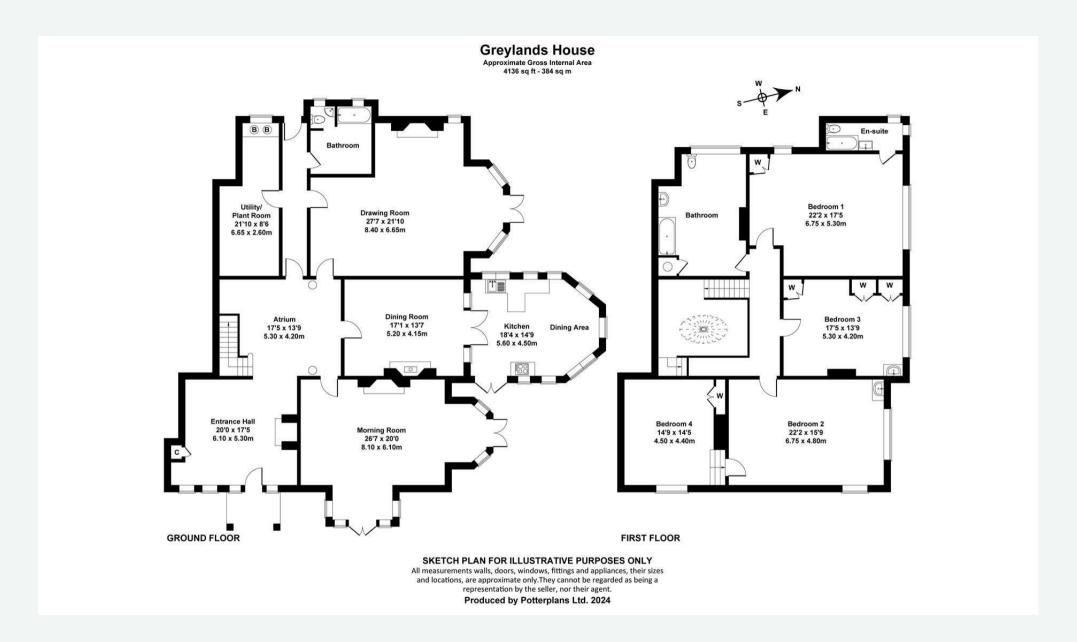












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