





# Elmcote Papcastle, Cockermouth, CA13 oJW

# £725,000

This exquisite five bedroomed detached residence occupies a stunning yet secluded position in the heart of Papcastle, a sought after village with easy access into Cockermouth. The original part of the house dates back to the 1600s with enhancements from the early 1700s onwards - it offers a home of historical elegance and wonderful proportions with many of the original features from several periods having been retained over the years. Internally there are four reception rooms, a kitchen and bathroom downstairs, and upstairs five bedrooms and a further bathroom. The house stands proudly in the village with a private garden extending to approximately half an acre which has been well planted over the years and is a haven for wildlife. If you are seeking a unique blend of history, space, and beauty, this delightful gem in Papcastle is an opportunity not to be missed.

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### **OWNERS' COMMENTS**

"Elmcote has been the perfect family home. We love the sheltered garden with the large terrace that catches the sun all day. When it's too hot, the hedges and trees give shade. Our father planted lots of different daffodil, bluebell and snowdrop varieties and the garden looks particularly wonderful in spring. It's lovely to see pheasants and red squirrels, and there's constant birdsong. In Autumn there's a rich harvest of apples and pears.

The house itself is great for family parties, with masses of space for guests and a large, well-proportioned, sunny reception and dining room. The Tudor room in the oldest part of the house is cute and cosy on winter evenings. We also love the Cumbrian features such as the stone sconce in the kitchen. The title deeds to the house are beautifully decorated manuscripts and the oldest document written in the early 1700s refers to the sale of the two cottages that formed the heart of Elmcote.

The village of Papcastle is so peaceful, and all the houses are linked in some way to its Roman past. We hosted Time Team on our drive, but were reluctant to have the garden dug up! Some exciting objects were found in neighbouring gardens and have been well documented in Tullie House and on TV.

It's an easy 10 minute walk into Cockermouth or up to the village pub at Belle Vue, and it's great to live in a beautiful country village with such easy access to town. The village is a friendly community with lots of activities in the village hall, and its own little magazine, The Village Voice.

Children in our family have gone to Fairfield and Cockermouth schools. It's nice to be able to walk to school and have friends nearby. We've had several litters of Labrador puppies romping around the garden, and the old stable outbuildings are really useful for pets. The River Derwent is a short walk away down a little green lane opposite Elmcote, and our father used to enjoy the salmon fishing there. We have always had regular walks along the pretty river bank to Broughton.

We wish the new owners happy times in this lovely house."

# THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Gas central heating

Single glazed sash windows to most rooms.

The property is fitted to several rooms with a handwoven Black Watch tartan Axminster carpet, most of which is brand new.

# ENTRANCE

# 11'3" x 6'9" (3.44 x 2.08)

The property is accessed through a bright, tiled conservatory with south-facing views over the garden. The main entrance door through to the hall is a period door with clear glass panels and brass fittings.

#### **INNER HALLWAY** 8'0" x 18'2" (2.46 x 5.54)



Stairs to the first floor and access to three reception rooms and the kitchen. A beautiful imposing hallway with deep skirting boards and coving. Space for hanging fishing rods.

# LIVING ROOM 14'7" x 12'11" (4.46 x 3.94)



A beautiful room with bay window, deep skirting boards, picture rail and coving. Gas fire in brass frame with traditional tiled surround with marble mantelpiece over with cream ceramic tiled hearth. Television point.

#### DINING ROOM 12'7" x 16'8" (3.85 x 5.09)



A sunny, bright room with views over the terrace and garden. With bay window, telephone point and picture rail. Fireplace with tiled surround and marble mantelpiece over.

## SITTING ROOM (TUDOR ROOM) 12'7" x 16'8" (3.85 x 5.09)



With white painted fireplace and stone hearth and original bread oven. Good range of period built in cupboards with brass fixings. 2 windows to the side, natural timber ceiling beams, meat hooks and serving hatch into the kitchen.

# **STUDY** 14'7" x 12'8" (4.46 x 3.88)



A step up from the sitting room leads to the study, with two

windows to the side, wall mounted shelving, picture rail and door into the kitchen (not currently used). A good range of built in cupboards. Steps up into:

BATHROOM 14'8" x 11'3" (4.49 x 3.44)



Fitted with shower with curved screen in chrome frame, and wall mounted chrome shower and attachment including handheld hose and rainfall shower. Blue waterproof panelling. Wash basin with chrome mixer tap set into vanity unit with mirror above, shelving, shaver point and light. Low-level wc, white tiled floor, 2 frosted windows to the side, extractor fan, Victorian style heritage chrome and white heated towel rail/radiator, extractor fan and wall mounted Worcester gas boiler.

**KITCHEN** 8'0" x 20'6" (2.45 x 6.25)



From the hallway, a step down leads into the kitchen (low head height) which is fitted with a range of base and wall units in grey with a white laminate worktop over and white ceramic tile splash back. Includes 1.5 bowl stainless steel sink unit, plumbing for dishwaher, integrated Bosch electric oven with 4ring gas hob over, stainless steel extractor fan. Grey tiled floor, UPVC double glazed sash window, wall mounted shelving in alcove with serving hatch through to the third reception room and period farmhouse door to the rear.

#### **PANTRY** 8'0" x 6'0" (2.45 x 1.83)



Step down into the pantry with original stone sconce and wall mounted shelving. Tiled floor.

# UTILITY ROOM



Accessed from the rear courtyard. Belfast style sink, plumbing for washing machine, window to the rear, power point with circuit breaker and tile effect flooring.

# STAIRCASE AND LANDING



An attractive staircase (with burglar step!) leads to the first floor landing. Arched window to the side, with clear glazing panels. Painted wood panelling, coving and access to bedrooms and bathroom.

#### MASTER BEDROOM 15'8" x 14'6" (4.80 x 4.44)



A spacious double bedroom to the front with working shutters, picture rail and servant's bell. Feature fireplace with cast iron basket, ceramic tiles to the side and white painted mantelpiece over.

#### **BEDROOM TWO** 14'7" × 12'7" (4.47 × 3.85)



A spacious double bedroom to the front with working shutters, built-in cupboards, servant's bell, shelving and painted wood panelling.

#### **BEDROOM THREE** 14'8" x 10'11" (4.48 x 3.33)



Double room to the side with working shutters and cupboard.

#### **BEDROOM FOUR** 16'11" x 6'8" (5.16 x 2.04)



Steps up from the landing lead to bedroom four. With windows overlooking the side garden and with unusual original curved shelving.

#### BEDROOM FIVE 10'9" x 8'2" (3.29 x 2.49)



A spacious single room to the front with the view of the fells, painted wood panelling, wall mounted shelving and access into the loft.

#### FAMILY BATHROOM 14'8" x 11'3" (4.49 x 3.44)



Steps up from the inner hallway, leading to the family bathroom. With bath with gold taps and tile splash back, white pedestal wash basin with gold taps, ceramic splashback and bevel edged mirror with lighting. Low-level wc and shower enclosure with Mira shower and attachments, gold coloured frame with concertina door and ceramic splashback. Feature fireplace in cast iron with marble insert. Gold and cream radiator/heated towel rail. Window to Dovers Lane.

From the bathroom a doorway leads into the Hayloft.

# THE HAYLOFT



The first floor is accessed from the bathroom and is currently used for loft storage. Originally there was a staircase to the rear terrace. Beneath are store rooms. With ceiling featuring exposed beams. Windows to two aspects. Ideal for a renovation project.

#### DRIVEWAY



A shared drive gives access onto the private drive of Elmcote and this leads to a turning circle with a beautiful Cypress tree to the centre.

At the entrance to the drive is a detached building of corrugated roof and timber construction which provides garaging and storage space.

#### **FRONT GARDEN**



There is a large garden (extending to approximately half an acre) to the front of the house which is informal and generally laid to lawn - there is an abundance of spring flowers including a huge variety of daffodils, along with drifts of snowdrops and crocus and summer flowers including bluebells, wild garlic, forget-me-nots and lilies in the summer. Beyond is a small orchard (with a variety of late and early eating apples along with pear and quince trees) and space for growing vegetables and to the second side of the drive is a further lawn with mature trees etc.

A path and steps lead to a pedestrian gate onto the main Papcastle Road.

Immediately to the front of the house is a south facing and very sheltered and private terrace - a perfect place to enjoy the sun.

#### **REAR GARDEN**



A path leads to an outside wc with high level cistern. Further small raised garden area with lawn leads down to a patio, with access to the kitchen door and utility room. Outside tap and access to the stores and potting shed.

#### **STORES**

A covered area leads to a stable door which gives access onto Dovers Lane. The original animal stalls are now used as a storage area and have been used as kennels in the past.

# POTTING SHED

Small store with stopcock to the adjoining toilet. It is understood there is an old Roman well here.

# OUTLOOK



From the front of the property there is a delightful outlook over the garden and rooftops to the north-western Lake District fells in the distance.

#### ELMCOTE



#### DIRECTIONS



From Gote Road turn into Papcastle at the James Walker Factory turning. Proceed into the village passing The Burroughs on the left hand side. Just opposite there are two stone gate posts (with the sign Derwent Lodge Cottage) which lead to a shared gravelled drive - proceed up here and take the 2nd drive on the left which is signed Elmcote.

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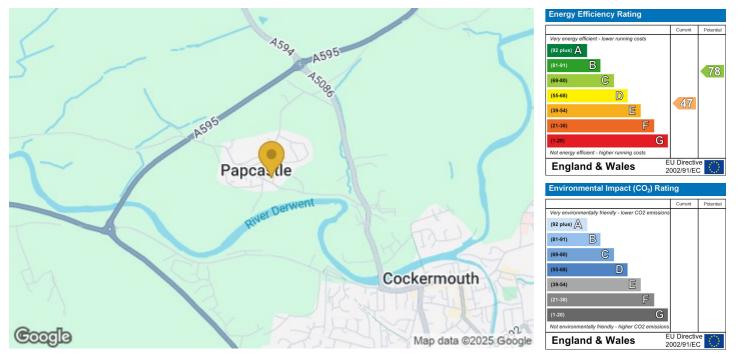
#### **Floor Plan**



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#### Area Map

# **Energy Efficiency Graph**



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