



Druids Altar  
Llangenny | Crickhowell | Powys | NP8 1HD





# KEY FEATURES

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- Grade II Listed House with much character and history
- Located in a small hamlet within 1 mile of Crickhowell
- Spectacular views across the Grwyne Valley and Sugar Loaf Mountain
- Eclectic mix of features and character depicting the past 300 years
- Terraced mature gardens with lawns and specimen trees
- Parking for several vehicles





# SELLER INSIGHT

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“ We have too many fond memories of living at Druids Altar to list. It's been a home that has met our forever changing family needs. We have lived, worked and brought up our family here and been part of a friendly, supportive local community with the town of Crickhowell being within walking distance.

The many and varied walks on offer from our front door have been a highlight along with all the delights of the countryside from the bank of daffodils in the spring and with the magnificent magnolias, primroses and wood anemones, then the bluebells, purple foxglove, cranesbill and comfrey. The smell of lavender, picking our own apples and pears in the autumn, and the walk down the hill to the pub in all seasons!

The birds and the first 'cuckoo', the dawn chorus, the buzzard's mew, the returning swifts swooping and screaming overhead, the woodpecker jackhammering the conker tree and the hooting owls are the sounds that we cherish and will miss.

Not forgetting the wonderful times chatting and eating out on the terrace with family and friends into the evening enjoying the warmth of the fire bowl and the stars.

\* 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.





# OVERVIEW

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Early title maps indicate a single storey stone cottage with origins in the 18th Century. The house today bears little resemblance to its humble beginnings. Believed to have formed part of the Cwrt y Gollen Estate, the house was substantially extended in the 19th Century with a second story added to the original cottage and a cross wing with Tudor-Gothic detail. At some stage during the 1920s a timber clad chalet style single storey extension was added to the rear. In 2012, the present owners renovated, restored and updated the dwelling creating a contemporary style dining room with oak joinery and glazed doors to a private courtyard. Entering the house through the gothic style front door the eyes are immediately drawn to the moulded plaster ceiling and the Victorian style staircase. The reception hall provides access to the two reception rooms located either side of the hall with a sitting room overlooking the side elevation and a second reception room (presently a study) with an ecclesiastical style window located garden side. The sitting room has a moulded plaster ceiling, stone fireplace and hearth housing a wood burning stove and interesting arched shape panelled window. The second reception room also has a moulded plaster ceiling, the fireplace is ornate with a Victorian style cast iron grate and tiled hearth. A door from the entrance halls leads to a rustic style kitchen/breakfast room with fitted painted cupboards, an Aga inset into a tiled surround and door to the side providing access to the lane and parking area. Continue from the kitchen into the light dining room with glazed doors opening onto a private courtyard, a superb place to entertain, especially during the warmer weather.





















Oak steps from the dining room lead to a guest suite comprising spacious bedroom and en-suite bathroom. This room, located in the rear timber clad extension, would also make an ideal office/hobby room with light flooding in from the windows and glazed door to the garden.





# FIRST FLOOR

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Stairs rise from the entrance hall to the first floor landing with access to 4 bedrooms and a bathroom. The first floor is on two levels with the bedrooms to the front of the house above the cross wing and to the rear above the original cottage. The two generous bedrooms to the front share an attractive bathroom with a window to the front affording stunning views across the garden and countryside beyond. The window has period style shutters, light floods into the spacious bathroom which is fitted with a roll top bath and period style basin. Stairs down to the inner landing lead to a W.C. and two further bedrooms, one fitted with a shower. All bedrooms have fitted wash hand basins.













# OUTSIDE

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Druids Altar is set in an elevated position above the hamlet of Llangenny commanding the most spectacular views from every angle. Parking for the house is located on the opposite side of the lane in a private area owned by Druids Altar. From the parking area, the house is approached via a wrought iron pedestrian gate set on two stone pillars. This elevation in front of the original cottage has a level front garden bordered by a stone wall comprising lawn, stone path to the door (original cottage front door opening into the kitchen) and an interesting stone circular well. Continue to the side of the house to the Gothic style cross wing, the formal front door framed by an impressive stone archway. Adjoining this formal entrance is a substantial stone terrace bordered by a low level stone wall affording the most magnificent panoramic view across the valley. A path continues to the side, which gives access to the third external door into the timber clad guest suite. The gardens immediately adjoining the house comprise level lawns interspersed with trees and planted flower beds. Below the lawns a path leads to a terraced garden with fruit trees, mature hedging and an abundance of pretty flowers.











# LOCAL AREA

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The small hamlet of Llangenny is approximately 1 mile from the charming Powys town of Crickhowell. Llangenny is one of the few villages in the area which retains a village public house. There is also a Church and village hall. Crickhowell is a picturesque thriving community with independent shops and a range of amenities including well regarded primary and secondary schools, doctors' and dentists' surgeries, library, restaurants and public houses. The larger, historic town of Abergavenny is some 6 miles east and offers a wider range of amenities including several major supermarkets, a general hospital, leisure facilities and a main line railway station. The area is renowned for its many high quality restaurants and popular events including the annual Food Festival. The Brecon Beacons not only offer spectacular views, terrain and wildlife but are a hive of activity for outdoor pursuits whether that be gentle strolls through beautiful countryside, mountain climbing, horse riding, paddle boarding and open water swimming in the mountain lakes and much more.

Road links within the area are considered excellent with the A40 approximately three miles away providing access to the A465 Heads of the Valley Road, A470 for Cardiff, A4042/A449 for Newport and the M50 and M4 and M5 motorways. A mainline railway station is located on the fringe of Abergavenny, a journey to London Paddington is less than 3 hours.

**Directions:** From Abergavenny proceed on the A40 towards Crickhowell. Stay on this road for circa 3.5 miles, turning right just before entering the village of Glangrwyney. Proceed along the road for 1.1 miles, turn left over the bridge and left again in front of the Dragons Head Inn. Pass the pub car park on the right and the lane begins to rise. Druids Altar is on the left hand side with the car parking opposite on the right.



# INFORMATION

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**Asking Price:** £750,000

**Local Authority:** Powys County Council

**Council Tax Band:** G. Please note that the Council Tax banding was correct as at date property listed. All buyers should make their own enquiries.

**EPC Rating:** Exempt - Grade II Listed.

**Tenure:** Freehold.

**Services:** Mains electricity. Solar PV system. Mains water supply, private drainage. Oil-fired central heating system (the rear ground floor bedroom has electric heaters).

**Broadband:** Ultra full fibre broadband available subject to providers terms and conditions. Please make your own enquiries via: <https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband>

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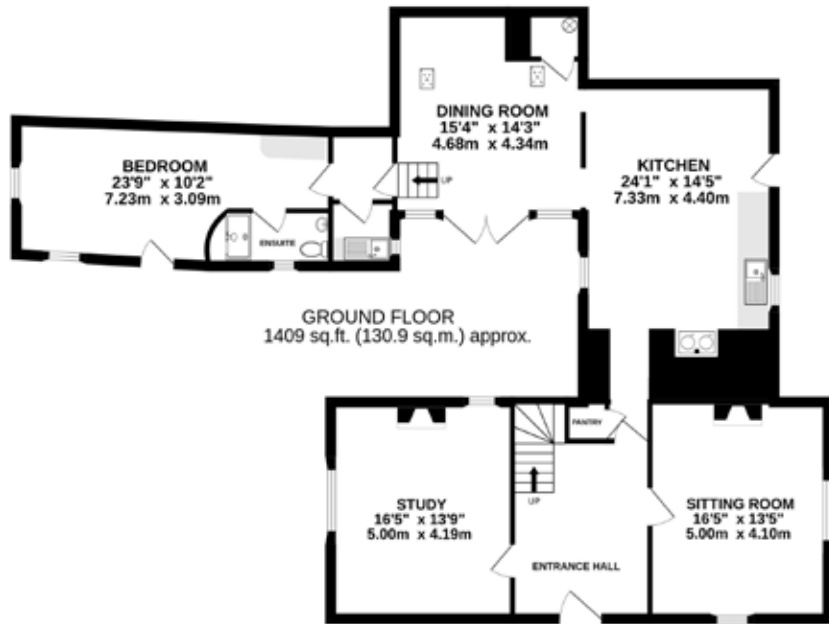
**Covenants:** Title Number - CYM123960. Fine & Country are not aware of any onerous covenants relating to the title number.

**Agent's Notes:** The present owners are members of Crickhowell Energy Local which gives them access to cheaper electricity rates when the linked micro-hydro scheme is operating. Membership is not transferable to new owners although they may be able to apply. The solar PV system has generated 8.75 MWh since installation in June 2019.

**Fixtures and Fittings:** Unless specifically described in these particulars, all fixtures and fittings are excluded from the sale though may be available by separate negotiation.

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TOTAL FLOOR AREA: 2315 sq.ft. (215.1 sq.m.) approx.

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Ben started his career in lettings before transferring over to property sales when he was asked to head up an office in Monmouthshire. As a business, we pride ourselves on the quality of our marketing, our attention to detail, passion for customer service and our experience not only to find a buyer for a property but to see the transaction through to completion. Estate Agency is a changing world, we are very forward thinking, embrace change and strive to be ahead of the curve. Being part of Fine & Country offers the best of both worlds – a global company with outstanding marketing and social media presence combined with intimate knowledge of the local area and a showroom situated in a prime location in Abergavenny. Outside of the business, my leisure time is spent running up a local mountain, in the gym or enjoying outdoor activities with my two young children.



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Heather started her estate agency career in the 1990s. In 2004 Heather joined an estate agency in Abergavenny which held the Fine & Country Licence for the Abergavenny and Crickhowell area. Within a short space of time, Heather purchased her business Partner's shares and she and her team have grown the brand over the past 18 years. Heather is passionate about the business and enjoys working with sellers and buyers from the very beginning of their journey until the keys are finally handed over. Heather loves property.... whether a beautiful period townhouse, a contemporary home or a rural property with land. Heather enjoys the outdoors, walking her dogs through the beautiful countryside of the Brecon Beacons National Park and also, practicing yoga, going open water swimming and more recently, learning to paddleboard.

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