



Widehope Cottage, Bildershaw, West Auckland, County Durham DL14 9PL  
Starting Bid £480,000

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Widehope Cottage is a spacious four-bedroom family home with approximately 6.21 acres (2.51 hectares) of land and stables set in a private yet easily accessible location.

- For sale by the modern method of auction
  - Detached stone built cottage
    - Three reception rooms
    - Four bedrooms
  - Garden to front and rear
  - Double garage and driveway
- Adjoining 0.79 acre (0.31 hectare) paddock and woodland with stable block
  - Further 5.42 acre (2.19 hectare) field close by
  - Energy Performance Rating F 31



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## LOCATION

Widehope Cottage is located in Bildershaw, a small village between West Auckland and Darlington on the A68. The village is generally considered to be an agricultural village and has local schools, shopping and recreational facilities at nearby the nearby towns and villages of Heighington, West Auckland and Bishop Auckland.

For the commuter, the A1(M) is less than 10 minutes away from the property and train stations can be found at Bishop Auckland and Darlington, with international airports at Teesside and Newcastle.

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## DESCRIPTION

Upon entering Widehope Cottage into the entrance hallway, doors radiate to the ground floor living accommodation and stairs rise to the first floor. A large spacious living room lies to the front of the property having windows to front and a feature fireplace with multifuel stove and stone hearth. The

room also has space for a large dining table and chairs making it a great space for entertaining guests. A door provides access to the front porch and a separate part glazed door opens to a second living room with a window to the front of the property and a gas real flame effect fire. A door opens from the second living room to a separate dining room with views over the rear garden. There is a stable style door providing access to the side of the property. From the dining room a doorway leads to the kitchen. The kitchen is fitted with navy blue wall and base units with voids for an American style fridge freezer and cooker and there is undercounter space for washing machine and dishwasher. The walls units have under lighting bringing additional warmth to the room. A door from the kitchen brings you back to the entrance hallway.

To the first floor there are three good sized double bedrooms, all enjoying views over the gardens and a fourth single bedroom which is currently used as a home office. There is a family bathroom with

freestanding bath, double shower, WC and wash hand basin sat within a vanity unit.

Externally the property has a lawned garden to the front with mature shrubbery and to the rear there is a double garage and storage shed that adjoins the property and a rear garden laid to lawn with mature trees and shrubs.

## THE LAND

It From the rear garden, a personnel gate opens to the 0.56 acre (0.22 hectare) paddock with stable block. There is an additional area of woodland on the northern boundary of the paddock.

A separate parcel of 5.42 acres (2.19 hectares) of grassland lies a short distance away on the other side of the A68 to the property having good roadside access. The land would be suitable for grazing and cutting for hay/silage.



## SERVICES

It is understood the property has mains water and electricity, private drainage via a septic tank and the heating is via Calor gas.

## COUNCIL TAX BAND

Durham County Council Tax Band E.

## ENERGY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE

The property is EPC rating F 31.

## MATERIAL INFORMATION

It is understood the property is able to get a standard broadband connection and generally good mobile phone coverage.

## COSTS

Each party is to bear their own costs.

## MONEY LAUNDERING

Prospective buyers should be aware that in the event that they are successful they will be required to provide documents in relation to the current

Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Regulations. The extent of the required documentation will be confirmed to the purchaser (s) after acceptance of an offer.

## TENURE

We are informed by the current vendors that the property is held freehold.

## METHOD OF SALE

This property is for sale by the Modern Method of Auction, meaning the buyer and seller are to Complete within 56 days (the "Reservation Period"). Interested parties personal data will be shared with the Auctioneer (iamsold).

If considering buying with a mortgage, inspect and consider the property carefully with your lender before bidding.

A Buyer Information Pack is provided. The winning bidder will pay £349.00 including VAT for this pack which you must view before bidding.

The buyer signs a Reservation Agreement and makes payment of a non-refundable Reservation Fee of 4.50% of the purchase price including VAT, subject to a minimum of £6,600.00 including VAT. This is paid to reserve the property to the buyer during the Reservation Period and is paid in addition to the purchase price. This is considered within calculations for Stamp Duty Land Tax.

Services may be recommended by the Agent or Auctioneer in which they will receive payment from the service provider if the service is taken. Payment varies but will be no more than £450.00. These services are optional.

## VIEWINGS

Please contact Vickers & Barrass Darlington office on 01325 728084 to arrange a viewing, which are strictly by appointment only.





## LOCAL AUTHORITY

Durham County Council

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## NOTES

Particulars prepared February 2024

Photographs taken February/June/December 2024

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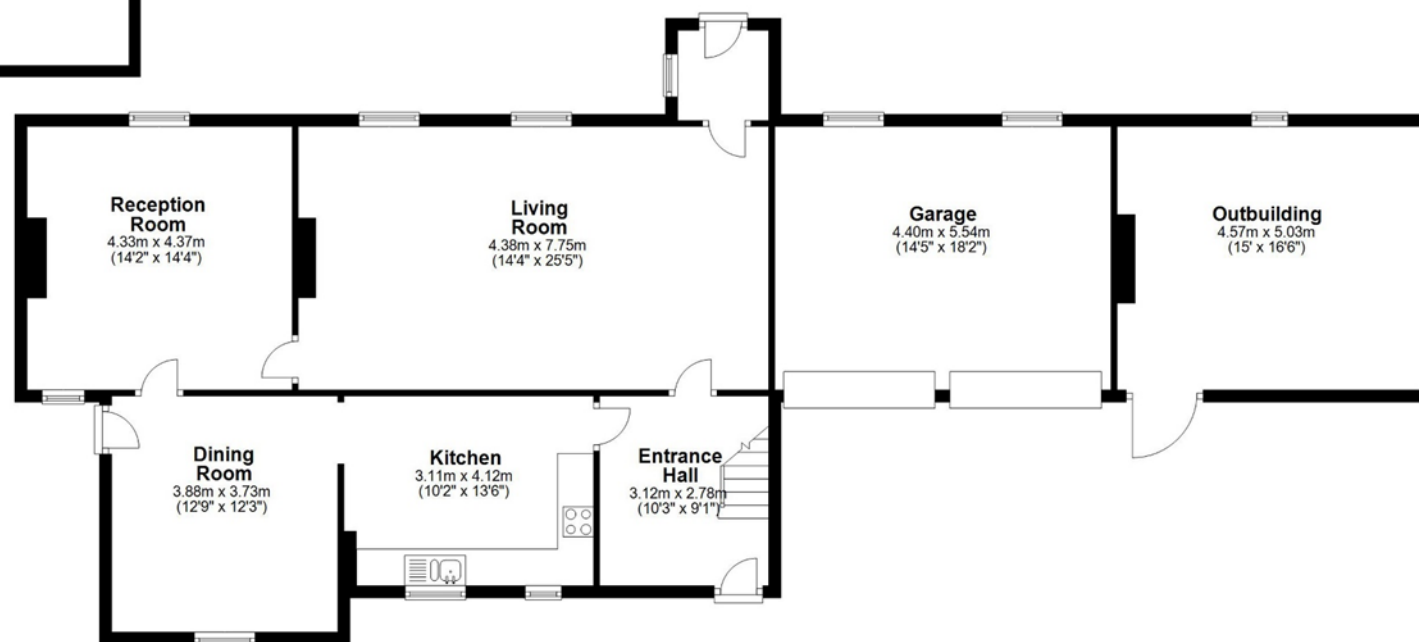
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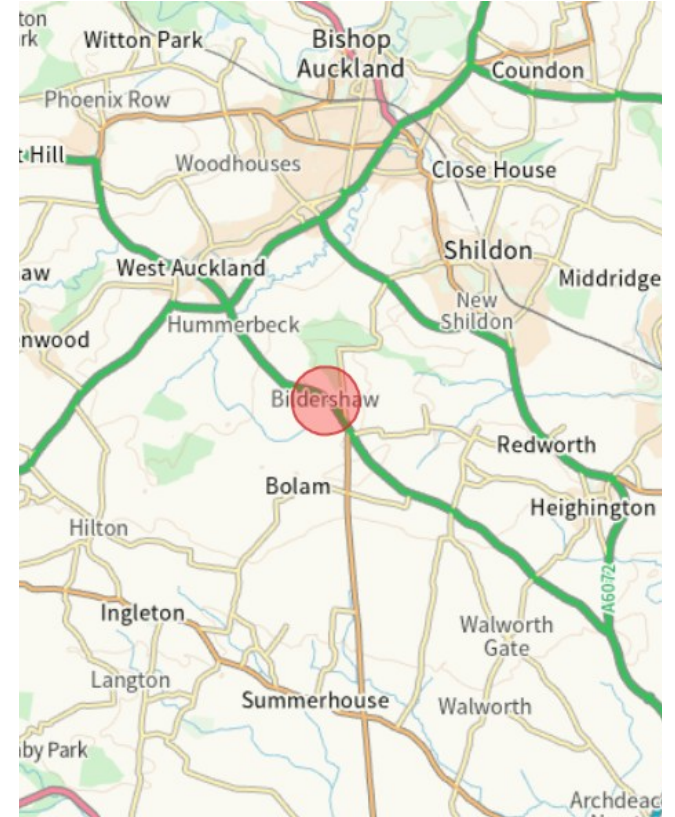
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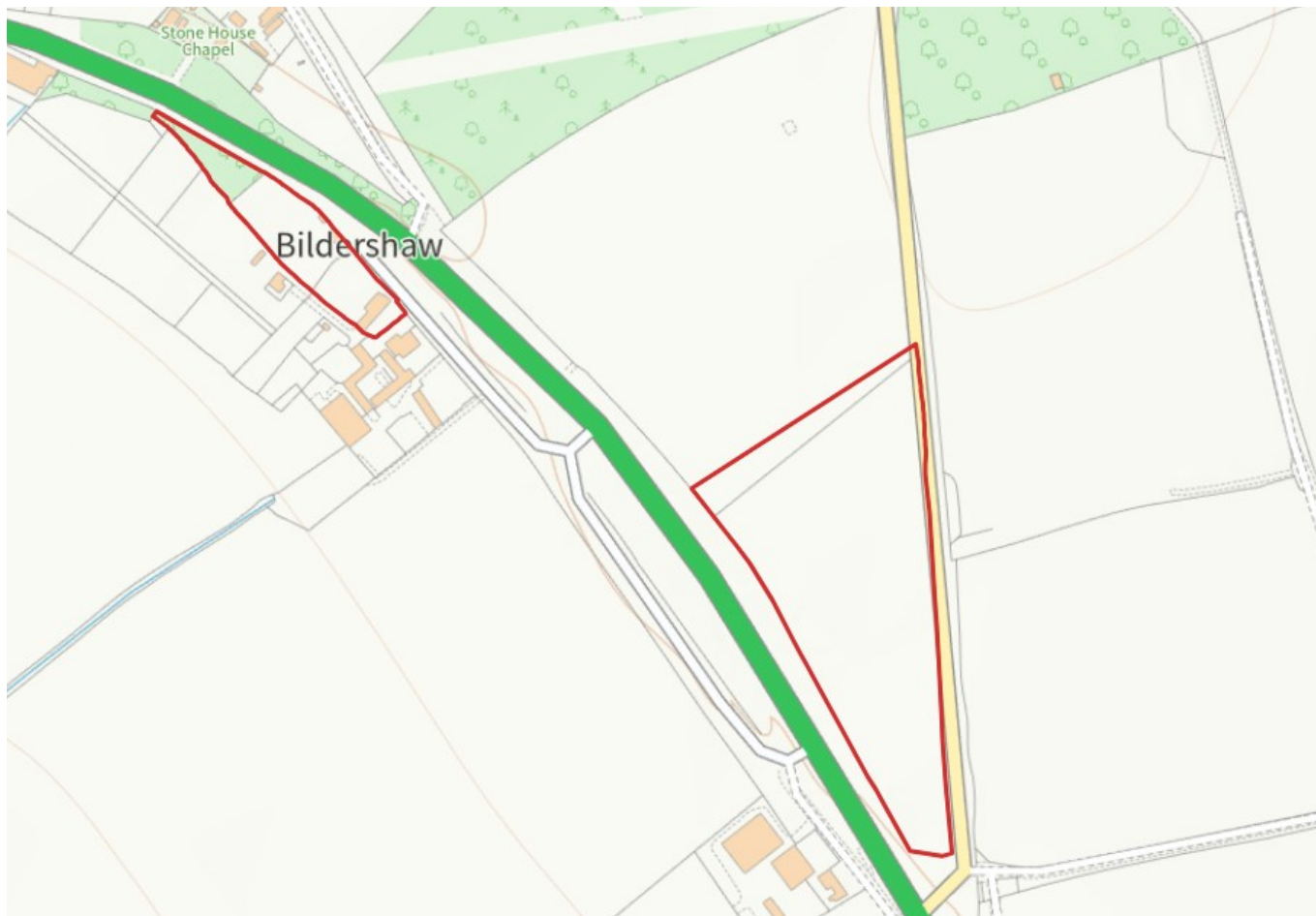
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