

Beautiful Countryside in Northwest Essex

The village of Quendon, equidistant from Saffron Walden and Bishops Stortford has excellent transport links, with a junction to the M11 at Bishops Stortford. Regular fast trains departing from nearby Stansted Mountfitchet station directly into London Liverpool Street. Stansted Airport is only seven miles away. Located in a delightfully rural area with good amenities, it is ideal for commuters and families alike. The village is dominated by its beautiful Grade II* thirteenth century parish church, seventeenth century Quendon Hall with its long history and the late Victorian drinking trough and fountain in the village centre donated to the people of Quendon in 1887. There is a football field, a village hall, bluebell woods nearby primary school and a pub in Rickling Green, just half a mile away. Stansted Mountfitchet has several small shops including Co-op and Tesco Express, doctors, dentist, pharmacy, vets, petrol stations, several pubs, restaurants and take aways. Newport is also only a five minute drive away.

Period Charm and Modern Functionality

In the heart of Quendon, arranged over three floors is this absolutely delightful family home, once the village shop and bakery, and in more recent history, a pottery studio. It was built in the 17th Century when Charles II was on the throne. Full of character, it has many exposed beams and timbers, brick fireplaces and some original flooring. It benefits from two off-street parking spaces next door to The Old Stores and shown in front picture. 24 hour parking is also available at the village hall opposite for a small annual fee. A remarkable spacious and flexible interior, as well as a pretty east-facing rear garden. The current owner bought it fourteen years ago and has done a fantastic job of restoring it to its former glory. The front door opens into a truly stunning open plan dining and sitting room area, with many exposed beams and a handsome staircase in the middle rising up to the first floor.





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The sitting room has an attractive brick fireplace and hearth with a gas fire, a striking feature window and is a light, welcoming and cosy space.

To the left, there is more than enough room for a dining room table and chairs, and at Christmas, with the high ceilings and exposed beams, painted brickwork and brick fireplace, this is a fairytale space. The kitchen is in the 19th Century part of the house, it has wooden cabinets painted in cream and peacock green, a double electric oven, exposed brickwork and a gas hob with four burners. Leading off to the right, is the modern living room converted from the pottery studio. It is elegant, contemporary and welcoming, flooded with light streaming through the double doors and full height picture window on to the garden and trees beyond. There is a useful store room, plus a small lobby with staircase leading down to the cellar, which affords accommodation at head height. If desired, and with the correct planning permission in place, it may well be possible to tank it out and convert into another room. Running along beside the kitchen is the workshop and useful boot room. Next door is the utility room with a stainless steel sink, plumbing for washing machine and useful cupboards. Plus a separate room with downstairs toilet and sink.

Charming Rooms

The first floor is spacious, versatile and flooded with light. For such an old house, it is incredibly open. The principal bedroom suite is delightful with a dressing room and an elegant en suite shower room. The third bedroom also benefits from a dressing room and the fourth bedroom is also large enough for a double bed with ease, both bedrooms feature exposed beams.



















The fifth bedroom is currently being used as a home office. The three piece family bathroom has a bath with shower over, and there is also a shower room with additional toilet on this level, ideal for any family configuration. A staircase leads up to the second floor where there is a large bedroom in the eaves under the pitched roof. It would make a perfect teenage hangout or hobby room. There is also a loft which has been insulated and part boarded out. With the correct planning permission in place, it may be possible to convert it. The owners were granted planning permission for a wraparound ground floor extension. The permission is expired but could be revisited.

Pretty Garden

The private rear garden has a sizeable patio with the rest laid to lawn with elements of wild flower planting. There are fragrant lavender bushes and plenty of mature bushes, perennials and shrubs.

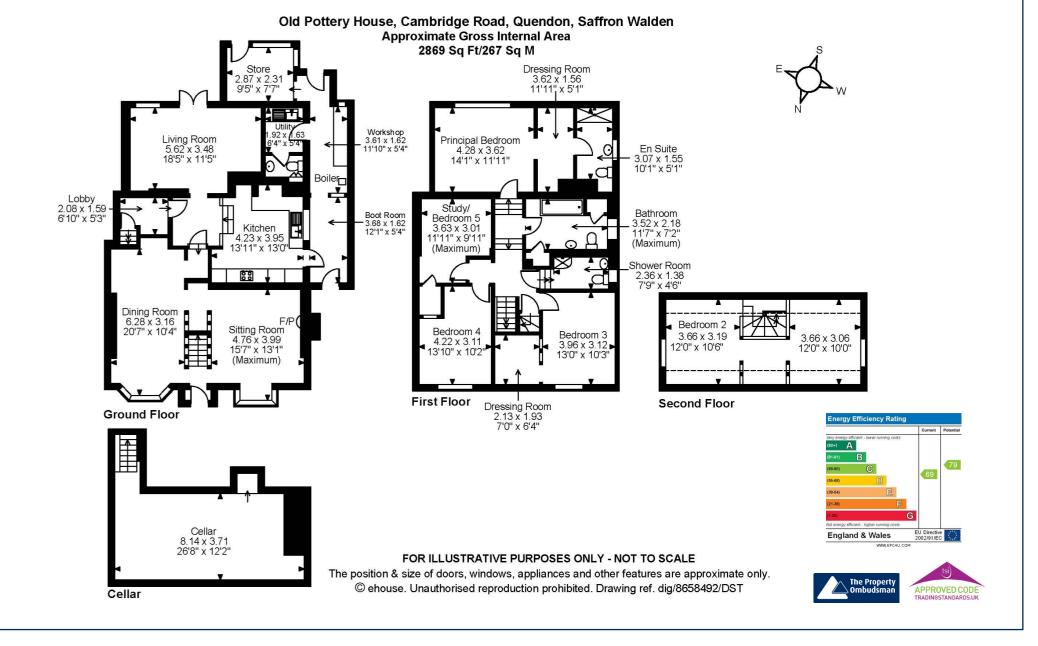
For families, there are several primary schools, within walking distance there is nearby Rickling, plus a short drive away are Newport, Clavering, Ugley, Bishops Stortford and Elsenham. Much sought-after Joyce Frankland Academy in Newport offers secondary education, along with Saffron Walden County High School for sixth form education.

With three reception rooms, a cellar, three bathrooms, a downstairs toilet, five bedrooms, off-street parking and an enviable village centre location, this charming and historical house is waiting for the next stage in its journey.









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