



# AN IMPRESSIVE PERIOD COUNTRY HOUSE

Set in a beautiful river valley with outbuildings, walled garden, grazing, woodland and a two bedroom lodge.

Yarty House has a gorgeous, private setting surrounded by about 26 acres of grounds. It has generously sized rooms including four reception rooms, large kitchen/breakfast room and eight double bedrooms.

#### Summary of accommodation

Ground Floor: Porch with attached veranda | Cloakroom | Hall | Drawing room | Sitting room | Conservatory | Library
Dining room | Back hall | Kitchen/breakfast room | Scullery | Larder | Two storerooms | Suite of cellars | Veranda
Attached courtyard with two outbuilding ranges incorporating rear porch, boot room, five storerooms & gardener's WC | Attached greenhouse

First Floor: Landing | Principal bedroom with en suite/dual access bathroom with access to further double bedroom Double bedroom with en suite bath & shower room | Double bedroom with en suite/dual access bathroom | Two further double bedrooms

Attic Floor: Two double bedrooms | Bathroom | Kitchen | Attics | Water tank room

**Outside:** Attached greenhouse | Coach house incorporating double garage, stabling, tack room, first floor den & storage Parking | Garden | Orchard | Woodland | Paddocks

In all about 26.25 acres

### LOCATION

Yarty House has no near neighbours and is situated in an unspoilt valley within the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The house is about a mile and a quarter from the small village of Membury, which has a population of about 500 plus a village hall and pretty 14th century parish church. Most day to day needs can be met in the nearby, historic market town of Axminster, which is conveniently only about 15 minutes away by car. Amenities include a good selection of shops including a Tesco superstore, a GP surgery, two dental practices and a railway station on the West of England Main Line that runs from Exeter via Salisbury to London Waterloo. The wider local area also offers a choice of popular schools for children of all ages from both the state and independent sectors.

#### THE PROPERTY

Set up on the side of the unspoilt, pretty valley carrying the River Yarty as it flows down from the Blackdown Hills, Yarty House enjoys complete peace and quiet along with lovely, far-reaching views over the surrounding countryside. The house is an impressive, unlisted family house with over 6,500 sq ft of living space. It is built of red brick with two storeys under a plain clay tile roof with deep eaves, tall 12 pane sash windows with dressed sandstone surrounds and an elegant, glazed veranda overlooking the garden.

In addition, the property has an upper floor within the roof space plus a suite of cellars below the ground floor. Internally it has well-proportioned rooms with high ceilings, all grouped around a central hall and first floor landing. Overall, the house has a wonderful feeling of charm and space and has retained most of its original fittings including several fireplaces and copious internal joinery including panelled doors, working shutters and window seats. The ground floor has four principal reception rooms, with the sitting and drawing rooms connected by a pair of doors that create a large entertainment space when opened.







In addition, the ground floor has a conservatory off one end of the veranda and a large kitchen/breakfast room fitted with a four-oven AGA.

Upstairs there are a total of eight double bedrooms, all with lovely views out over lush countryside, plus four bathrooms of which two are en suite.















 $Approximate \ Gross \ Internal \ Area$   $610.7 \ sq \ m/6573 \ sq \ ft$  (excluding Outbuildings, loft and storage areas)

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## GARAGING, PARKING & OUTBUILDINGS

In addition to the main house, there is a good-sized two-bedroom lodge at the bottom of the driveway, which is in great condition and has been successfully rented out previously. It features two bedrooms, a bathroom, a kitchen, and a comfortable living area, opening up a range of possibilities for future use.

The main house sits well back from a quiet country lane and is approached via a gently meandering tarmac drive that emerges onto a good-sized parking area in front of the house, with space for several cars. Attached to one side of the house is an attractive courtyard formed by two ranges of outbuildings that incorporate the boot room and rear porch of the house along with five storerooms, gardener's WC and a greenhouse. Beyond the courtyard is the stable yard and coach house, which provides a double garage, stabling for several horses and a tack room, with the hayloft serving as a first floor den with adjacent storage.

#### GARDEN & GROUNDS

Yarty House, built on a landscaped mound, lies within an area of mature formal gardens that is partly walled and which complement the house and attendant outbuildings perfectly. They also provide a lush screen that shields the house from prying eyes and inclement weather. The major portion of the part-walled garden lies on the northwestern and northeastern sides of the house incorporating a large, level lawn. To the southeast beyond the stable yard is a mature, mixed orchard bound by mature, low hedging. The grounds also feature a tennis court and the entire garden, orchard, stable beds and lawn were beautifully designed by the renowned garden designer Mary Keen.

Overall, the house stands centrally within its grounds, which total about 26 acres. The access driveway is lined with trees with a large paddock











beyond on one side and a block of mature broadleaf woodland on the other. This extends the full length of the drive and then continues around behind the house and garden. Beyond are two further blocks of woodland, with one lying on the far side of the passing lane. Within the grounds are extensive areas of mature pastureland split into five paddocks bound by stock-proof fencing.

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Tenure: Freehold

**Services:** Mains electricity. Private water supply and private drainage (septic tank). Oil-fired central heating & AGA.

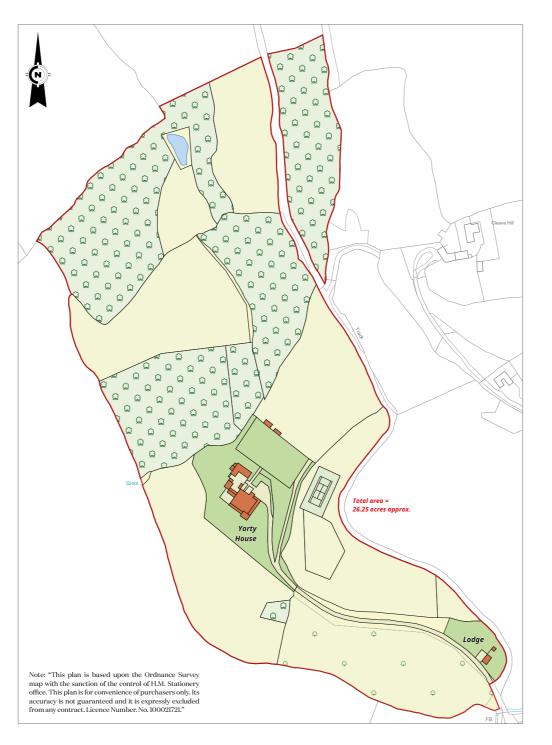
Local Authority: East Devon District Council (www.eastdevon.gov.uk)

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