Sandford Country Cottages, Fife, DD6

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A unique collection of properties set within the grounds of a magnificent B listed Arts and Crafts house close to St. Andrews. Four/five bedroom main house, six luxury self catering units and two land plots with planning for future development.

Overview

This charming property was designed as 'Sandford Cottage' by renowned architect M H Baillie Scott for James Harben Valentine in 1901-2. Fully restored by the current owners and set within the delightful Fife countryside, this is a wonderful home in an ideal location, just 10 miles from St Andrews and 5 miles from Dundee. The property currently operates as a thriving 5-star holiday destination with six luxury self-catering units. The current owners have maintained, developed and operated the property with great care and attention over the years and have created a wonderful opportunity for the next ownership.

Accommodation

Sandford House, a B listed Arts and Crafts home with four to five bedrooms

Six luxury self catering properties, totalling fourteen letting bedrooms, all en suite

The Coach House Valentines

Baillie Scott

The Giddy Limit Lady Bluebell Red Squirrel Apartment

Garaging | Workshop | Treehouse | BBQ house

Beautifully maintained and extensive mature gardens

Fully restored throughout, in keeping with the Arts and Crafts style, Sandford House is stunningly presented throughout. This is a unique opportunity for purchasers to acquire a magnificent B listed period property in the most unique of locations, with the ability to deliver strong operational returns going forward.



Location

Sandford House sits in an idyllic, private country setting close to the popular coastal villages of Newport on Tay and Wormit. It has outstanding views over the surrounding Fife countryside which include glimpses of the mighty River Tay to the north.

The property is highly accessible, well positioned for access to Dundee, Cupar and St. Andrews, with Perth, Aberdeen and Edinburgh also within comfortable driving distance. Good local services are available in Wormit and Newport on Tay, with all of Dundee's facilities and amenities on hand across the River Tay.

Cupar, Fife's bustling market town, lies a ten minutes' drive to the south and offers an excellent range of shops and services as well as a thriving monthly farmers' market. The ancient and historic town of St. Andrews, globally acclaimed as the Home of Golf, lies about ten miles to the south-east.

North-east Fife provides access to an area of particular outstanding and varied countryside with hill, wood, river, farmland and coastline. As a result there is a wide range of outdoor activities on hand with walking, cycling, watersports and riding all readily available. It is perhaps golf for which Fife is most well-known with numerous top-quality courses in a comparatively small area, including the world-renowned Old Course at St. Andrews which regularly hosts the Open Championship and Dunhill Cup. Other notable courses nearby include Carnoustie, Ladybank, Scotscraig, Kingsbarns, Dumbarnie, Blairgowrie, Downfield and Crail.

Shooting and fishing may be taken locally whilst the lovely quaint fishing villages of the East Neuk like Elie, Anstruther, Pittenweem and St. Monans are well within striking distance.

There are good state primary and secondary schools in the area with independent schooling on hand at a number of highly rated schools, including St. Leonards at St. Andrews and the High School of Dundee. There are railway stations in Leuchars, Cupar, Ladybank and Dundee with Edinburgh airport approximately one hour to the south. The regional airport at Dundee offers short-haul flights.



The Property & Operations

The self-catering cottages have been operational over the last decade after an extensive period of upgrading and redevelopment from the purchase of the property in 2010. The property renovations have all involved rewiring, re-plumbing and the installation of new septic tanks on the site. The detached Coach House cottage was constructed and begun trading in 2019.

The only other staff working at Sandford Cottages are two housekeepers who assist with changeovers. The business currently operates with three night minimum stays and is extremely popular with larger groups, either for family get togethers, as accommodation for local events, or golf tourers and visitors who use the cottages as a base to explore the surrounding areas.

The website domain would be available with the sale of the property: https://www.sandfordcountrycottages.co.uk/

All furniture, fixtures and fittings required for the operation of the self-catering cottages would be included within the sale price. Personal items and furniture within Sandford House would be excluded from the price.

Gross incomes in excess of £225,000 per annum have been achieved by the current owners. Current and historic trading performance will be made available to serious parties on formally viewing the property. There is excellent potential along with current and future bookings to make a strong business out of Sandford Cottages and the potential to develop the offering in future years by adding further accommodation.







Sandford House

This beautiful home acts as the owners house. With plentiful entertaining space, it has an open plan kitchen dining area, family room and two further living rooms. The first floor offers two double bedrooms with a family bathroom and a generous principal suite with an en suite bathroom. A home office completes this level and lends itself nicely as another bedroom with some reconfiguration. The attic room on the second floor could be used as a further bedroom or family space.

















Sandford House

Approximate Gross Internal Floor Area 5,059 sq ft / 470 sq m Attic 376 sq ft / 35 sq m

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Ground Floor













Red Squirrel Apartment

A delightful one bedroom apartment located on the second floor of the original house, with open plan kitchen living space.



Approximate Gross Internal Floor Area 904 sq ft / 84 sq m

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Lady Bluebell

A three bedroom apartment, all double bedrooms with en suite bedrooms and with its own private terrace leading to the garden. It is named after Lady Bluebell Walker who lived here along with her family from 1930 - 1960.





Charming cottage with two double, en suite bedrooms and lovely open plan kitchen/living/ dining space. It is named after Harben J Valentine who commissioned Baillie Scott to design 'Sandford Cottage' as the house was known in 1902.















Lady Bluebell

Approximate Gross Internal Floor Area 1,227 sq ft / 114 sq m

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Valentines

Approximate Gross Internal Floor Area 656 sq ft / 61 sq m

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The Giddy Limit

A stunning three bedroom apartment, all double bedrooms with en suites bathrooms. The living space is the focal point of this apartment with it's open plan kitchen, living area, woodburning stove and external balcony area.







Approximate Gross Internal Floor Area 1,292 sq ft / 120 sq m Balcony 114 sq ft / 11 sq m

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First Floor



Baillie Scott

A two bedroomed cottage which sleeps four in two en suite bedrooms. It has a bright, open plan kitchen/living/dining space. It is named after the architect Mackay Hugh Baillie Scott who designed Sandford back in 1902.











Approximate Gross Internal Floor Area 1,119 sq ft / 104 sq m

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First Floor

Ground Floor



The Coach House

A new detached cottage which is wheelchair accessible. It is very spacious property with three large en suite bedrooms, one of which has a large walk-in wet room.





















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Approximate Gross Internal Floor Area BBQ Hut: 246 sq ft / 24 sq m Workshop: 844 sq ft / 80 sq m Garage: 636 sq ft / 60 sq m Treehouse: 451 sq ft / 42 sq m Deck: 97 sq ft / 9 sq m

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Land Plots

The property benefits from planning permission on two sections of land. These are divided in to a site c.1.5 acres which has granted planning for three individual homes as well as a c. 2 acre paddock with planning to create a large residential home with a pond and garaging.

Within the 1.5 acre site there is confirmation that there would be unrestricted use for the three properties under a residential consent so it would be possible to add further rental accommodation that could be let out in addition to Sandford Cottages. 11/05405/FULL

Planning Permission

1.5 acre plot - Ref. No: 10/03307/FULL - Planning permission in perpetuity for three detached residential houses Ref. No: 10/03307/FUL

2 acre paddock – Ref. No: 23/00893/ARC - Application for matters specified in conditions of planning permission in principle 21/001769/PPP for erection of a dwellinghouse and garage with formation of pond and associated access arrangement including associated drainage and landscape infrastructure

EPC Rating

C/D

Rateable Value

£16,300

Local Authority

Fife Council - https://www.fife.gov.uk/

Services

Mains water and electricity. Private drainage. LPG and ground source. There are no Section 75 payments due on the sites.

Third Party Rights and Servitudes

The subjects are sold together with and subject to all existing rights of way, servitudes, wayleaves and others whether contained in the Title Deeds or otherwise, and purchasers will be deemed as satisfied themselves in respect thereof.

Boundary

The site boundaries and vehicular access are shown on the site plan and images. All purchasers will be required to satisfy themselves with the legal boundaries as disclosed within the title deeds.

Viewing

By appointment through Knight Frank on 0131 222 9600.

Financial Guarantee/Anti Money Laundering

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