

An impressive pair of holiday let barn conversions with grounds of over 1½ acres in a stunning position overlooking the Blyth Estuary, a short distance from Southwold.

Guide Price
£895,000 Freehold
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Whitehouse Barns
Bulcamp Drift
Nr Southwold
Suffolk
IP19 9LG



Lower Barn - Entrance hall, inner hall, 24' open plan kitchen, dining and sitting room, two shower rooms and a bathroom. Four bedrooms arranged over two floors.

Upper Barn - Entrance hall, inner hall, 21' open plan kitchen, dining and sitting room, two bathrooms and four bedrooms arranged over two floors.

Generous gravelled parking areas.

Gardens and grounds of approximately 1.6 acres (0.65 hectares).

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Location

Whitehouse Barns form part of the small hamlet of Bulcamp Drift, which is located in a stunning position adjoining the River Blyth and with views back towards Southwold's townscape. Bulcamp Drift comprises just a handful of dwellings in an exquisite location that is classed as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Located over 500 metres along a private track from the public highway, the barns benefit from an accessible location being only a short distance from the A12 trunk road, whilst the delightful and ever popular coastal town of Southwold is just 4 miles to the east. Southwold has a thriving high street, accommodating a mix of both national and local retailers, numerous pubs and restaurants together with its famous sandy beach and rejuvenated pier.

The coast line either side of the town is amongst the most unspoilt in the country, with the well regarded coastal villages of Dunwich, Walberswick and Cove Hithe, whilst the surrounding countryside of the Suffolk Heritage Coast is designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and includes such attractions as the nearby Dunwich Forest, Minsmere Birds Reserve, as well as Henham Park and the Benacre and Covehithe Broads. The River Blyth provides access to the sea for those with boating interests. The A12 links to the county town of Ipswich (32 miles) to the south, whilst the A145 provides access to the cathedral city of Norwich (via Beccles - at the southern point of the Broads), which lies about 29 miles to the north west. There are further local facilities in Halesworth (6 miles to the west) and Saxmundham (11 miles to the south), which has a popular Waitrose store as well as a Tesco. Both offer access to branch line rail services running to Ipswich and beyond to London Liverpool Street Station. There is also a railway station at Darsham (6 miles) linking to Ipswich.

Description

Whitehouse Barns was originally an agricultural building that we understand served the surrounding dairy farm, and approximately 20 years ago it was converted to create two separate holiday lettings under the direction of the renowned London architect, Richard Griffiths. The planning permission requires for the barns to be vacant for the period from 14th January to 1st March each year, but otherwise we are not aware of any restrictions on the period of time any one person can be in occupation. In 2018 the vendors acquired Whitehouse Barns and shortly thereafter undertook an extensive programme of renovation and refurbishment to create the beautifully appointed accommodation that the properties now offer. In addition, separate and independent electricity and water connections were made together with independent heating and hot water systems.

In the intervening years the vendors have enjoyed the use of the barns, but also let them out, and for the financial year 2021 to 2022 the barns generated over £90,000 of gross income. The website for the barns can be included in the sale, if required—www.whitehousebarns.co.uk. Copies of the last year's accounts can be made available to interested parties on request. However, for the 2022/2023 financial year, the vendors have chosen to not 'intensively' let Whitehouse Barns.

Outside the barns enjoy generous gardens and grounds that extend to approximately 1.6 acres (0.65 ha) in all. Immediately surrounding the property are more formal gardens including patios to both the front and rear that enjoy the sun during the mornings and evenings. From these areas the grounds have been left to their own devices allowing the natural habitat to ebb and flow with the seasons.



Lower Barn - The Accommodation

Ground Floor

A contemporary wooden panelled door with centre light opens into the

Entrance Hall

With wood effect flooring, fitted coat hooks and door off to

Shower Room One

Extremely well fitted with suite comprising fully tiled enclosure housing the Mira Agile mixer shower, WC with concealed cistern and pedestal wash basin. Recessed spotlighting, electric heated towel rail and extractor fan.

An opening from the Entrance Hall leads into the

Kitchen, Dining & Sitting Room 24'4 x 15' (7.42m x 4.57m)

A wonderful, open plan multi-functional room forming the 'hub' of Lower Barn. The kitchen area is well fitted with a range of cupboard and drawer units with wooden block work surface over incorporating a stainless steel sink with mixer tap and drainer. Bosch induction hob with light and extractor hood over together with dual Samsung under counter ovens. Integral Bosch dishwasher and fridge/freezer. The focal point of the sitting area is the fireplace containing the woodburning stove with wooden mantel over and flanking recessed storage areas. Fully glazed French doors on both elevations providing impressive views of the Blyth Estuary, gardens and grounds, together with plenty of light. Vaulted ceiling, wood effect flooring TV point, underfloor heating and doors off to



Shower Room Two

Another well fitted shower room with fully tiled shower cubicle containing the Mira Agile mixer shower, WC with concealed cistern, mounted Roca wash basin with storage cupboard under, wood effect flooring to match the remainder, heated towel rail, recessed spotlighting and extractor fan.

From the Sitting Room a staircase beside the fireplace leads down to

Bedroom One 12'2 x 10'3 (3.71m x 3.12m)

A generous, twin aspect double bedroom with large windows making the most of the wonderful views of the Blyth Estuary and beyond. Fitted wardrobe cupboards, fitted shelving and wood effect flooring to match the remainder.

From the Sitting Room, on the other side of the fireplace a second staircase rises to

Bedroom Two 13'6 x 10'9 (4.11m x 3.28m)

Another double bedroom that makes the most of the stunning views. Large window on the gable elevation providing plenty of light, built in wardrobe cupboard, fitted shelving, Velux window light, wall light points, vaulted ceiling and wooden boarded floor.

A third staircase, beside the Kitchen area, rises to

Bedroom Four 11'8 x 10'6 (3.56m x 3.2m)

With low level Velux window light offering views of the grounds and estuary, fitted shelving and door to eaves storage cupboard. Wooden boarded flooring and door to 'paddle' staircase returns to the ground floor.



Returning to the ground floor, the Entrance Hall opens into the

Inner Hall

With 'paddle' staircase rising to Bedroom Four, telephone point and door to **Utility Cupboard** containing the hot water tank, Grant oil fired boiler, plumbing connections for a washing machine, fitted shelving and underfloor heating manifold.

Doors from the Inner Hall provide access to

Bedroom Three 12' x 10'3 (3.66m x 3.12m)

Another good sized double bedroom with window on the rear elevation providing views of the Blyth Estuary and the Southwold townscape beyond. Fitted wardrobe cupboards and wood effect flooring to match the remainder.

Bathroom

With matching suite comprising panel bath with mixer tap and separate Mira Agile mixer shower in tiled surround, WC with concealed cistern and Roca washbasin with storage cupboard under. Wood effect flooring, towel rail, recessed spotlighting and extractor fan.



View from Bedroom Two

Upper Barn - The Accommodation

Ground Floor

A contemporary wooden panelled door with centre light opens into the

Entrance Hall

With wood effect flooring, fitted coat hooks and doors off to

Bathroom One

Well fitted with suite comprising free standing bath with centre aligned mixer tap, fully tiled shower enclosure housing the Mira Agile mixer shower, WC with concealed cistern and Roca mounted wash basin with cupboard under. Heated towel rail, wood effect flooring to match remainder, recessed spotlighting and extractor fan.

A second door from the Entrance Hall opens into the

Inner Hall

With staircase rising to the First Floor, telephone point and door to **Utility Cupboard** containing the hot water tank, Grant oil fired boiler, plumbing connections for a washing machine, fitted shelving and underfloor heating manifold. Doors from the Inner Hall provides access to

Kitchen, Dining & Sitting Room

A stunning, double height multi-functional room with fully glazed French doors and a large window on the gable elevation providing plenty of light and wonderful views of the surrounding countryside and estuary. The kitchen area is well fitted with a range of cupboard and drawer units with wooden blockwork surface over incorporating a stainless steel sink with mixer tap. Four ring Bosch electric hob with oven and grill under. Integral Bosch dishwasher, microwave and fridge/freezer. The focal point of the sitting area is the woodburning stove with exposed flue, with a backdrop view of the adjoining pasture land. Wood effect flooring to match the remainder and TV point. French doors opening onto patio areas at both the front and rear that enjoy the sun during the morning and evening.





Returning to the Inner Hall further doors provide access to

Bedroom One

A double bedroom with casement window overlooking the gardens and estuary. Fitted wardrobe cupboard and wood effect flooring.

Bedroom Two

A single bedroom that also enjoys fantastic views of the estuary to the east. Fitted wardrobe cupboard and wood effect flooring.



Bathroom Two

Fitted in a matching fashion to the remainder with panelled bath with mixer tap and Mira Agile mixer shower in tiled surround, WC with concealed cistern and mounted Roca washbasin with storage cupboard under. Recessed spotlighting, extractor fan and wood effect flooring to match the remainder.

Stairs from the Inner Hall rise to the First Floor Landing with doors off to

Bedroom Three 14'7 x 10'6 (4.44m x 3.2m)

A charming double bedroom with vaulted ceiling and low level Velux window light providing views towards Southwold. Fitted wardrobe cupboard, fitted shelving and wooden boarded floors.

Bedroom Four 9' x 9' (2.74m x 2.44m)

A single bedroom with vaulted ceiling and Velux window light providing good views. Wooden boarded floor.

Outside

A five bar gate opens onto a sweeping driveway that leads to a gravelled parking and turning area to the front of the barns. This area has been landscaped and comprises railway sleeper style retaining walls and borders containing a number of shrubs. Enclosing the front driveway are gardens that are predominantly laid to grass and very much left to their own devices. Along the front boundary one or two specimen trees have been planted in recent years. The barns also enjoy separate patio areas to both the front and rear. These can be accessed via the French doors serving the sitting rooms, and enjoy the sun in both the morning and the evening.

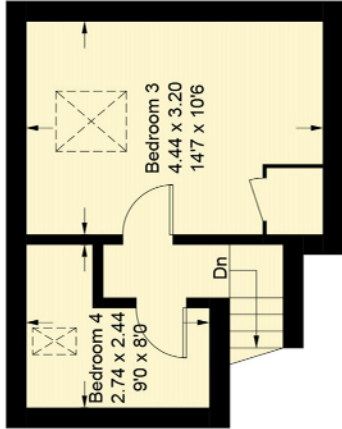
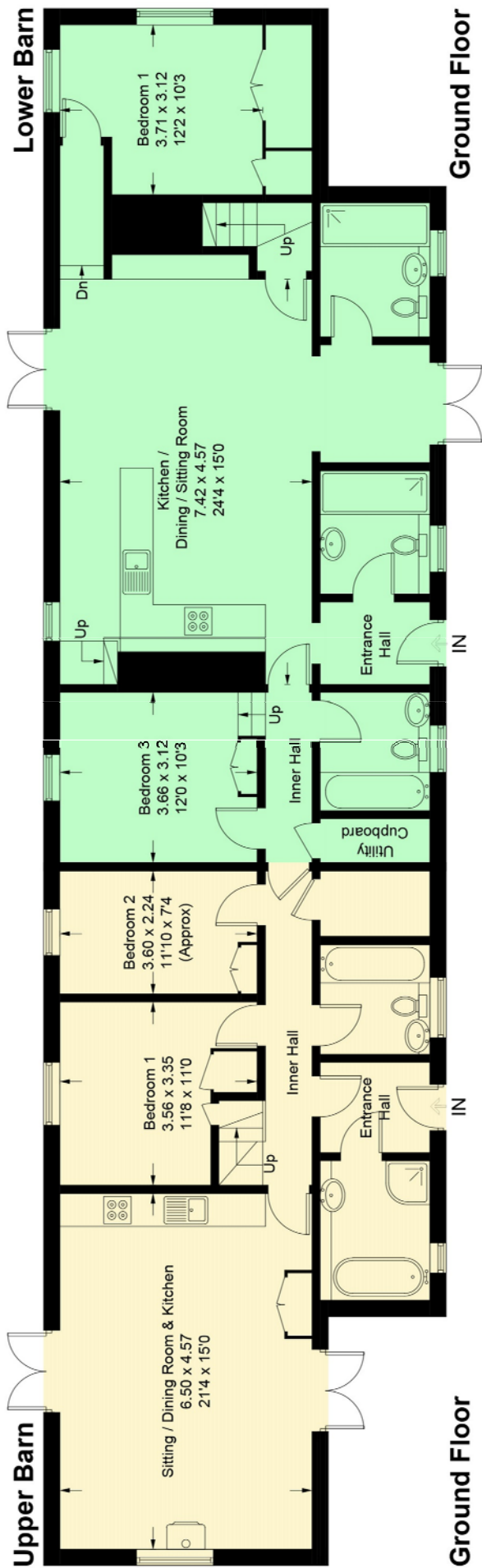
The majority of the gardens are to the rear, and much like the front garden, left to its own devices. There is a grassed area immediately adjoining the rear of the barns, and beyond this is a more natural, meadow type area that leads up to the river wall.



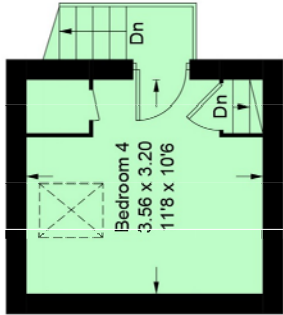


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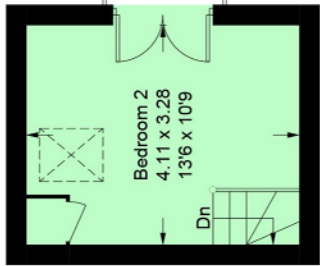
Approximate Gross Internal Area = 221.0 sq m / 2379 sq ft



First Floor



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Viewing Strictly by appointment with the agent.

Services Mains water and electricity. Single private drainage system. Oil fired boilers serving the underfloor heating and hot water systems.

EPC Rating = D (for both barns).

Council Tax Not currently rated for Council Tax.

Rateable Value £5,800 (covering both units). Small Business Rates relief may be applicable.

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3. Please note that Lower Barn and Upper Barn are on separate Titles.

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Directions

Heading in a northerly direction on the A12, continue through Blythburgh and turn right onto the Reydon Road (A1095) where signposted to Reydon and Southwold. After approximately a quarter of a mile turn right onto an unmade track. Continue along the track where Whitehouse Barns will be found on the left hand side.

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