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# Step inside

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The potential opportunities are boundless in this delightful detached country home that has its origins in the 18th century but has been renovated and extended over the years while still retaining some charming period features. It includes a detached office licensed for business use as well as a very large workshop and double garage that could both be converted into additional accommodation, subject to the appropriate planning permissions along with a useful stables outbuilding.

The cottage is surrounded by fields and is approached along a private road to gates that open into a spacious driveway flanked by a lawn and where you can park at least 10 cars. This leads to the double garage and past the workshop and stables to the rear of the property. As with so many country properties the usual entrance is through the back door but there is a pedestrian gate from the road that opens into the front garden with a pathway to the front door. The delightful dual aspect sitting room has a beamed ceiling, a brick fireplace and log burner as well as hard wearing wood effect flooring that flows through double pine doors that open into the attractive beamed dining room that makes a great place to entertain friends and family. It has built in bookshelves, access to the inner hall and French doors to a decked terrace that has footings for a potential garden room for which there is existing planning permission. The country kitchen/breakfast room includes a range cooker, charming solid wood units housing an integrated dishwasher and stand alone appliances as well as a breakfast bar and an adjacent utility room and cloakroom.

The inner hallway has stairs to the first floor galleried landing with an understairs cupboard. It leads to the family bathroom and three double bedrooms including the dual aspect main bedroom and another currently laid out as an office. While on the top floor there is a dressing area/study and a wonderful vaulted ceiling double bedroom/playroom. This whole area makes a great 'hideaway' for kids where they can have fun and entertain their friends or could be a separate office area for anyone working from home who doesn't want to be disturbed by other activities in the home.

The easy-to-manage rear garden surrounds much of the cottage and is bordered by high trees providing seclusion, privacy and security. In addition to the decked terrace there is a small separate garden area adjacent to the double garage, a summerhouse and access to the detached office. This can be used for a variety of purposes whether as a therapy centre, studio, guest accommodation or as a country holiday let. It is currently configured as a sitting room that could always become a bed/sitting room with French doors to the garden and a kitchenette/diner that also has French door access and an adjacent toilet. The stable block consists of two large and one small stable/store room as well as a tack room with a small concrete yard area in between. There is also additional land available, upon separate negotiation.





# Seller Insight

This cottage is on a 2000 year lease and still has over 1810 years to run so although it is technically a leasehold property, according to a solicitor and surveyor it realistically comes under the category of a 'Virtual Freehold' and should be considered as such. The cottage has been in the family for a very long time, and we moved here some 25 years ago. When we came here it needed updating and refurbishing and over the years we have created the accommodation on the second floor, built the office and other outbuildings, underpinned the property, renewed the plumbing and electrics as well as updating the kitchen and bathrooms. We also have the planning permissions arranged for a garden room as well as for porches on the front and back doors. Sadly a change in circumstances mean we must move but hope to stay in the area as it is such a pleasant place to live. During our time here we have also rented some of the fields immediately adjacent to the property so there is always the possibility that, if new owners wanted additional fields, it could be arranged. While creating more accommodation in the out buildings could provide an additional income as holiday lets.

Although we are in the country we do not feel isolated as there is a bus stop nearby and we are only a couple of minutes from Lyminge village with its convenience store, post office and newsagent, library, pharmacy, Chinese restaurant, pub hairdresser, doctor's surgery and a vet. There is also a primary school and preschool facility. If you enjoy a good walk with the dog or want to go for a cycle ride there is an extensive network of footpaths around the village including the recreation ground opposite or you can roam through the 440 acres of Lyminge Forest to experience a rich diversity of wildlife either on foot or on horseback If you enjoy the sound of leather on willow the nearby Sibton Park cricket club might beckon while for golfing enthusiasts there is the Etchinghill Golf Club or the outskirts of Lyminge and the Roundwood Hall Golf Club along Stone Street The beautiful village of Elham is only about five minutes away with its range of very good pubs, coffee shop, sports centre and restaurants and it is less than 8 miles to Folkestone for the Continent and 12 miles to Canterbury with its historic buildings, high street stores, individual shops and excellent eateries. Sandling station is not far away with fast trains to St Pancras taking just over an hour."\*

<sup>\*</sup> These comments are the personal views of the current owner and are included as an insight into life at the property. They have not been independently verified, should not be relied on without verification and do not necessarily reflect the views of the agent.













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By Road:
Sandling Station
Canterbury Station
Ashford International
Dover Docks
Gatwick Airport
Folkestone
Charing Cross
4.6 miles
4.6 miles
11.9 miles
17.0 miles
17.0 miles
16.2 miles
16.2 miles
68.4 miles
69.5 miles

By Train from Sandling
High-Speed St. Pancras
Charing Cross
1hr 38mins
Victoria
1hr 31mins
Ashford International
12 mins
High-Speed Canterbury West to St. Pancras
54 mins

## Healthcare

Hawkinge and Elham Surgery 01303 232300 New Lyminge Surgery 01303 863160 William Harvey Hospital 01233 633331 Kent and Canterbury Hospital 01227 766877

# Leisure Clubs & Facilities

Sibton Park Cricket Club Etchinghill Golf Club Roundwood Golf Club Elham Sports Centre

# Education Primary Schools:

Lyminge Primary Elham Primary Ashford School (Prep)

# Secondary Schools:

Harvey Grammar for Boys
Folkestone School for Girls
Simon Langton Girls Grammar
Simon Langton Boys Grammar
King's School, Canterbury
St Edmunds
Kent College
Ashford School

# Entertainment

01303 863251

01303 862929

01303 862260

01303 840485

01303 862367

01303 840325

01233 625171

01303 252131

01303 251125

01227 463711

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 Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury
 01227 787787

 Leas Cliff Hall
 01303 228600

 Kings Arms
 01303 840242

 Abbots Fireside
 01303 840566

 Abode Hotel
 01227 766266

 The Pig at Bridge Place
 0345 2259494

 Kings Arms Elham
 01303 840242

## Local Attractions/Landmarks

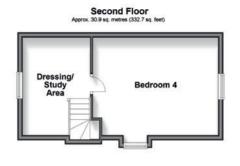
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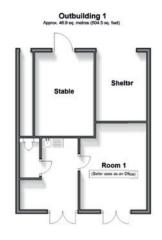
# Split Level Ground Floor



# Split Level First Floor Approx. 48.8 sq. metres (524.9 sq. feet)









## SPLIT LEVEL GROUND FLOOR

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Hall

Kitchen 13'6 x 8'6 (4.12m x 2.59m)

Living Room 16'7 x 10'1 (5.06m x 3.08m)

Dining Room 10'2 x 9'3 (3.10m x 2.82m)

Utility/WC

Driveway Rear Yard

Landing

Bedroom 1 16'9 (5.11m) narrowing to

12'2 (3.71m) x 10'6 (3.20m)

Bedroom 2 10'1 x 9'1 (3.08m x 2.77m)

10'0 x 8'8 (3.05m x 2.64m) Bedroom 3 10'11 x 5'11 (3.33m x 1.80m) Bathroom

# SECOND FLOOR

Dressing/Study Area 12'9 x 9'2 (3.89m x 2.80m) 16'4 x 12'5 (4.98m x 3.79m) Bedroom 4

## **OUTSIDE**

Front Garden

### **OUTBUILDING 1**

Room 1 (office) 13'7 x 10'7 (4.14m x 3.23m) Room 2 11'2 x 9'4 (3.41m x 2.85m)

Toilet

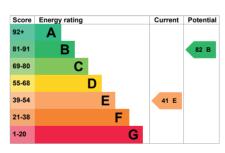
Stable 13'6 x 9'5 (4.12m x 2.87m) Shelter 10'10 x 8'6 (3.30m x 2.59m)

# OUTBUILDING 2

20'6 x 16'1 (6.25m x 4.91m) Workshop 11'11 x 6'4 (3.63m x 1.93m) Store Stable 12'4 x 9'8 (3.76m x 2.95m)

## OUTBUILDING 3

Double Garage/Workshop



£899,950

Council Tax Band: E Tenure: Leasehold







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