

Martins Court Bodsham | Ashford | Kent | TN25 5JQ





Step inside Martins Court

Purchased directly from the builder about 40 years ago, this delightful country property has never previously been on the market. Located in the charming hamlet of Bodsham in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and nestled in 3.04 acres of grounds including a wraparound garden and a large paddock. The property backs onto farmland and has stunning views across the surrounding countryside and, while it has been updated over the years, it still retains some fascinating period features including wood framed windows and doors, coved ceilings and fireplaces.

This lovely family home is approached through a five bar gate that opens onto a long drive flanked by a front lawn and a small woodland area. It leads to the detached pitched roof brick built double garage, a gravel frontage with parking for multiple cars and the wide wisteria covered front porch with an attractive wood panelled front door. This opens into the good-sized reception hall with stairs to the first floor and access to the ground floor accommodation including a charming snug and an adjacent office, which is very useful if you are working from home as it provides easy access for business visitors.

A pair of multi-pane doors open into the fascinating, dual aspect living room that has a stunning feature brick wall incorporating an inglenook with an inset stone surround fireplace, French doors to the garden providing delightful views and an open archway round to the dining room, so makes a charming overall entertainment space. The warm and welcoming dining room includes the other side of the feature brick wall, a bay window that also offers a far-reaching rural vista as well as a door to the kitchen/breakfast room, which is very convenient when catering for a lunch or a dinner party.

The light and bright kitchen/breakfast area was completely renovated a few years ago and includes shaker style cream units housing a hob, a built in double oven and warming drawer. It has a door to the equally modern and well fitted utility room with stand-alone appliances, a cloakroom, a pantry and access to a rear lobby for coats and boots as well as a back door to the garden.

Upstairs there is a galleried landing with an airing cupboard, a family shower room and four bedrooms. These include a large single with stunning panoramic views that is ideal for a pair of bunk beds and three doubles including the spacious main bedroom with fitted wardrobes and an en suite bathroom with a bath and separate shower.

Much of the garden is laid to lawn with shrub borders and flower beds and leads to the very well maintained paddock that is ideal for horses and ponies and provides plenty of space to construct stables and even a menage. Alternatively, if you want to develop the 'Good Life' it would be ideal for sheep, goats, alpacas and chickens as well as vegetables considering the paddock already has impressive damson and other fruit trees.





Seller Insight

We fell in love with the house, the quiet and peaceful surroundings as well as the stunning views and immediately decided this was the place for us. Sadly health issues mean it is time to pass the baton on to a new family who will hopefully enjoy everything about this delightful country home that was originally designed and built by a builder for his own use so it was constructed to a very high standard. Should it be required there are opportunities for extending the property as there is a vast attic that could be converted to provide additional accommodation. While the garage could be turned into a detached annex, subject to the necessary planning permissions.

Although we are out in the country there is a good local primary school within easy walking distance and we are not far from Hastingleigh & Stelling Minnis both of which have a pub and the latter also a primary school and village store that can provide for any immediate needs. If you need to commute to London, we are fairly close to Ashford where the high speed train will whisk you to London in just over half an hour, while the Channel Tunnel and Dover are easily accessible if you want to take the car abroad.

Canterbury is just a short drive and includes historic buildings, high street stores, independent shops, bars and restaurants, three universities, two theatres, a cinema complex and various sports facilities as well as top class grammar and private schools.

There are excellent places for cycling and riding while golfing enthusiasts can play at the nearby Roundwood Hall Golf Club or go further afield to Etchinghill or Sene Valley in Hythe. Hythe & Folkestone beaches are both also within 10 miles, ideal for when the sun is shining."*





* 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.













Travel

By Road: Stelling Minnis Canterbury Channel Tunnel Ashford International Dover Docks Gatwick Airport Charing Cross

By Train from Ashford International St Pancras Charing Cross Victoria Paris (Eurostar)

Leisure Clubs & Facilities

Etchinghill Golf Club Roundwood Golf Club Elham Sports Centre Bursted Manor Riding Centre

Healthcare

The Surgery New Lyminge Surgery Elham and Hawkinge Surgery 3.0 miles 10.3 miles 11.2 miles 9.7 miles 22.6 miles 69.2 miles

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66.3 miles

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01303 840485 01227 830568

Simo 01303 862109 Bart 01303 863160 King 01303 840213 Ken

William Harvey Hospital Kent and Canterbury Hospital Chaucer Hospital Wye Surgery

Education

Primary Schools: Bodsham Primary Stelling Minnis Primary Ashford School (Prep) The Kings School Junior Kent College Junior St Edmunds Junior Lady Joanna Thornhill Primary School Wye Free School

Secondary Schools:

Harvey Grammar for Boys Highworth Grammar School The Norton Knatchbull School Folkestone School for Girls Simon Langton Girls Grammar Simon Langton Boys Grammar Barton Grammar King's School, Canterbury Kent College

01233 633331
01227 766877
01227 825100
01233 884585

01233 750374 01227 709218 01233 625171 01227 714000 01227 762436 01227 475601 01233 812781

St Edmunds Ashford School

Entertainment

Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone Rose and Crown The Tiger The Black Horse Bowl Inn Hastingleigh The George Inn Abode Hotel, Canterbury

01227 475632 01233 625171

Local Attractions / Landmarks

Stelling Minnis Windmill Lyminge Forest Romney Hythe and Dymchurch miniature railway Lympne Castle and Saltwood Castle Port Lympne Animal Park Dover and Deal castles Secret War Tunnels Canterbury Cathedral







GROUND FLOOR

Reception Hall Kitchen/Breakfast Area Utility Room Larder Toilet Boot Room Dining Room Living Room Snug Study

13'2 (4.02m) narrowing to 9'10 (3.00m) x 8'11 (2.72m) 11'7 x 6'5 (3.53m x 1.96m)

5'2 x 4'6 (1.58m x 1.37m) 14'9 x 12'9 (4.50m x 3.89m) 23'6 (7.17m) x 12'11 (3.94m) narrowing to 11'0 (3.36m) 11'8 x 10'7 (3.56m x 3.23m) 11'8 x 8'7 (3.56m x 2.62m)

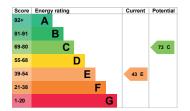
FIRST FLOOR

Landing Bedroom 2 Bedroom 4 Bedroom 1 En Suite Bathroom Shower Room Bedroom 3

OUTSIDE

Garage Driveway Front Garden Rear Garden Paddock 11'10 x 11'9 (3.61m x 3.58m) 10'4 x 8'1 (3.15m x 2.47m) 13'5 x 10'4 (4.09m x 3.15m) 9'5 x 7'1 (2.87m x 2.16m) 7'11 x 7'3 (2.41m x 2.21m) 12'2 x 8'7 (3.71m x 2.62m)

18'11 x 18'7 (5.77m x 5.67m)



Council Tax Band: G Tenure: Freehold





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