

St. Lawrence Cottage Spindlers Road | St Lawrence | Ventnor | Isle of Wight | PO38 1XD



# Seller Insight

We bought this house eleven years ago as avid fans of the Arts and Crafts movement.

Whilst Baillie Scott was a very successful architect and designer in his day there are few documented examples in the UK beyond his masterpiece, Blackwells on Lake Windermere. His homes were designed to have minimal impact on the surrounding area, and according to John Betjamen in Architectural Review in the 1930s "[Baillie Scott] has built more houses that have done less harm to the landscape than any other of that era". He made artistic reference to the materials and construction in exposed brickwork, high ceilings, planked doors, panelled walls, handmade ironwork and little embellishment to detract from the fabric of the building.

Furthermore, we love the area. St Lawrence is so peaceful, with the sea within earshot, the beaches, trees and clifftop, abundant wildlife and the breathtaking views. There is a strong community centred around the Village Hall, Churches, the local Stores and Post Office and the Binnel Studios, home to a group of internationally renowned artists. People tend to be walkers, in fact our visitors are usually walking the Coastal Path or visiting Ventnor, our local town with its Botanic Gardens, independent shops and highly regarded restaurants. Living here is such a pleasure".

\* 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.







# Step inside St. Lawrence Cottage

This gorgeous four-bedroom cottage was designed in 1936 by famous artist and architect Mackay Hugh Baillie-Scott. Baille-Scott was renowned for his unique 'Arts and Crafts' style which was heavily influenced by the Tudor period, and the many notable features can still be appreciated throughout this impressive property today.

Enter into a central hallway where you are immediately greeted by one of Ballie-Scott's signature pieces – the staircase and intricately carved balustrade. Hardwood flooring flows throughout the majority of the home and into the sizeable sitting room, where the classic features continue with a gorgeous, exposed brick fireplace, which has the modern addition of a log burning stove. This flexible room is filled with light from the triple aspect windows, and is spacious enough to comfortably function as a lounge/diner if required.

Towards the rear of the property, you'll discover a stunning kitchen that boasts an impressive dual fuel range cooker and beautiful natural stone countertops. Just off the kitchen is a bright breakfast room, filled with natural light from the window wall and French doors. Additionally, there's a spacious utility room designed to accommodate all your household appliances. The ground floor also features a versatile room that currently serves as a double bedroom, complemented by a convenient ground floor shower room equipped with a level access shower.

On the first floor are a further two double bedrooms plus a single. The spacious principal bedroom benefits from a large set of built-in wardrobes and boasts far-reaching views to the sea. The second double shares the same advantages as the principal and the final bedroom has a sweet little feature fireplace, quite unique to Baillie-Scott's style. On this floor is also a contemporary family bathroom, tastefully designed and with a widened bathtub to accommodate the shower.

Outside, the huge, wraparound garden is truly something special, absolutely bursting with life from an abundance of mature plants, hedges and trees that create a maze of wonder, filled with nooks and crannies to get lost in for hours. At its perimeter is a high bank, which offers yet more character and contains, amongst the trees and foliage, a large seating area to really maximise the enjoyment of the fantastic views stretching all the way to the sea. Practically speaking, outside there's also a private driveway and a large, tandem garage.









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#### Travel Information

12.9 miles from Fishbourne to Portsmouth Ferry Terminal 14.6 miles from East Cowes to Southampton Ferry Terminal 19.5 miles from Yarmouth to Lymington Ferry Terminal

Southern Vectis Buses routes provide regular services through the area, connecting you to all the areas of the island. For ticket prices visit www. islandbuses.info

#### Leisure Clubs & Facilities

Ventnor Tennis Club, Ventnor – 2.5 miles Ventnor Golf Club, Ventnor – 2.6 miles 1Leisure The Heights, Sandown – 8.4 miles Rew Valley Sports Centre, Ventnor – 2.3 miles

#### Healthcare

Doctors Surgeries Ventnor Medical Practice, Ventnor Grove House Surgery, Ventnor The Bay Medical Centre, Sandown South Wight Medical Practice, Niton

General Hospitals St Mary's Hospital, Parkhurst Road, Newport

#### Education

Primary Schools St Francis Catholic and Church of England Primary Academy, Ventnor 01983 857449

Wroxall Primary School, Wroxall Niton Primary School, Niton Godshill County Primary School, Godshill

#### Secondary Schools/Colleges

The Island Free School, Ventnor The Bay CE School, Sandown Carisbrooke College, Newport Christ The King Upper College, Newport Medina College, Newport Ryde School with Upper Chine School, Ryde The Island VI Form Campus, Newport Isle of Wight College, Newport

Learning Assisted Schools: Medina House, School Lane, Newport St. Georges, Watergate Road, Newport St. Catherine's, Grove Road, Ventnor 01983 852290 01983 730209 01983 840246

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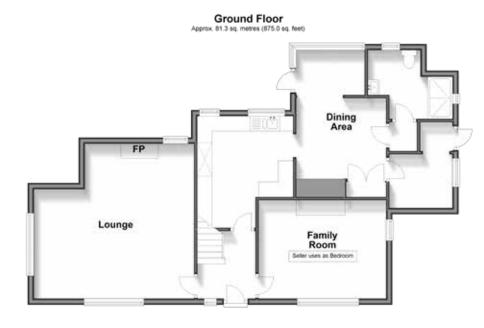
#### Entertainment

Ventnor Arts Club Ventnor Fringe

Restaurants / Bars The Bistro, Ventnor Smoking Lobster, Ventnor The Mill Bay, Ventnor Geranium Restaurant, Royal Hotel, Ventnor The Hambrough Restaurant & Bar, Ventnor The Met, Ventnor Bonchurch Inn, Bonchurch White Horse, Whitwell White Lion, Niton These bars and restaurants are available within a 10 minute drive of this home

#### Local Attractions / Landmarks

Ventnor Botanic Gardens - Ventnor Hoy Monument - Whitwell St Catherine's Oratory - Blackgang National Trust - Ventnor Downs, Ventnor Appuldurcombe House - Wroxall Model Village - Godshill Shanklin Chine & Old Village - Shanklin The Wildheart Animal Sanctuary - Sandown Blackgang Chine - Blackgang Isle of Wight Pearl Centre - Chale



#### **GROUND FLOOR**

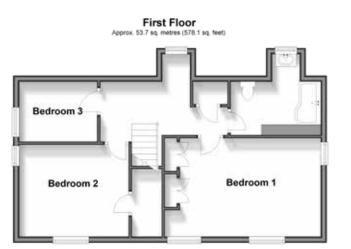
#### Hallway Lounge 17'6 x 16'11 at widest points Kitchen 12'5 x 10'5 Family Room / Bedroom 4 14' x 10'10 Dining Area 10'7 x 9' plus 6'5 x 5'8 Utility Room 6'6 x 5'10 Shower Room

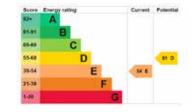
#### **FIRST FLOOR**

## 17'10 x 11' 11'10 x 9'9 8'5 x 6'11

### OUTSIDE

Front Garden Garage Driveway Parking Rear Garden





Council Tax Band: F **Tenure: Freehold** 





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