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Middle Road, Shilbottle,
Northumberland, NE66 2XS

Guide Price: £1,250,000

- 14th Century Pele Tower with Former Vicarage and Cottage
- Sheltered and Private location
- Large Formal Gardens
- Unique Historical Building



A magnificent opportunity to acquire an historic property in a charming village situation.

The three storey Pele tower incorporates medieval masonry and parapet with spiral stone stairs leading out to the crenellated roof top. The former vicarage provides elegant and spacious living accommodation, sympathetically upgraded to contemporary living whilst retaining all the charm of such an ancient building. It has a cottage/annexe over the garage extending the living space or as a holiday letting option.

The property incorporates modern bio-mass heating which is interchangeable with the mains gas Worcester Bosch condensing boiler, which was installed in 2011. Both alternatives providing very economical heating costs.

Many windows are of Gothic arch design with internal shutters and afford good views out over the gardens, and the adjacent church and churchyard. The former Victorian wash house has been converted, again in keeping with the Gothic style, to an artist's studio. The formal gardens are a delight with gravelled paths, archways, patio areas, lawns with an abundance of flowering plants, shrubs and fruit trees.

The Grade II listed Pele tower and house i.e. 14th Century defensive tower (dating around 1380) and former vicarage, was remodelled during the 18th Century, mid 19th Century and mid 20th Century. The property was seized and was under the ownership of the crown from 1403 until 1461. The tower is in the 1415 list of castles and fortalices in the Harleian manuscripts which were compiled for King Henry V to inform him of his strength on the Scottish Border before he left for his battle at Agincourt.

The current owners are placing the property on the market after almost thirty years enjoyment, making this a once in a lifetime opportunity. This is a specialist property affording quirky and generous accommodation full of character and history. Only an internal inspection can fully understand and appreciate the full extent of the accommodation on offer.

GROUND FLOOR

Gothic arched entrance door opening to the lobby with massive door opening to the spacious reception hall.

RECEPTION HALL 16'3 (4.95m) x 10'6 (3.2m)

Traditional and welcoming reception hall with Jotel wood burning stove and Travertine flooring. Sash window with shutters. Fitted shelved cupboard with curved interior possibly original access to the first and second floor rooms of the tower. Radiator with decorative cover. Two Georgian archways leading to inner hall with lounge and conservatory off.

Stairs to first floor, radiator with decorative cover
Access to the inner hall and dining room.

DINING ROOM 15'5" (4.7m) x 10'2" (3.1 m)

Magnificent barrel vaulted ceiling in the base of the original Pele tower. Radiator with decorative cover. Sealed parquet floor. Two deeply recessed windows with commissioned medieval stained glass.

FAMILY SITTING ROOM 14'10" (4.52m) x 13'6" (4.11m)

Sash window with shutters to the front of the property, coal effect gas fire with fireplace surround. Built in cupboard. Radiator with decorative cover. Access to kitchen.

LOUNGE 21'6" (6.55m) x 15'2" (4.62m)

An elegant room with three windows – 2 of Gothic style, 2 radiators and cast iron open fire with decorative Victorian tiles with stripped pine surround. This room was originally a tythe barn. Views to garden and church yard.

CONSERVATORY 15'9 (4.8M) X 7'7" (2.31M)

Views over the garden, Travertine tiled floor and radiator. Natural wood with Gothic style windows. Double doors leading out to a patio area.

CORRIDOR with radiator and decorative cover leading to

CLOAKROOM - Wash handbasin, w.c., 2 radiators, coat pegs.

Walk in cupboard 1) – shelves and storage space

Walk in cupboard 2) – shelves, used as a pantry.

Also leading to kitchen.

KITCHEN

Modern style kitchen with fitted units, gas hob, integrated electric oven, integral dishwasher. Two windows (one sash with shutters). Radiator with decorative cover. Ample space for breakfast/dining. Travertine tiled floor. Tiling around hob and on deep recessed window ledge incorporating Victorian tiles.

Access to utility room

UTILITY ROOM

With good range of storage cupboards, shelving and plumbing for washing machine, hanging clothes maid, radiator, window and rear door to garden and access to holiday let and driveway.

FIRST FLOOR

Georgian mounted hand rail giving access to the landing, radiator, corridor with radiator to bathroom.

BEDROOM ONE 22'0" (6.71m) x 14'0" (4.27m)

A spacious room with two Gothic windows. 2 radiators. This room is part of the tythe barn. Picture rail. Original servants push bell. Simple panelled ceiling. Views over garden and church yard. Access to floored loft space above with electric light and pull down ladder.

BEDROOM TWO 14'6" (4.42m) x 12'2" (3.71m)

This room is in the Pele tower and has stone fire place with Victorian cast iron inset. Two deeply recessed Gothic windows. Decorative Georgian arches over doors. Dado rail. Two radiators. Built in cupboard with hanging rail & shelves, giving access to bedroom three if required.

CORRIDOR

With radiator and built in cupboard with hanging space and shelves, leading to

BATHROOM

Shower, Victorian reproduction wash handbasin and w.c. 2 radiators. Electric heated towel rail.

BEDROOM THREE 14' 10" (3.3) x 8'10 (2.69)

Stripped pine sash window with shutters. Build in cupboard – access to bedroom 2. Another built in cupboard. Radiator.

BEDROOM FOUR 15'4" (4.67m) x 11'4" (3.45m)

Sash window with stripped pine shutters. Radiator. Built in cupboard.

EN SUITE

Modern suite comprising bath with shower mixer tap, separate shower, pedestal wash hand basin and w.c., chrome ladder style radiator.

SECOND FLOOR

Landing area, with access to large loft space. Corridor with access to large loft space, leading to bedrooms and access via spiral stone steps to the turret with crenellated tower roof with extensive views all round. 19th Century Inscriptions by architect F.R. Wilson and Vicar Roberts.

BEDROOM FIVE 10'3" (3.12m) x 10'0" (3.05m)

Tower bedroom (in the pele tower) with cast iron fireplace and radiator.

BEDROOM SIX 10'5" (3.18m) x 6'9" (2.06m)

Tower bedroom (in the pele tower) Gothic window. Radiator.

THE COTTAGE ANNEXE

Currently operating as a successful holiday let. Formerly a hayloft and coachman's quarters. The Cottage Annexe has separate access from the driveway and links internally with the main house via the utility room. It comprises first floor accommodation with stairs leading up from the hallway to a large open plan.

KITCHEN/SITTING/DINING ROOM 20' 0" (6.1m) x 15' 7" (4.75m)

With fitted kitchen area. Exposed stone walls, beams and wood floor. Radiator.

BEDROOM ONE 8' 6" (2.59m) x 7' 9" (2.36m) plus 7' 6" (2.29m) x 5' 11" (1.8m) part sloping ceiling

Exposed beams, dressing area. Access to large storage cupboard. Radiator.

BEDROOM TWO 10' 5" (3.18m) x 8' 0" (2.44m) part sloping ceiling

Radiator.

BATHROOM

Sloping ceiling. Bath with overhead shower. Hand washbasin, w.c., radiator

OUTSIDE

Driveway parking, access to the formal front garden enclosed by the high stone wall with steps leading up from the road way through a door in the wall.

Further large private formal gardens surrounded by high stone walls and hedges, with lawns, patio areas, commissioned wrought iron gate, ornamental pond, established trees. climbers and shrubs including raised bed vegetable area, gravelled pathways, box hedges, trellises, fruit trees – apple, pears, plums. Abundance of flowering plants, shrubs etc. 2 Fruit cages. Green house with mature red grape vine. Two wood stores.

Door giving private access to the churchyard.

The former Victorian wash house has been converted to create an artist's studio **16'4" (5.28m) x 8'7" (2.62)** with good work area including stainless steel sink with cupboard under.

GARAGE 16'0" (4.88m) x 12'5" (3.78m)

Formerly a coach house. Double doors. Worcester Bosch condensing boiler, Biomass control, hot water cylinder with option to connect to solar panels.

STORE

Formerly a stable. Single door leading from drive with access to rear garden

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SHILBOTTLE

Alnwick: 3 miles

Alnmouth Train Station: 3 miles

Newcastle Upon Tyne: 30 miles

COUNCIL TAX BAND: F

SCHOOLS

First school in the village

First, middle and high school in Alnwick

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