

Claremont 29 St. Bernards Road | Solihull | West Midlands | B92 7AU



# CLAREMONT

Claremont is a magnificent Victorian semi-detached townhouse that has been elegantly and sympathetically renovated, refurbished, and upgraded throughout to create the stunning family home it is today.



Offering over 3,500 sq. ft. of beautiful accommodation across three floors, it features six bedrooms, four reception rooms, four bathrooms, a stunning kitchen, delightful private gardens, a garage, and a cellar.

Step into a remarkable example of Victorian elegance, built circa 1904 and positioned on a generous corner plot. Exuding timeless charm with its impressive façade and beautifully maintained surroundings, Claremont benefits from a spacious driveway with room for six to seven cars, neatly finished with smart gravel and bordered by mature hedging and manicured box hedges. A beautiful mature wisteria drapes gracefully over the charming coach house, adding to the character of this exceptional home.

The grand entrance sets the tone for what lies beyond. Tall double doors open into a welcoming porch, where original stone steps and exquisite Minton flooring lead to the magnificent stained-glass front door. This striking entrance bathes the reception hall in natural light, enhancing that all-important first impression.

Inside, the reception hall is a masterpiece of Victorian craftsmanship, featuring soaring ceilings, pristine Minton flooring, an elegant archway, and intricate plasterwork, all reflective of the period's grandeur. A home of distinction, this residence invites you to experience refined living, presented to the highest standard.

The first of the reception rooms is a beautifully appointed dining room, where tall windows dressed with wide slatted plantation shutters overlook the private frontage. An exquisite original marble open fireplace, with a pewter inset and black slate hearth, serves as a striking focal point. The seamless blend of old and new is evident in the intricate plasterwork, vintage-style radiators, and a refined palette of muted greens and creams, all complemented by deep skirting and sleek laminate wood flooring—creating the perfect setting for both intimate dinners and lively gatherings.

A charming original panelled understairs area houses a deep storage cupboard and grants access to the cellar. With generous head height and easy entry, the cellar offers a versatile dry space with double arches and two distinct sections. Currently used as a workshop and wine storage, it also presents an ideal opportunity for a home gym or hobby room.

The second reception room is a spacious and inviting family sitting room, where tall French doors frame picturesque views of the terraces and gardens beyond. Brimming with original character, this room features a delightful open fireplace with a white marble surround, polished copper inset, and a classic Victorian green tiled hearth—creating a warm and welcoming ambience.

The inner hallway leads seamlessly into the true heart of this exquisite home, where period charm meets contemporary design. Thoughtfully extended and enhanced, this space showcases the stylish open-plan kitchen that flows into the original coach house, now transformed into a stunning family living area.











## Seller Insight

For over two decades, this elegant Victorian townhouse has been more than just a house—it has been a cherished family home. Originally built in 1904 as one of four similar properties for the daughters of the original landowner, this magnificent residence occupies a prominent corner plot in a peaceful location, bordered by a quiet cul-de-sac to the south and west. Its rich history and character have been lovingly preserved while being thoughtfully enhanced to meet the needs of modern family living.

The owners moved into the property in 2001, drawn by its generous proportions and welcoming community. "It was the perfect large family home in a great neighbourhood," they explain. The location offers both tranquillity and convenience, with Solihull town centre just a 10-minute drive away, Birmingham International Airport a mere 15 minutes, and excellent transport links, including a 12-minute train ride into Birmingham City Centre and a 90-minute connection to London via the Marylebone commuter line.

One of the home's most striking features is its wealth of original Victorian details. From the moment you step into the entrance hall, the exquisite stained glass and Minton-tiled flooring set the tone for the rest of the house. Spacious, high-ceilinged rooms adorned with ornate plasterwork and original functioning fireplaces create a sense of grandeur and warmth, making each space both elegant and inviting.

Over the years, the owners have carefully updated the home to enhance both its functionality and comfort. In 2015, they replaced the garage and conservatory with a new extension, incorporating a utility and boiler room, a shower room, and a beautifully designed family lounge and kitchen, all featuring underfloor heating. A relocated garage with spacious loft storage adds further practicality to this thoughtfully upgraded home.

Beyond the walls of the house, the local community has been an integral part of the family's experience. The area is renowned for its friendly and social atmosphere, with events such as the annual "St. Bernards in Bloom" open garden festival bringing neighbours together for a charitable cause. The home is also ideally situated within walking distance of Olton Mere Sailing Club, Olton Library, and a variety of local restaurants and amenities. For those with a passion for sports, the West Warwick Cricket, Hockey, and Tennis Club is just a short stroll away.

As the family prepares to move on, they reflect on the many benefits their home has offered, particularly its excellent catchment area for both state and private schools. "Now that our children have grown and moved out, it's time for another family to enjoy everything this home has to offer."

With its seamless blend of history, character, and modern convenience, this stunning Victorian townhouse is ready to welcome its next chapter—offering new owners the opportunity to create their own cherished memories within its timeless walls.\*

\* 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.





#### A Stunning Kitchen & Converted Coach House - The Heart of the Home

The exceptionally light and airy kitchen is a masterpiece of contemporary design, seamlessly blending modern luxury with period charm. A striking glass wall and roof at the far end of the high apex ceiling flood the space with natural light, enhancing the sense of openness. Beautiful pale blue Corian countertops complement the stylish high-gloss cream cabinetry, while a matching Smeg range cooker, complete with a blue glass splashback and vented Smeg extractor, adds both style and functionality. High-quality integrated appliances, including a Miele dishwasher, a Bosch steam oven and grill, and a Quooker boiling water tap, ensure effortless modern living. Thoughtfully designed, the kitchen also features pull-out larder storage and ample space for a fridge-freezer.

Underfloor heating extends throughout the kitchen, family room, laundry, and ground-floor shower room, laid beneath stunning wood-effect tiling for a warm and inviting feel.

Flowing seamlessly from the kitchen, the impressive family room has been thoughtfully created within the original coach house, showcasing a dramatic high apex roofline and tall glass windows and doors that invite an abundance of natural light. This architectural fusion of Victorian elegance and modern innovation is further enhanced by feature exposed brick walls, adding character and warmth. Direct access to the smartly tiled courtyard creates an effortless transition from indoor to outdoor living, offering a spectacular space for year-round relaxation and entertaining.

At the front of the coach house conversion, a superb boot room and laundry area serves as a practical second entrance to the property. Retaining its period charm, it features an exposed brick wall and a brick-mounted deep Belfast laundry sink, in keeping with the home's timeless style. This space also houses the high-pressure water tank, boiler, and underfloor heating manifolds, along with space for both a washing machine and tumble dryer.

Completing the coach house transformation is a beautifully designed ground-floor shower room, featuring a double walk-in electric shower, a low-level WC, a hand basin, and an LED mirror, all presented with sleek and stylish finishes.

Opposite the kitchen, a further superb reception room offers versatility and convenience, with a door leading directly to the dining room. Currently used as an elegant home office, this space boasts original checkerboard tiled flooring, striking tall butler's cupboards, and a stunning chimney and fireplace with a wood-burning stove—creating a warm and inspiring workspace. A large sash window provides a charming view into the family room, enhancing the sense of flow throughout the home.

This extraordinary space blends modern comforts with period elegance, offering an exceptional hub for family life and entertaining.













#### UPSTAIRS

As you ascend the magnificent original staircase, adorned with beautifully carved wooden detailing, a plush Berber wool carpet underfoot enhances the luxurious feel of both the stairs and landings.

Principal Bedroom Suite – This stunning and spacious suite exudes elegance, with its chic neutral décor and a stylish William Morris feature wall. A grand bay window offers delightful far-reaching views, while an exceptional range of floor-to-ceiling mirrored wardrobes provides outstanding storage. The luxurious en suite bathroom is both generous and exquisitely presented. Its pale blue and white checkerboard tiled flooring sets the scene for relaxation, complemented by double sash obscured-glass windows and stylish décor. The modern white suite features a fabulous freestanding egg-shaped bathtub, a large walk-in shower cubicle, a pedestal hand basin, and a low-level WC. A modern graphite grey towel rail and a vertical dual-fuel radiator with a tall inset mirror complete the space with both practicality and flair.

Two further exceptionally large double bedrooms retain their original charm. One is positioned to the side of the property, while the other, at the front, benefits from new double-glazed windows, a pedestal hand basin with a glass splashback, and a chrome towel rail.

Adjacent is the impeccably designed main bathroom, where luxury meets classic elegance. This beautifully appointed space features an exceptionally large walk-in shower, a vintage-style pedestal hand basin, a low-level WC, and a character radiator with a chrome towel rail.

On the second floor, three additional bedrooms offer comfort and versatility. The first impresses with magnificent views across Olton Mere, while the second enjoys peaceful rear garden views. The third bedroom, accessed via a step up, features a window to the rear, two Velux windows for additional natural light, and useful eaves storage—ideal for suitcases and seasonal decorations.

Completing this level is a stylish shower room, illuminated by a Velux window for natural brightness. It includes a round shower cubicle, a pedestal hand basin, and a WC, providing convenience and comfort for the upper-floor bedrooms.

Every detail of this remarkable home has been thoughtfully designed to blend timeless elegance with modern luxury. Experience the charm, space, and refined living this beautiful residence has to offer.

























#### OUTSIDE

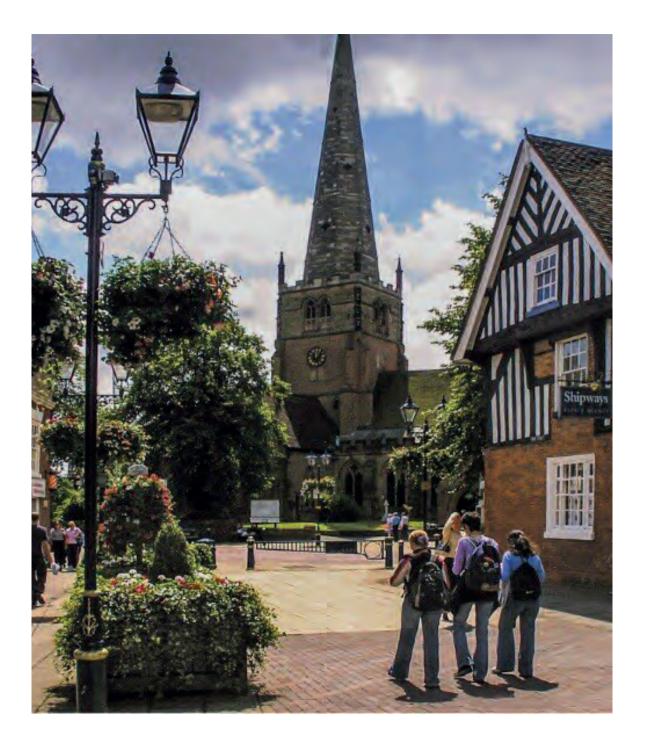
Claremont's prime corner position on St. Bernards Road offers a uniquely tranquil outdoor sanctuary. The rear garden, running alongside a quiet cul-de-sac, ensures peace and privacy, making it an idyllic escape from the everyday hustle and bustle.

A wide pathway gracefully extends from top to bottom, guiding you through this beautifully private and well-screened garden. Predominantly laid to lawn, it provides a secure and spacious haven for children to play while offering ample room for gardening enthusiasts to cultivate and enjoy. The garden is adorned with an array of mature trees and lush shrubbery, creating a verdant retreat throughout the seasons.

Two distinctive terrace areas enhance the outdoor experience, perfect for entertaining or al fresco dining. The first, a charming Mediterranean-inspired tiled terrace, extends from the French doors of the sitting room and features a striking mature palm tree to complete the theme. The second, thoughtfully designed as part of the conversion and extension of the coach house and kitchen, offers a stylish and versatile courtyard setting. This smartly designed terrace includes an inset raised bed, ideal for a kitchen garden, and provides a seamless flow from both the coach house family room and the kitchen—perfect for relaxed outdoor seating and dining.

Additional features include a wide gated side entrance, a bin storage area, and convenient side access into the single garage.





### SOLIHULL

Historically part of Warwickshire, Solihull is one of the most prosperous towns in the English Midlands. In November 2013, the uSwitch Quality of Life Index named Solihull the "best place to live" in the United Kingdom. The motto of Solihull is Urbs in Rure (Town in Country).

Solihull's name is commonly thought to have derived from the position of its parish church, St Alphege, on a 'soily' hill. The church was built on a hill of stiff red marl, which turned to sticky mud in wet weather.

Solihull probably came into being about a thousand years ago, as a clearing in the forest to which people would come to trade. The town is noted for its historic architecture, which includes surviving examples of timber framed Tudor style houses and shops. The historic Solihull School dates from 1560 (although not on its present site). The red sandstone parish church of St. Alphege dates from a similar period.

Excellent communication links with the M42 (J4 and J5) which provides access to the M40 providing motorway access to London, the M6 and the North West and the M5 and the South West. Birmingham International Airport is a short drive away, as well as the hub of the Midlands rail network, the newly refurbished New Street. Solihull train station provides direct access to London Marylebone.





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Mains: Electric, Water, Gas and Sewerage Tenure : Freehold Local Authority : Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council Council Tax Band : G Situated in an Article 4 Conservation Area

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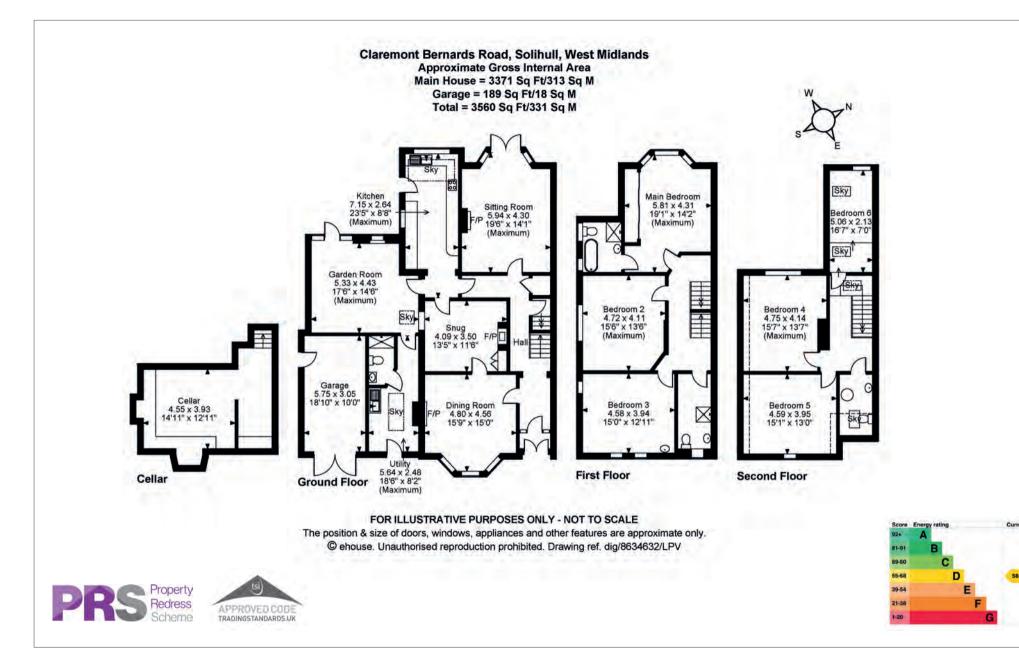
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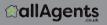
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