



The Birches

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At a glance.

- 5 Bedroom statement family home
 - Beautifully restored to its original Georgian grandeur
 - Elegant and well thought-out accommodation
 - Useful outbuildings for an extended family, working from home or pursuing hobbies and storage
 - Stables and tack room
 - Lovingly planned and maintained grounds with a long, private approach to the property
 - 9.2 Acres of pastureland that can be used for livestock.
 - Excellent primary & secondary schools nearby
 - Convenient commuter links to the rest of the UK
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What we love.

The grandeur and elegance of the spacious light-filled rooms with high ceilings echoing back to this stunning home's Regency origins. Its tastefully thought-out accommodation and grounds provide something for the whole family.



“ a property that
exudes elegance. ”





A brief history.

The Birches is a Grade II listed mansion house standing on high ground to the north-west of the Worcestershire village of Hagley.

Sheltered by woodland to the north and east, it commands far-reaching views of the Malvern Hills and Shelsley Beauchamp to the south and west across the north Worcestershire countryside, and the Clent Hills to the north-east.

A programme of tree planting and professional arboricultural management over the last forty-seven years have ensured complete privacy: the house, approached by a long, private drive, is seen only on arrival.

Generous lawns fall gently away to a pleasure ground in front of the house, with mown walks and rides, open glades, and stands of birch and native broad leaf trees.

Built in 1836 by Thomas Bate, a Stourbridge banker whose brothers were iron and steel masters, The Birches reflects the success and standing of one of the area's leading families at the height of the Industrial Revolution. Bates' Bank eventually became The Midland Bank, which in turn became part of HSBC.

Thomas Bates' son and grandson who inherited The Birches, never lived in the house, and it was let to a

succession of illustrious tenants: one of whom was Thomas Wilkes Webb, the founder of Webbs Crystal for which Stourbridge was world famous; another was a cousin of Lord Lyttelton of Hagley Hall, General Lord Frederick Seymour, a distinguished soldier who added the billiards room.

In 1930 the house was let for a year to a visionary educationalist. Although the school did not survive the Depression, one of her pupils, an engineer, distinguished himself in Palestine where he drove a troop train under fire, saving many lives, for which he was awarded the George Cross.

During the Second World War, American servicemen were billeted in The Birches, where they trained as medical orderlies in preparation for the D-Day landings. After the war the new owner demolished a number of Victorian domestic offices at the back of the house, returning the property to its original Georgian structure.

The present owners bought The Birches in 1977. It was then in a state of considerable disrepair and the garden was neglected and overgrown. In the intervening forty-seven years they have restored every aspect of the property to its original design, and today the

house, including a secret room, the stables, coach house and workshops, and a gardener's cottage are as they were when they were built. Yet while The Birches is a reflection of the taste and reputation of the distinguished Georgian family who built it, it is homely and easy to live in.

The woodland was cleared of dead elms, victims of Dutch Elm disease; many native broad leaf trees were planted, and gradually thinned into rides and walks with open areas and glades; while the original, mature cedars and broad leaves such as beech, oak and acacia, give the property a natural grandeur. No agri-chemicals are used and The Birches, is a haven for wildlife, including pheasant, deer, many native birds and migratory visitors. Children have enjoyed riding, donkeys and dogs, and rescuing and rearing many fledglings, some of which became family pets.

The grounds around the house have been planted for year-round interest and ease of maintenance, the magical setting for weddings, garden parties, croquet parties, outdoor theatre and musical events. Helicopters have landed on the croquet lawn and the billiards room has hosted celebrity snooker matches - with Rex Williams making the highest break of 100 on the match table.



Ground floor.

Step through the **outer hall** into the spacious **reception hall** (*below left*) and a world of Regency elegance and grandeur greets you, setting the scene for what is to come.

Our journey through this beautiful home begins to the right of the hall in the impressive **drawing room** (*opposite left & right*). With high ceilings, an intricate marble fireplace, gold-leafed panelling and classic cornicing, all restored to their original Georgian finest, this is a truly grand room.

The tall sash windows that feature in the bow bay and to the front, flood this elegant room with natural light and provide panoramic views, over the grounds to the south and east.



To the left of the hall lies the cosier **morning room** (*below middle*). Tall sash windows to the front and side give views to the south and west, providing ample light to this beautiful room for less formal gatherings, or maybe just reading a book.

An eye for detail and period features grace this beautiful, quiet room.

To the rear of the hall lies an internal hallway, leading to the remainder of the ground floor...





Ground floor.

Accessed from both the reception hall and inner hallway, the **dining room** (*opposite left*) is another grand, high-ceiling room. With ample space for a setting for fourteen people and display furniture, this is a room to impress any formal repast. The large sash window provides ample light.

To the left of the inner hallway lies the **breakfast room** and **kitchen** (*below right*) - a perfect space for more casual family meals. The kitchen is well-equipped with Shaker-style fitted wall and base units and integrated appliances.



Both rooms have glass doors leading to the conservatory and through to the **billiards room** (*below left*). With windows to front and rear, a lantern skylight and half-wall wood panelling, this is a perfect retreat in which to enjoy the green baize.

A door to the rear of the kitchen leads to the pantry and steps down to the two wine cellars - equipped with storage shelving racks.

The boot room, utility and shower room, complete the ground floor accommodation.





First floor.

At the top of the switchback staircase, past the tall Palladian window, to the rear of the **gallery landing** (*below left*), lies the **principal bedroom** (*opposite left*). This spacious room enjoys natural light from two large sash windows. A door leads to a 'Jack & Jill' en-suite, equipped with a fitted sink, WC, bidet, a bath and a separate shower cubicle. The en-suite can also be accessed from the landing.

A door leads to a large dressing room, with plenty of fitted wardrobes. This room is shared through a further door with **bedroom two** (*below right*).



Currently used as a study, bedroom two is also naturally lit with large sash windows to the front and side; giving far-reaching views across the grounds towards the Malvern Hills. Its period features include an open fireplace with wooden surround.

The first floor accommodation is completed by three further good-sized, well-lit bedrooms; a large family bathroom; further shower room; and a useful storage cupboard.





Outbuildings.

The **cottage** (*opposite left*) lies in a secluded position on the west side of the grounds. With its own sitting room, kitchen, conservatory, bedroom and bathroom, it makes a perfect retreat for an extended family or guests.

The driveway swings around the back of the house to reveal the **coach house** (*below left & middle*). This includes stables and tack room, store, two garages and a flat with its own shower room.

The **garden building** (*remaining pictures*) sits on the northern edge of the grounds. Ideal for home working or leisure pursuits, this useful space has two studios, an office, kitchen and show room. There's a further store building within the grounds.



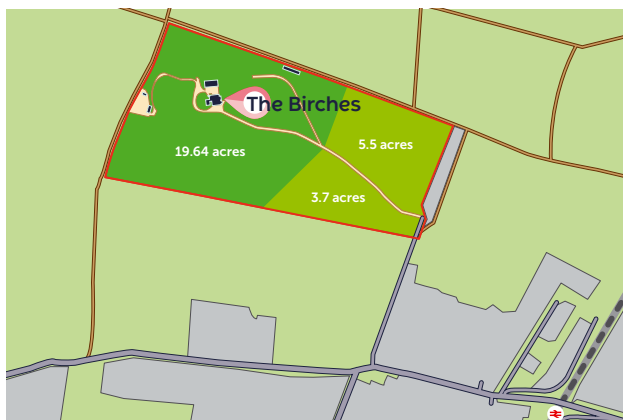


The grounds.

The 19.64 acre grounds are set back from your own private road off Brake Lane, at the end of a long driveway that winds through 9.2 acres of pastureland that can be used for livestock (see map below).

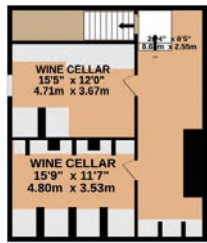
The woodland rides, walks and open areas and glades have all been meticulously planned to give year-round interest, providing a natural haven for a wide variety of wildlife.

The space provides a beautifully tranquil space for hosting events and gatherings for family or friends, or maybe, just a peaceful walk with the dogs through your own oasis.

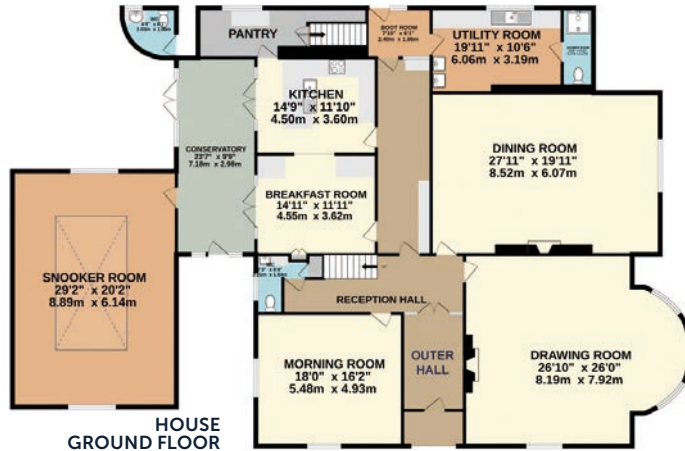


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The house.



HOUSE CELLAR



HOUSE GROUND FLOOR



HOUSE FIRST FLOOR

The cottage.

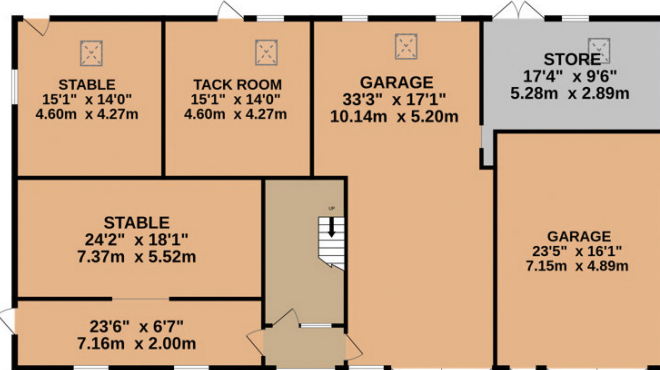


COTTAGE GROUND FLOOR

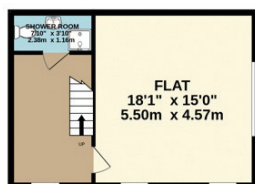


COTTAGE FIRST FLOOR

The coach house.

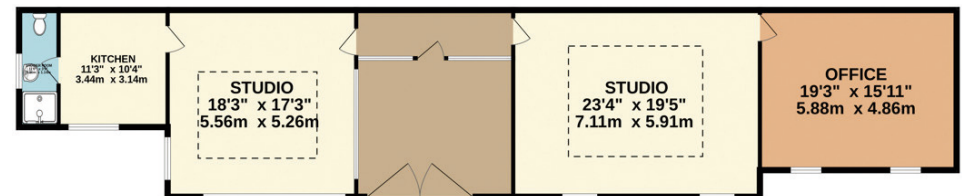


COACH HOUSE GROUND FLOOR



COACH HOUSE FIRST FLOOR

The garden building.



HOUSE:	6,923sqft	(643m ²)
COTTAGE:	820sqft	(76m ²)
COACH HOUSE:	2,692sqft	(250m ²)
GARDEN BUILDING:	1,616sqft	(150m ²)
OUTBUILDING:	486sqft	(45m ²)
TOTAL:	12,537sqft	(1,164m ²)

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The outbuilding.



The house.

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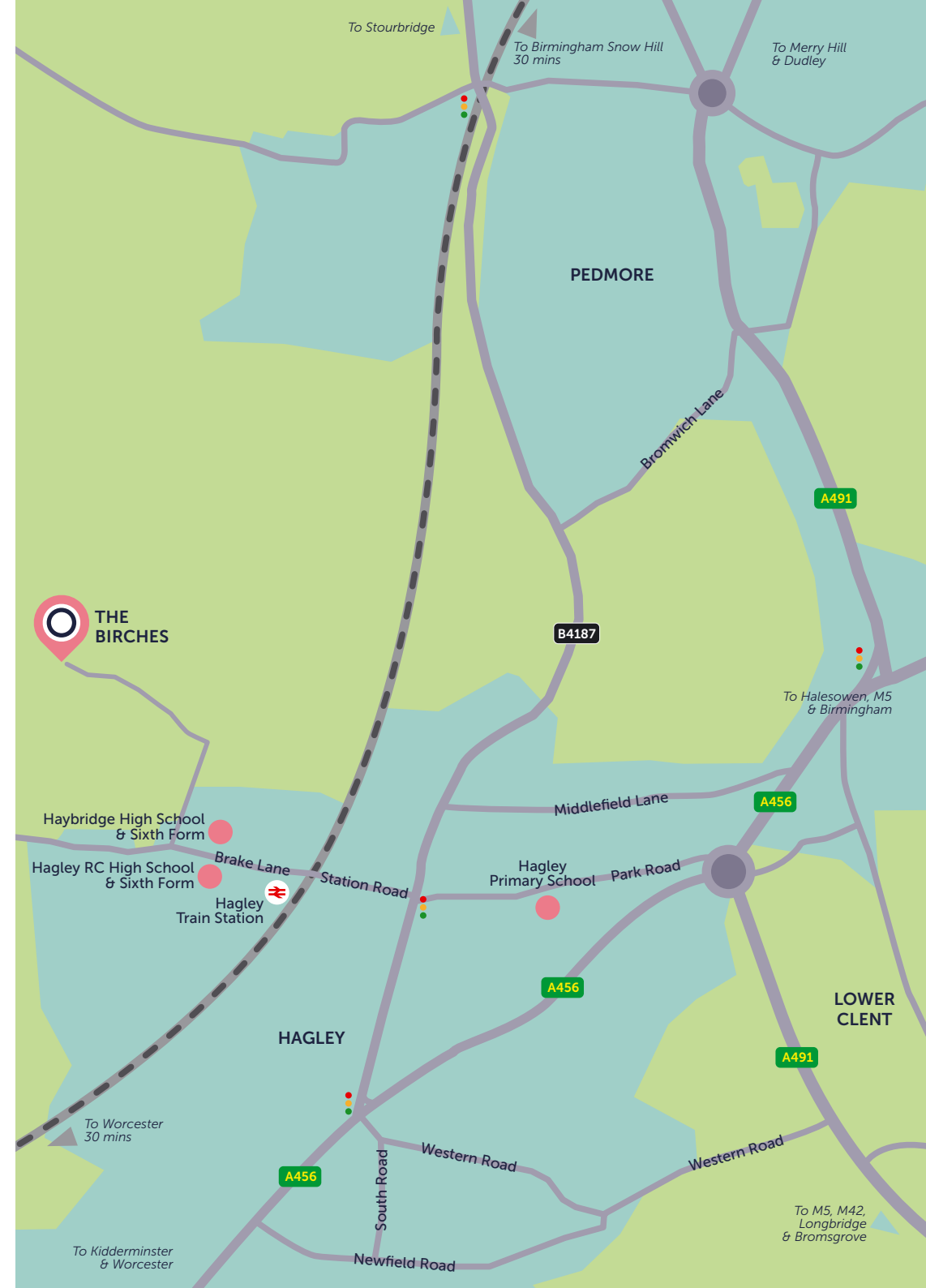
It's not often you find a property that enjoys a nearly exclusive postcode of its own. However, The Birches is one such example!

The long driveway begins at the end of a private road off Brake Lane on the outskirts of Hagley, between the village and Ounty John Lane in Pedmore.

Hagley train station is only a short walk away, giving excellent commuter links to our local cultural centres of Worcester and Birmingham; with a daily service direct to London Marylebone from Hagley. London Euston will only be 52 minutes away from Birmingham when HS2 is completed.

M5 junctions 3 & 4 are both only 10 minutes away, giving access to the rest of the Midlands Motorway Network, bringing Birmingham Airport and Birmingham International train station within easy reach.

The property lies within catchment of excellent schools at both primary and secondary levels, with the highly-rated Oldswinford Hospital, Winterfold House, Bromsgrove and RGS Worcester Schools all within easy reach.





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