

Plas Amherst Harlech | | LL46 2RA £2,500,000

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An imposing coastal Edwardian mansion steeped in history with arguably the best views in Wales, having an unrivalled panoramic vista of the expansive Cardigan Bay below circled by the Llvn Peninsula and Snowdonia mountain ranges.

The exclusivity of this property not only lies in its exceptional setting but also in its incredible renovation combined with its historic architecture. Uniquely the renovation of this stone built mansion is so extensive that the property boasts a 10 year 'Buildzone' warranty.

Embracing and transcending the traditional it offers a once in a lifetime opportunity to own a truly stand out property in a location that is nothing short of breathtaking. It is many years since this property has been offered for sale as a private residence and the current owners have totally transformed this already externally beautiful mansion into a property with an exceptional interior of contemporary quality, style and design that is rarely seen.

In a private and elevated position with 6 acres of grounds sloping down toward the coast, it is also easily accessible and within walking distance of the UNESCO historic village of Harlech, the glorious sandy beaches and the Royal St. David's Golf Course. Anchorage marinas and a private airfield are close by

The original mansion was designed to maximise the outside space and the incredible views, and redevelopment has enhanced this further with a wealth o glazing and predominantly south west facing rooms flooded with natural light. Large sliding patio doors create open plan living connecting the interior and exterior and open to the extensive external porcelain terrace facing the magnificent coastal view.

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Totalling 674 sqm and comprising of 10 bedrooms, 9 bathrooms it is cleverly divided into a 5 bedroom main residence with 5 bedroom annex (Valerian Lodge) which can be reunited to create one property if desired.

- Imposing fully renovated coastal Edwardian mansion with uninterrupted sea views
- 6 acres of grounds with magnificent views
- A unique and complete restoration with 10 year Buildzone warranty. EPC C
- 10 hedrooms 9 hathrooms 4 reception rooms 2 kitchens 2 games rooms
- Finished to an exceptionally high standard with contemporary design
- Private yet accessible location within walking distance of beaches and amenities
- Totalling 674 sqm as 5 bedroomed main residence and 5 bedroom annex (Valerian Lodge)
- Close to anchorage, moorings and private airfield. Minutes from Royal St David-Golf Course and UNESCO World Heritage Harlech Castle
- Gated driveway with ample parking for multiple vehicles
- We recommend viewing the presentation video to fully appreciate this amazing property and its outstanding location







# Plas Amherst Main Residence

The entrance hallway with grand period staircase leads to the magnificent porcelain floored dining hall with patio doors opening to the exterior porcelain terrace. The ground floor benefits from underfloor heating throughout and accommodation flows effortlessly to the kitchen/diner where the porcelain flooring continues. Patio doors open to the terrace and the kitchen is fully equipped with a range of bespoke hand built hardwood units and a range of high end integrated appliances. The counters are a sea of gleaming granite and there is a large breakfast island. A nod to the past is included with a fabulous Butler style pantry and contemporary wooden wall panelling.

The flow continues from the dining hall to the sophisticated living room, patio doors open to the terrace to bring the outside in on balmy sunny days and seating around a log burning fire is the perfect setting for chilly winter evenings.

To the rear is a large wood panelled entertainment room with multi media, pool table and comfortable seating. Patio doors open to the side terrace.

The original Edwardian oak staircase sweeps grandly up to the galleried first floor landing and the five bedrooms, four with far reaching sea views. All are stylishly presented with beautifully appointed en-suites.

The principal bedroom has floor to ceiling windows designed to fully appreciate the breathtaking views, a fabulous dressing room plus en-suite. A luxurious free standing bath sits under a window providing a wonderful sea and sky view.

# Valerian Lodge (The Annex)

The adjacent annex (Valerian Lodge) is no less impressive and set over 3 floors.

The ground floor benefits from underfloor heating throughout and has a fully equipped spacious bespoke kitchen/diner/lounge with wood burning stove and

patio doors to private terrace plus a spacious games room.

On the first floor are three bedrooms, one with ensuite and a family bathroom. The bedrooms on this floor enjoy sea or village views. The two further bedrooms dominate the top floor, both with ensuite and having the most magnificent coastal views with the elevation providing views of soaring kites and buzzards below.

#### Gardens and Grounds

Situated in 6 acres the property is enclosed by original Edwardian stone walls and a gated entrance leads to a large blue slate chipped driveway.

Spanning the width of the house and wrapping around the sides is an extensive porcelain terrace with glass balustrade facing the coast, abuted by level lawned areas. The annex benefits from its own private garden. The grounds slope gently down towards the coast and meandering paths have been both created and rediscovered with scope for future landscaping and development.

At the bottom of the garden there is access to a lower lane accessible by vehicle, plus walking paths across the dunes to the glorious sandy beaches and also to the Royal St David's Golf Course.

#### Location

The property is located on the edge of the Harlech village a designated UNESCO World Heritage site with its mediaeval castle. It is in walking distance of the glorious sandy beaches and beautiful sand dunes with are designated as a National Nature Reserve and Site of Special Scientific Interest.

For keen golfers the famous Royal St David's Golf Course is just minutes away. Established in 1894, the Harlech links has long been ranked within the "Top Fifty" of British golf courses and most recently ranked 2nd in the Top 50 Courses in Wales by Golf World,



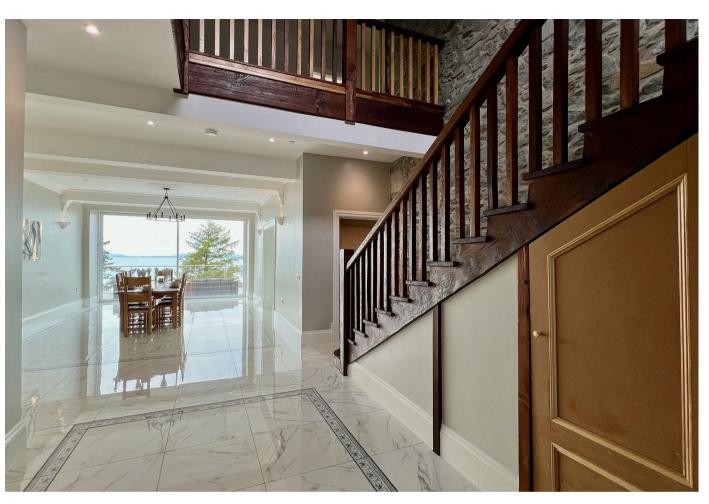
















over the years nearly eighty championships of national and international stature have been played at Harlech.

Set within the Morfa Dunes owned by Lord Harlech the links can be seen from Plas Amherst.

The open sea offers some of the best sailing with anchorages at Porth Dinllaen and moorings at Vicotria Dock and Hafan Phwllehi.

Light aircraft and helicopters can be landed and housed at the private Llanbedr airfield just 2 miles away.

## History

Built as a summer residence in 1905 for the 3rd Earl of Amherst it was the seat of many "High Society" parties and events with friends and nobility arriving from London via train. The train stopped at the bottom of Plas Amherst garden the private "Amherst Halt". Visitors walked up the winding path made from slate slabs up to the house. The gardens were attractive and renown with even tennis court built into the sloping hillside.

The house itself had many interesting features including a four poster bed in the smoking room.

The Amherst family sold Plas Amherst in earl 1920's to a private owner who sold on to a doctor in 1937 and the building was employed as a military hospital for RAF pilot during WW11. After the war it was used by Short brothers of Belfast as accommodation for their staff who operated the nearby private Llanbedr airfield. In the 1980's it served as a hotel and then a care home for the elderly.

The current owners have restored to a private residence with the creation of the 5 bedroom annex which has income potential and can be opened to restore to one 10 bedroom property if desired.



#### Renovation Information

The property has been fully renovated and restored with the benefit of a 10 year 'Buildzone' warranty and all appropriate building control certificates. Taken back to the original stone walls and extensively remodelled and redesigned creating what is essentially a new build property within original Edwardian edifice.

The renovation includes but is not restricted to:

- \* Extensive remodelling of the interior layout creating the 5 bedroom main house and 5 bedroom annex complete with en-suite bathrooms, two kitchens and four reception rooms and 2 games rooms
- \* The property has been completely reroofed in slate in accordance with the requirements of Snowdonia National Park
- \* Underfloor heating has been installed throughout the ground floor, and a new oil fired heating system installed thoughout the property
- \* All windows and doors have been replaced including Sappelle Hardwood sash windows
- \* The property has been fully insulated including insulation to under floor, ceilings and walls EPC C
- \* Fully rewired and re-plumbed
- \* Hardwood " in frame " hand built kitchens installed with Granite worktops
- \* 10 exceptional bathrooms
- \* Externally the grounds have been landscaped to create the drive and large parking area, level lawns and a wrap around porcelain terrace with glass balustrade. Creation and restoration of paths and walkways leading down the hillside

## Main Residence Room Details

# Living Room

22'11"  $\times$  16'4"'16'4" (7  $\times$  5'5) Patio doors to terrace and wood burning stove.

# Dining Hall

 $14'11" \times 44'9" (4.55 \times 13.66)$ Porcelain floor and patio doors to terrace.













## Breakfast Kitchen

 $28'10" \times 19'0" (8.8 \times 5.8)$ 

Porcelain tiled floor, bespoke kitchen with island and granite worktops. Patio doors to terrace.

## Games/Entertainment Room

 $18'8" \times 13'7" (5.7 \times 4.15)$ 

Wooden panelling to walls, porcelain tiled flooring and patio doors to terrace.

## **Utility Room**

 $7'6" \times 4'7" (2.3 \times 1.4)$ 

## Ground Floor WC

 $8'8" \times 4'3" (2.66 \times 1.3)$ 

# Principal Bedroom

 $20'4" \times 24'3" (6.2 \times 7.4)$ 

Full height glazing with magnificent views.

## Dressing Room Principal Bedroom

 $7'6" \times 12'0" (2.29 \times 3.67)$ 

# En-Suite Principal Bedroom

10'0" × 13'3" (3.06 × 4.06)

With large walk in shower and free standing bath under window with sea view.

#### Bedroom 2

 $16'8" \times 13'5" (5.10 \times 4.09)$ 

Glorious sea views and en-suite.

#### Bedroom 3

 $13'3" \times 10'0" (4.06 \times 3.06)$ 

Glorious sea views and en-suite.

#### Bedroom 4

 $18'7" \times 13'5" (5.68 \times 4.10)$ 

Sea and hillside views and en-suite.

#### Bedroom 5

 $11'5" \times 10'5" (3.5 \times 3.2)$ 

Hillside and village views and en-suite.

# Valerian Lodge Room Details

# Lounge/Kitchen/Diner

 $14'11'' \times 28'9'' (4.56 \times 8.78)$ 

Bespoke hardwood "in frame "hand built kitchens installed with granite worktop. Spacious dining area and living space. Wood burning stove and patio doors to private garden with sea views.

#### Games Room

 $19'4" \times 13'9" (5.90 \times 4.20)$ 

With sea views from window to front and side.

## Ground Floor WC

 $3'8" \times 6'2" (1.13 \times 1.9)$ 

#### Bedroom I

 $14'0" \times 16'10" (4.28 \times 5.14)$ 

Coastal and mountain views - serviced by adjacent family bathroom.

#### Bedroom 2

15'11" × 14'11" (4.87 × 4.57)

Hillside and village views- serviced by adjacent family bathroom.

# Family Bathroom

 $7'5" \times 12'1" (2.27 \times 3.7)$ 

With large walk in shower and free standing claw footed bath.

#### Bedroom 3

 $18'0" \times 12'5" (5.5 \times 3.8)$ 

Far reaching coastal and mountain views and en-suite.

#### Bedroom 4

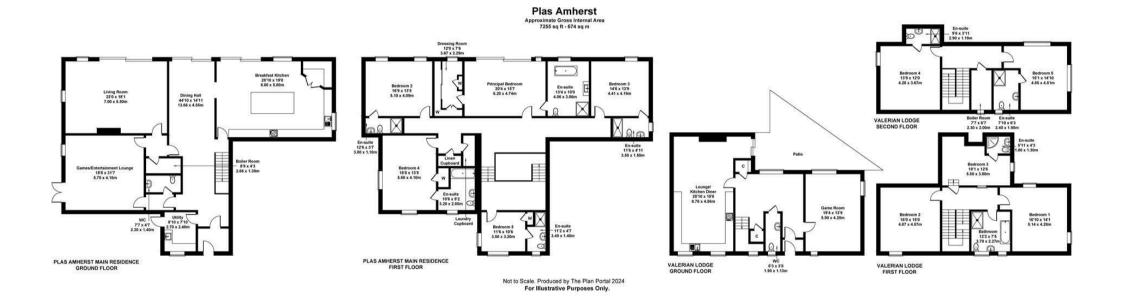
 $12'0" \times 13'9" (3.67 \times 4.2)$ 

Far reaching views along Cardigan Bay and en-suite.

#### Bedroom 5

14'9" × 15'10" (4.51 × 4.85)

Simply breathtaking views from the large picture window, plus en-suite.

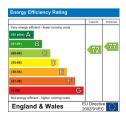


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