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Offers in the region of £695,000



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A house for all seasons, and a home for a lifetime. A beautifully restored four bedroom home with period features at every turn and breathtaking views. Cloddiau is, without question, something special.

Key Features

- Stunning, Detached Period Country Home
- Set in approx 1.25 acres
- Four Bedrooms
- Gorgeous Country Kitchen with Adjoining Pantry/Laundry & Boot Rooms
- Four Receptions Rooms
- Family Bathroom, Master Ensuite & Downstairs Shower Room
- Extended and Beautifully Renovated Throughout
- Two Barns; One with Planning
- Breathtaking Views
- Gardens, Orchards, Ample Parking

The Property

Cloddiau is a rare thing — a genuinely extraordinary home that stops you in your tracks the moment it comes into view. Set in approximately 1.25 acres of wrap-around land in the hills above Aberbechan, this early 19th-century farmhouse commands far-reaching views across the rolling Montgomeryshire countryside to the Kerry Ridgeway, and offers a quality of life that is increasingly difficult to find. The current owners purchased the property in 2016 and have transformed it with exceptional care and attention to detail, sensitively breathing new life into every corner whilst honouring the extraordinary character that makes Cloddiau so special. The result is a home of genuine beauty, one that feels both deeply rooted in its history and entirely ready to be lived in and loved.

The farmhouse dates from the early 1800s, though parts of the building are believed to be considerably older. The building has been lime plastered internally on the front facing walls and the original timber frame, exposed and treated throughout including in the attic, runs through the house like a spine, giving every room a warmth and character that simply cannot be replicated. Witness marks survive on the beams, a reminder of the hands that shaped this place long before the current owners arrived. As part of the renovation, every window in the house has been replaced, with floating mullions throughout to frame and maximise the remarkable views, particularly on the front elevation where the countryside opens up before you.

You enter through the boot room, a generous and

welcoming space added as part of the 2016 works, with skylights flooding the room with light, a slate-tiled floor and washbasin. A door leads through to the dining room, where French doors open onto a raised stone terrace with far-reaching views across the countryside, a room that works as well for a relaxed family breakfast as it does for an evening with friends. The ground floor shower room, smart and fully tiled with a walk-in shower, basin and WC, sits just off the dining room.

Returning to the boot room, a door leads through into the kitchen, part of the original farmhouse and a genuinely lovely room to cook in. Centred on an oil-fired Rayburn, with generous fitted cabinetry, integrated appliances and a central island, it is a space that will be used constantly. The pantry and utility room beyond provides excellent storage, laundry facilities, integrated fridge and freezer and a stable door to the outside.

From the kitchen, the house opens into the drawing room, one of the most extraordinary rooms you will find in any home. The original timber frame is exposed on every wall, the original Welsh chequerboard quarry-tiled floor runs underfoot, and the inglenook fireplace commands the room with a presence that is difficult to put into words. The massive brick hearth retains its original bressumer beam and original wooden seats to either side. Some of the slates within the inglenook are believed to have formed part of the original butter-making platform, discovered in the cellar below, and at its centre sits a Jotul log burner. A drinks cabinet is cleverly built into the timber frame on the far wall, glasses hanging above and bottles below, and it is details like this that speak to how the whole house has been approached. The current owners have decorated with real flair and confidence, and the drawing room is a masterclass in how to dress a period interior, with every detail considered and nothing overdone.

Adjoining the drawing room, the sitting room is a beautifully styled space, painted in pale blue with a second log burner set into an arched brick fireplace. It is the kind of room you settle into for the evening and have no desire to leave. A stair rail salvaged from a Llangollen church descends from here to the lower ground floor, a generous, versatile room with exposed beams that would make an excellent fifth bedroom, home office or games room.

Upstairs, the landing is a moment in itself, the original timber frame and ancient trusses rising overhead as you

move between rooms. The master bedroom is a generous and beautifully decorated space with an abstract watercolour wall and exposed beams, with a door through to a superb en-suite shower room featuring a large walk-in shower, a stone bowl basin set on a bespoke vanity unit and WC with parquet flooring. The second bedroom is a wonderfully characterful double, decorated in bold yellow with feature wallpaper and exposed roof timbers, full of personality. Bedrooms three and four sit to the rear of the house, both well-proportioned doubles, with bedroom four benefiting from its own en-suite WC and basin. The family bathroom is a beautifully finished room with a freestanding roll-top bath, basin and WC. Storage has been thoughtfully considered throughout the first floor, with generous provision across all rooms.

The outside space has been as carefully considered as the interior, with different areas of the land lending themselves to different moods and different moments in the day. The raised stone terrace directly off the dining room is the natural spot for morning coffee and al fresco dining. A separate BBQ patio provides a dedicated space for outdoor entertaining, and a further decking area near the red barn sits in the spot where the current owners previously positioned a shepherd's hut, complete with its own hot tub and separate septic tank, which they let successfully on Airbnb. The potential to reinstate something similar is clear, and for anyone looking at income generation alongside residential use, this corner of the plot is well worth considering.

The land wraps around the house on all sides, with Cloddiau sitting within a wider landscape of open farmland and rolling countryside. The enclosed orchard, with its established apple trees and younger plantings of cherry, plum and damson, is perfectly suited to keeping chickens. Lawned areas provide plenty of space for children and families, and at the top of the land a pond and stream complete the picture of a truly self-contained rural holding.

The red brick barn is a substantial and remarkable building. Part of the upper floor has been converted into a stunning studio space, vaulted with original oak trusses, exposed brickwork and a full-height apex window framing an extraordinary view across the countryside. Power and lighting are installed throughout and the space is currently in use as a design studio. The remainder of the upper floor and the ground floor provide extensive workshop and storage space. Full planning permission was granted in

2019 for residential conversion, with a restriction in place preventing resale as a separate dwelling, offering the next owners the exciting prospect of creating an annexe, holiday accommodation or creative retreat of real quality.

Cloddiau was originally part of the Gregynog Estate, and the timber-framed barn is believed to be a typical example of Gregynog construction, a tangible and rather wonderful link to that estate and its history. Further outbuildings include a loose box, greenhouse, lambing shed and pigsty.

Cloddiau is, without question, a house for all seasons. The views, the land, the history and the quality of the renovation come together to create something genuinely rare. For those seeking an exceptional home in the Welsh countryside, this is it.

The Location

Aberbechan is a small, peaceful hamlet set in the Severn Valley, tucked between the market town of Newtown and the historic town of Montgomery in the heart of Montgomeryshire. Taking its name from its position at the confluence of the Bechan Brook and the River Severn, it is a place of genuine rural character, with a landscape shaped by centuries of farming, milling, and life along the water.

The hamlet sits quietly within the community of Abermule with Llandyssil, and those looking for a more active village hub will find it close at hand in Abermule, just a short drive away, where there is a popular pub, community centre, and a good range of local amenities. The nearby village of Bettws Cedewain and the town of Newtown extend those options further still.

For those with an interest in history, Aberbechan rewards curiosity. Aberbechan Hall and the neighbouring Little Aberbechan, a 16th-century house and one of the oldest surviving dwellings in the area, speak to a long and layered past. The remnants of the Montgomery Canal's former wharf and kiln add further texture to the landscape, and the Aberbechan Dyke, an early medieval earthwork, runs close by. A Grade II listed stone bridge carrying the B4568 over the Bechan Brook is a handsome local landmark in its own right.

Families are well-served by the nearby primary school in Abermule, with secondary education available at Newtown High School, which offers both English and Welsh-medium streams. Newtown itself provides supermarkets, shops, medical facilities, restaurants, and leisure options including Theatr Hafren, and is only around three miles away.

For commuters, the A483 provides direct links to Welshpool to the north and onward to Shrewsbury and the wider road network, while Newtown railway station on the Cambrian Line offers regular services east towards Shrewsbury and west to Machynlleth and the coast.

With the Shropshire Hills to the east and the Mid Wales coast within comfortable reach, Aberbechan offers a beautiful and well-connected base for those seeking a quieter way of life without sacrificing convenience.

Heating

The property has the oil fired central heating.

Services

We are informed the property is connected to mains services.

It has two private sceptic tanks

Tenure

We are informed the property is of freehold tenure.

Access to the property is via a right of way over a quarter of a mile driveway.

Broadband

The property has Starlink satellite broadband providing speeds of around 100Mb/s. Interested parties are advised to make their own enquiries.

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Agents Note

Planning was granted in 2019 to convert the Red Barn to residential use in connection with the existing dwelling.
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Council Tax

Powys County Council - Band F

Nearest Towns/Cities

- Abermule - 2 miles
- Bettws Cedewain - 2 miles
- Newtown - 4 miles
- Berriew - 7 miles
- Welshpool - 11 miles
- Shrewsbury - 30 miles

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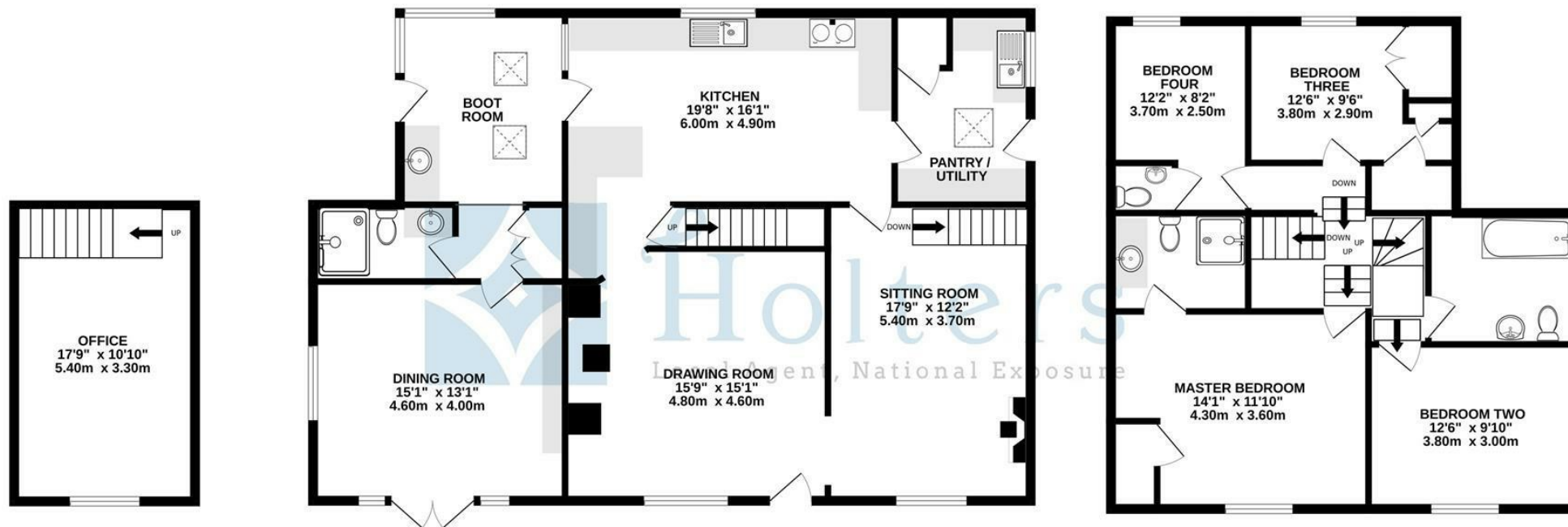


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BASEMENT
192 sq ft. (17.8 sq.m.) approx.

GROUND FLOOR
1180 sq ft. (109.6 sq.m.) approx.

1ST FLOOR
731 sq ft. (67.9 sq.m.) approx.



TOTAL FLOOR AREA : 2102 sq.ft. (195.3 sq.m.) approx.

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