



The Butterfly
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COUNTRY LIVING SPACE TO GATHER & GROW



Hidden beyond a long sweeping driveway, this historic 4-bedroom country home unfolds within glorious grounds surrounded by open fields. Offering a rare blend of timeless character, versatile living and exceptional multi-generational potential with the well-maintained barn, the house is just three miles from Stowmarket with day-to-day amenities and commuter rail links.



KEY FEATURES

- A Very Fine Grade II* Listed Building
- Magnificent Period Features
- Superb Elizabethan Staircase
- Envious Rural Position
- Four Generous Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Fabulous Drawing Room
- Sitting Room and Formal Dining Room
- Excellent Grounds Extending to Around 1.46 Acres (stms)
- No Onward Chain

When the most recent owners first saw the house – they fell in love with it. The origin of the name “The Butterfly” is unknown, but it is thought possibly to be due to the “fleur-de-lys” design of wall pargetting, known locally as butterfly and visible in parts of the home. With many beautifully preserved and restored features this home was a labour of love, from garden design and landscaping, to complete renovation of both the house and the barn.

Step Inside

Rich in character and beautifully proportioned throughout, the home combines period charm with highly adaptable accommodation ideally suited to evolving family needs. The farmhouse triple-aspect kitchen breakfast room is a warm and welcoming space filled with natural light and authentic country character, gorgeous beams stretching across the ceiling and a walk-in, wonderfully cool pantry offering every chef’s dream of practical storage. The kitchen is a sunny space, opening onto sweeping lawns, and is made for slow mornings, family coming together and relaxed entertaining with space for a large table to gather around, and has been a firm favourite for the current owners. For flexible family living, adjacent to the kitchen sits a charming dual-aspect sitting room, beautifully lit by the morning sun and with a log burner for cosy snuggling in winter – ideal as a TV room or maybe a teen’s den. Beyond the hallway, the magnificent dining room provides a true sense of occasion, grand proportions, exposed beams, dual-aspect windows, and a striking fireplace with wood burner create an atmosphere simply perfect for Christmas, Dickens style. The floor in here is original and was lowered under the main beam by the previous owner to allow greater head height. An external door opens onto the western terrace, allowing evening light to pour into the room, making it a special place in any season and just off the dining room is the ground floor cloakroom. Reached via an internal hallway, the formal drawing room is a breathtaking triple-aspect space filled with natural light and commanding views across the gardens. A substantial fireplace with wood burner anchors the room, while direct access to the southern aspect beautifully connects indoor and outdoor living.





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This elegant retreat offers wonderful separation from the main family areas, perfect for quieter evenings, guests or independent single level living arrangements, and its adaptable nature adds valuable flexibility for multi-generational living.

A Home Designed for Generations

When this circa 1570 home was bought by the most recent owners, they undertook extensive renovations including infrastructure considerations such as roofing, drainage, windows/doors and maintaining the textured daub-plaster in the traditional manner. The owners preserved historical aspects including windows of many periods needing re-glazing, mullioned windows, arched fireplaces, a superb dog leg staircase circa 1600 and incredibly striking pargetting that would have been on the outside of the house before the late medieval additional wing was added. This stunning home has been saved for posterity and has a wonderful friendly feel - rarely does a listed country home combine such warmth, light, versatility, and future potential. Whether accommodating a young family, extended family, creating inspiring work-from-home spaces, pursuing creative passions, or simply embracing a quieter rural lifestyle, this exceptional property offers the freedom to shape a truly individual way of living. A home always cool in summer and so warm in winter, where generations can gather, children can roam, creativity can flourish and country life can be fully enjoyed.

Explore Upstairs

The principal staircase rises to a generous landing leading to well-balanced bedroom accommodation all with dual or triple aspect windows making this a surprisingly bright and airy first floor, still full of character and history with one of the bedrooms also featuring a painted wall which would have been an original interior wall. Two substantial bedrooms are at the front aspect of the house, offering stunning sunsets, one currently serves as a study, and these rooms have a bathroom between them. Two further bedrooms are accessed via the Newell spiral staircase, or from the main landing, offering a valuable degree of privacy and independence. This arrangement naturally lends itself to a nursery suite or independent space for an older child or relative, with room for both sleeping and sitting areas. The family bathroom sits on the main landing with a fabulous recently re-enamelled free-standing bathtub, creating excellent flexibility for family life or visiting guests. A large loft with electricity supply, runs the entire length of the house, perfect for storage.





















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Step Outside

As you approach from a long driveway, rolling lawns, majestic oak and willow trees and a stunning Mulberry tree create a striking first impression, guiding you to the double carport with storage above, and plenty of parking space for visitors. The sense of peace is immediate, a private sanctuary where country life feels both refined and wonderfully practical - the owners say they always feel the need to take a photo when they arrive, no matter what time of day or year, it is so beautiful. At the front of the home a well sits in front of a flowerbed, where the owners have installed lighting to create a pretty focal point. Meandering pathways invite exploration through the rear gardens, the wide terrace offering space for a leisurely coffee, family barbecues, and lounging, and paths leading ultimately to the barn. Productive spaces including the greenhouse, shed, (used as the wine store!) log store and sectioned garden areas providing the perfect opportunity for a self-sufficient lifestyle and home-grown produce whether growing veggies or keeping chickens. The current owners planted the orchard - apple, pear, and a super sweet Victoria Plum tree, and these along with berries from the front garden Mulberry tree, tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers grown in the greenhouse have provided many tasty meals. The substantial outbuildings create an exceptional lifestyle offering rarely found, and include a particularly exciting feature of the property, an impressive barn, offering enormous flexibility for modern family life. The owner was a sculptor and artist, creating the bronzes gracing the front lawns, and the barn comes equipped with electricity, water and a multi-fuel burner, lending itself beautifully to creative studios, workshops and craft spaces, a home gym or wellness retreat, entertaining space, business or hobby use or of course future residential conversion potential (subject to permissions and there is a lapsed planning permission for conversion to accommodation which is encouraging for buyers.) In the past the family have eaten al fresco, Italian style, around a large table outside the barn, such a simple thing and so cherished. The sum of all these parts is a property designed not simply for living, but for flourishing.





Barn/Studio/Workshop











INFORMATION



On The Doorstep

Great Finborough is a pretty village in a rural location, with local countryside walks accessible straight from the front door, across the fields with footpaths aplenty. The village benefits from a primary school, village pub, a church, and the highly regarded Finborough School (Suffolk's leading independent day and boarding school).

How Far Is It To...

Situated just three miles from Stowmarket, commuters benefit from fast train connections to Cambridge, Ipswich, London (Liverpool Street), Norwich, and Peterborough. There is also a large ASDA supermarket nearby, and Stowmarket Golf Course is within easy reach along with a leisure centre with gym and day-to-day amenities including a GP surgery.

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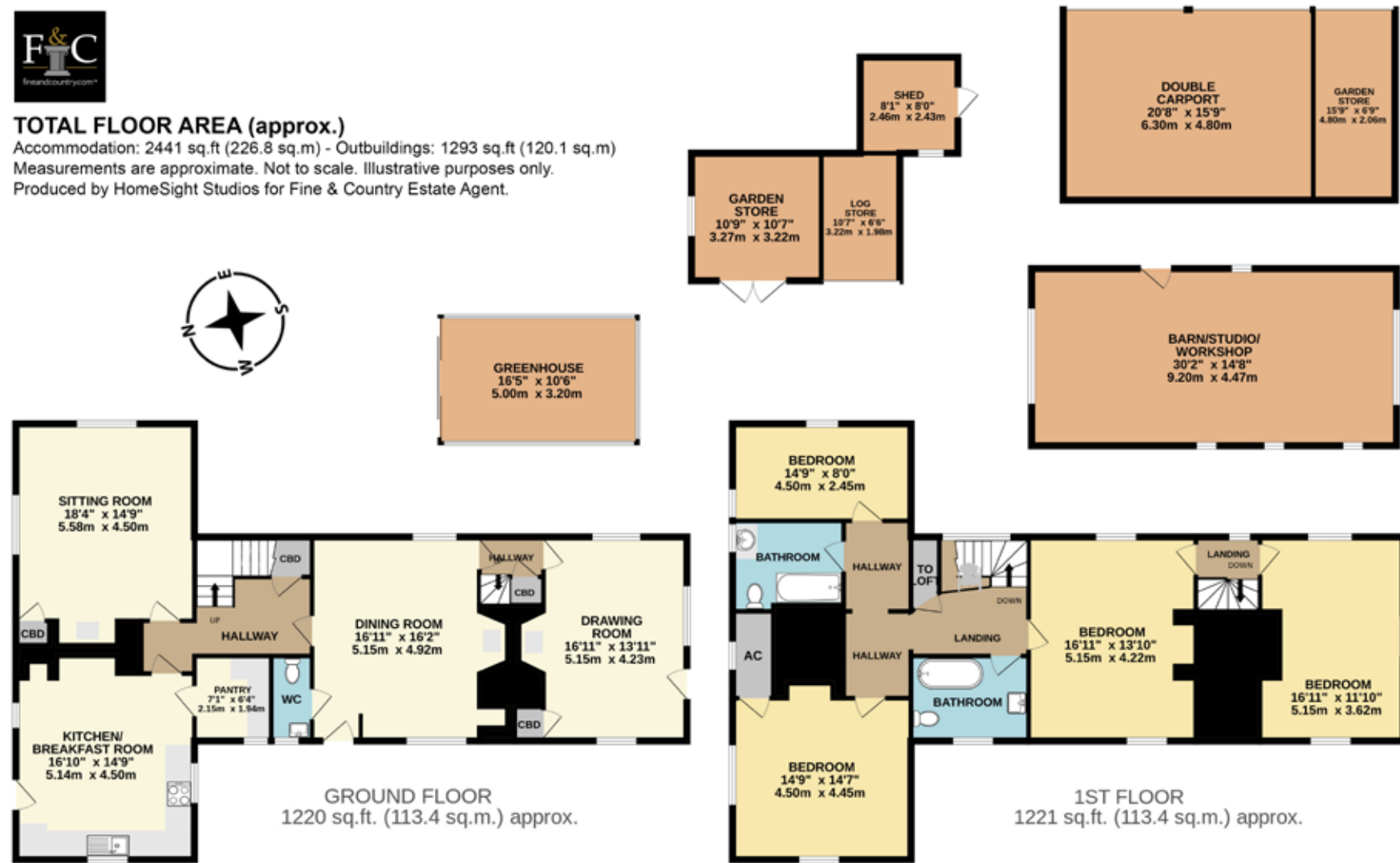
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Mid Suffolk District Council - Band G - Freehold



TOTAL FLOOR AREA (approx.)

Accommodation: 2441 sq.ft (226.8 sq.m) - Outbuildings: 1293 sq.ft (120.1 sq.m)
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