



Church House
English Bicknor | Coleford | Gloucestershire | GL16 7PG

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INTRODUCTION

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- Historical cottage in need of some cosmetic updating
- Four bedrooms, one en-suite and family bathroom
- Two reception rooms with fireplaces
- Open-plan kitchen and dining room
- Professionally landscaped and maintained gardens
- Village location on the western side of Forest of Dean

English Bicknor is one of the ancient villages of the Forest of Dean, positioned on a hillside overlooking the Wye Valley. It was once the site of English Bicknor Castle, a motte-and-bailey fortress, the remains of which can still be seen from the garden of Church House. At the heart of the village are St Mary the Virgin Church and the village primary school. The village benefits from a strong community spirit, with a village hall and an active website detail a wide range of events and activities throughout the year. <https://www.englishbicknor.org/village-activities>.

The Forest of Dean offers a captivating blend of ancient woodland, rolling countryside and scenic river valleys, providing a wealth of outdoor and cultural attractions. These include extensive walking and cycling routes such as the Sculpture Trail, the Dean Heritage Centre, the atmospheric Puzzlewood, and the artisan hub at Taurus Crafts. Nearby towns include Coleford, Ross-on-Wye and Monmouth, all surrounded by the Forest's natural beauty and the River Wye.

Educational facilities include the well-regarded village primary school, with a choice of secondary schools available in Coleford, Monmouth and Ross-on-Wye. In addition, Gloucester offers a selection of highly regarded grammar schools.

STEP INSIDE

With a fascinating history, Church House is situated within the outer bailey of the original castle, the origins of which are thought to date back to the first half of the 12th century, with only earthworks remaining today. Once connected to St Mary the Virgin Church, the property is now an attractive detached, whitewashed family home, set discreetly behind a walled front garden.

Inside, the entrance hall is spacious and practical, offering ample room for coats and shoes and leading through to a central inner hallway. Just off the hallway is a charming snug featuring quarry-tiled flooring, an original Victorian fireplace, and a front-facing window. Adjacent is a cosy sitting room, also benefitting from a working fireplace and front aspect views.

The open-plan kitchen and dining room is a generous and sociable space, with a characterful fireplace forming the main focal point, overlooked from the well-appointed and practical kitchen. The kitchen includes integral appliances and a useful utility cupboard.

Upstairs, the landing is a notably open area, comfortably accommodating a study space. The principal bedroom benefits from an en-suite shower room, while three further double bedrooms are served by the family bathroom. The bathroom features a white suite, including a walk-in bath by Aquability, with a feature stone wall adding further character and charm.

The current owners are happy to share photographs of the spectacular sunrises they have captured, enjoyed through the windows framing wonderful front aspect views.











STEP OUTSIDE

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The property enjoys a walled front garden with a pillared entrance leading to a parking area for several vehicles. To the side of the house is an outside W.C., with potential to be incorporated into a covered utility area; the current owners have already approached the local authorities regarding the necessary planning consents.

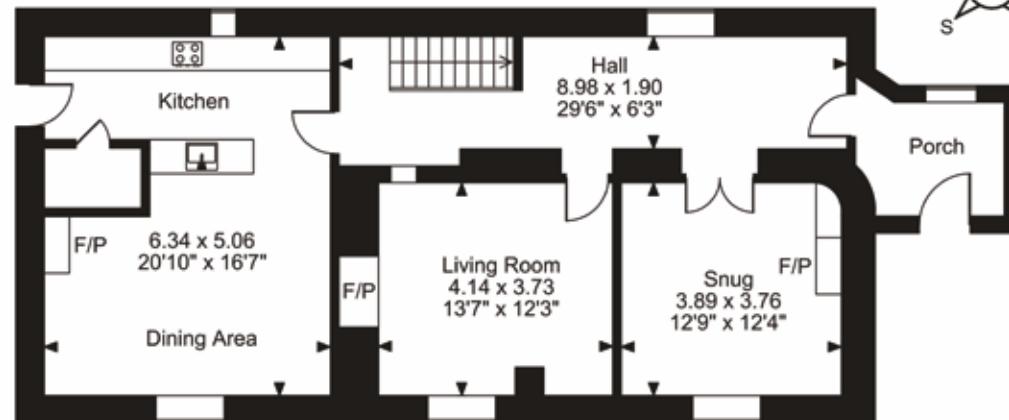
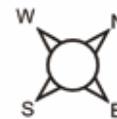
The main lawned gardens lie to the side, carefully landscaped and maintained by a local gardener. Two summerhouses provide ideal spots to relax while enjoying views of the neighbouring castle remains, which are protected by English Heritage, and across the Forest of Dean at the front. Practical storage solutions include three garden sheds.

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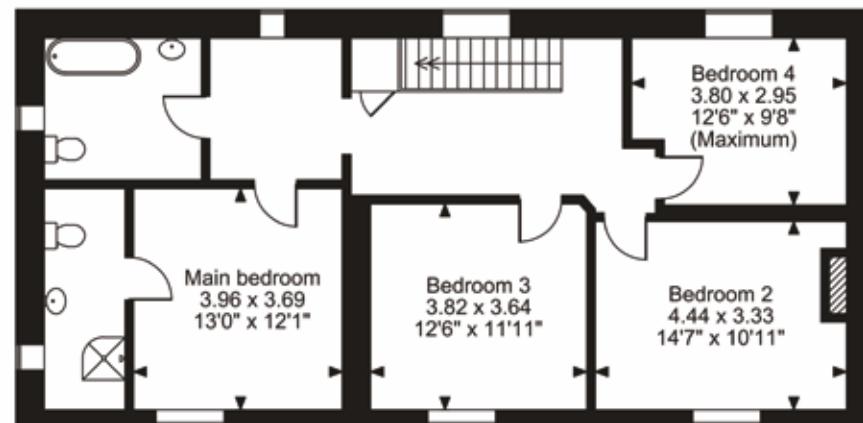
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Church House, English Bicknor, Coleford
Approximate Gross Internal Area
2012 Sq Ft/187 Sq M



Ground Floor



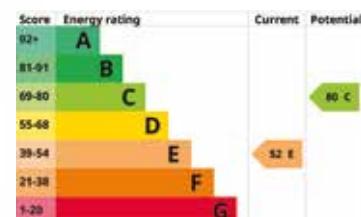
First Floor

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