



FORDCOMBE MANOR

Spring Hill, Fordcombe, Kent



AN EXCEPTIONALLY CHARMING MANOR HOUSE AND DETACHED THREE BEDROOM COTTAGE

Surrounded by beautiful gardens and grounds which include a swimming pool, tennis court, and multiple outbuildings.

Summary of accommodation

The Manor House

Reception hall | Drawing room | Sitting room | Dining room | Study Kitchen/breakfast room | Utility room | Cloakroom | Cellar/games room
Further cellar used as an office/workroom | Playroom | Kitchen gallery | Two en suite bedrooms | Two further bedrooms | Family bathroom
Top floor bedroom suite with dressing room and bathroom | Attic store

The Cottage

Entrance hall | Sitting room | Kitchen/dining room | Three bedrooms | Bathroom | Garage | Driveway and garden

Outbuildings

Two substantial period barns, one thatched, used as storage and garaging with stables attached, the other equipped as a pool house

Gardens and grounds

Formal garden | Meadow | Swimming pool | Tennis court | Football lawn | Paddocks

In all about 8.68 acres

Distances: Penshurst 2 miles, Tunbridge Wells 4.8 miles, Hildenborough 6.5 miles (London Bridge from 36 minutes and London Cannon Street from 39 minutes)
Central London 44 miles (All distances and times are approximate)

SITUATION

Fordcombe Manor lies within the High Weald AONB, very well located for commuter links to central London. Mainline rail services run from Tunbridge Wells, Hildenborough or Tonbridge, serving London Bridge, Waterloo East, Charing Cross and Cannon Street. Langton Green, Penshurst and Groombridge all have primary schools, a church, sports facilities and pubs and local shops and there is a farm shop on the Langton Green-Groombridge road.

Tunbridge Wells is approximately 5.2 miles, with high street shops, supermarkets, theatres, cinemas, cafes, restaurants and the historic Pantiles on the south side of town. East Grinstead is approximately 12 miles and Lewes approximately 24 miles to the south.

Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge and Sevenoaks have Kent Grammar schools and there is a wide choice of private options, with preparatory schools at Holmewood House (Langton Green), Rose Hill and The Mead in Tunbridge Wells. Senior schools, include Tonbridge for boys, Mayfield and Benenden for girls, with and co-ed options at Sevenoaks Eastbourne and Brighton and Bedes at Upper Dicker.

For leisure, there is horse racing at Lingfield Park, Plumpton and Brighton racecourses, golf at the Nevill in Tunbridge Wells, Hever, The Royal Ashdown Forest at Forest Row and the East Sussex National at Uckfield. Historic houses include Hever Castle, which has open air theatre productions in the summer, Penshurst Place and Chiddingstone Castle. Water sports include sailing and fishing at Bewl Water, which also has cycling and walking trails.





THE MANOR HOUSE

This stunning restored period manor house comprises a sixteenth century framed structure with an early seventeenth century gabled wing to the right-hand side.

The property is Grade II* listed as a grouping of buildings, including the two barns and is set in a commanding elevated position.

Features throughout the house include impressive exposed mellow beams and open studwork, leaded-light mullion windows (some featuring projecting frames) providing good light and distant views in all directions.

There are wide inglenook fireplaces with wood burning stoves to the two principal receptions and an open fire in the reception hall, supplementing the modern central heating system, with its period-style radiators.

In the main, there are generous ceiling heights reflecting the status of the house.

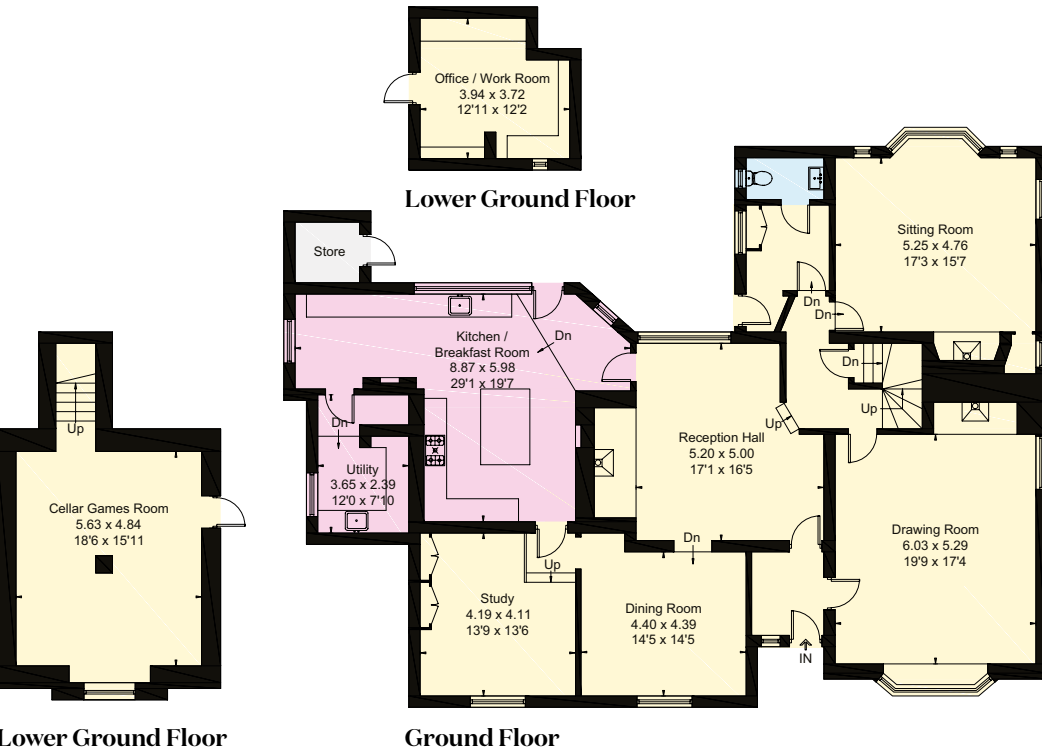
Modern adaptations include a beautiful and well-equipped Tom Howley painted kitchen, with white marble worktops, incorporating an island breakfast bar, Bertazzoni range cooker with halogen hob and concealed extractor above, integrated larder fridge/freezer, dishwasher and warming drawer, drinks' fridge and Quooker tap.

There is a mix of timber and attractive red tiled flooring to the ground floor, with modern oak flooring to the kitchen, dining room and the utility room.

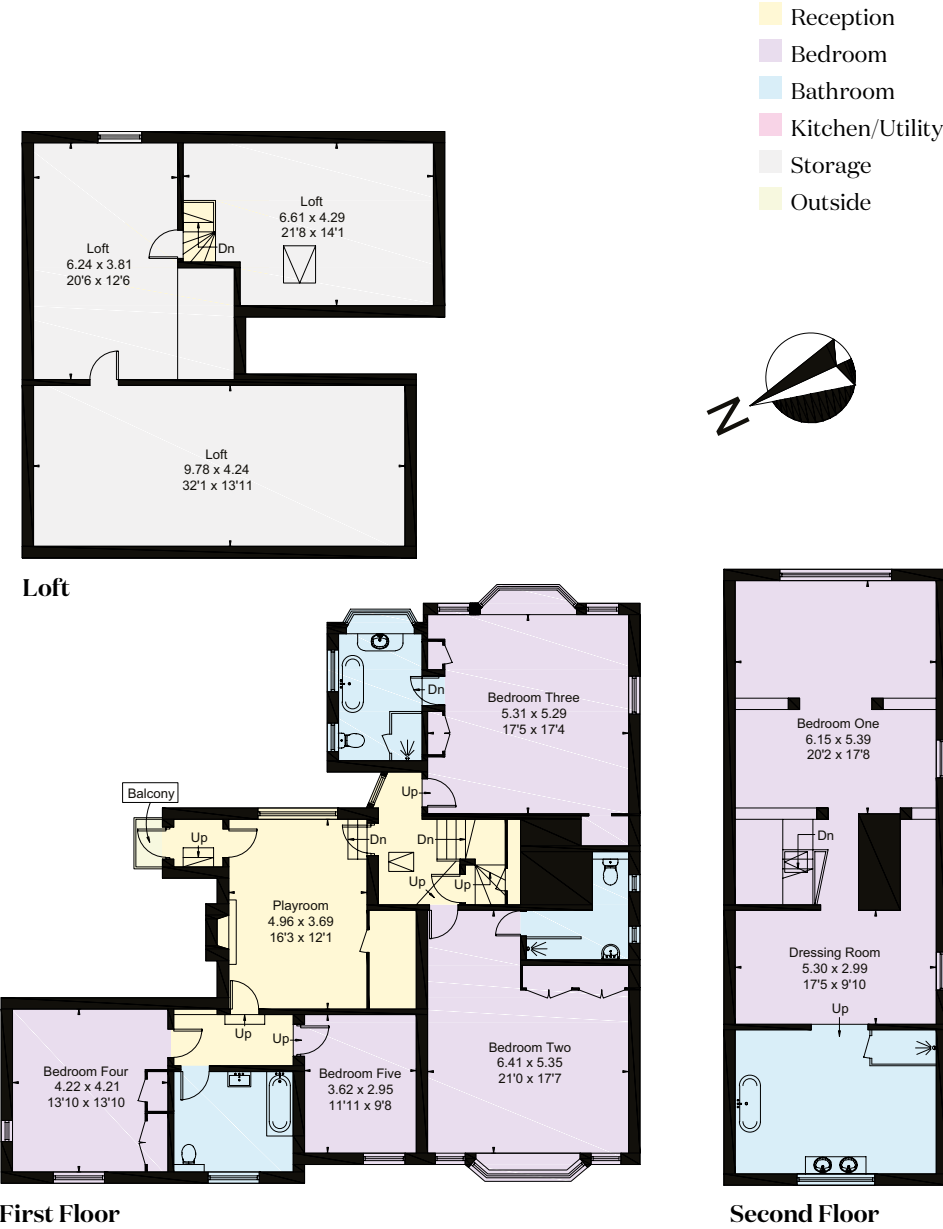
The bedrooms are smart throughout with clean lines giving a contemporary twist which nicely complements the period details.



THE MANOR HOUSE



Approximate Gross Internal Area 486.1 sq m / 5232 sq ft
Loft = 98.1 sq m / 1056 sq ft
Total = 584.2 sq m / 6288 sq ft
Including Limited Use Area (4.7 sq m / 51 sq ft)



This plan is for layout guidance only. Not drawn to scale unless stated. Windows and door openings are approximate. Whilst every care is taken in the preparation of this plan, please check all dimensions, shapes and compass bearings before making any decisions reliant upon them.



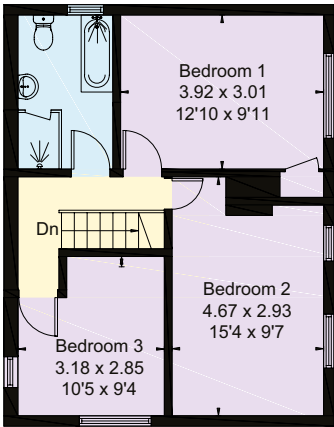
THE COTTAGE AND BARNS

From the lower shared secondary drive, there is access to the neighbouring Oast house. Part of the barn-end of this forms the cottage to the Manor house, which enjoys parking and a garage, with a small private garden and a stunning view. The Cottage accommodation comprises three bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs, with a living room and kitchen/diner downstairs.

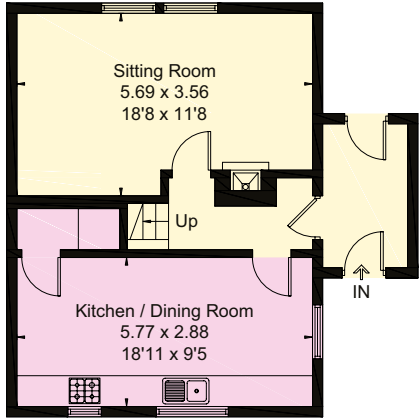
The thatched barn is an impressive structure used for storage/garaging and with two attached loose boxes. The pool house/party barn is a wonderful double height summer entertaining area, with sliding glazed doors onto the sheltered swimming pool, enclosed by walls and hedging. Impressive, with its exposed timber frame and brick block and timber flooring, the pool house provides a kitchen and a mezzanine gallery/stage, with changing room facilities below.



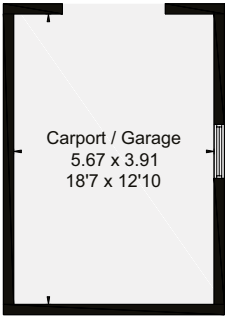
THE COTTAGE & OUTBUILDINGS



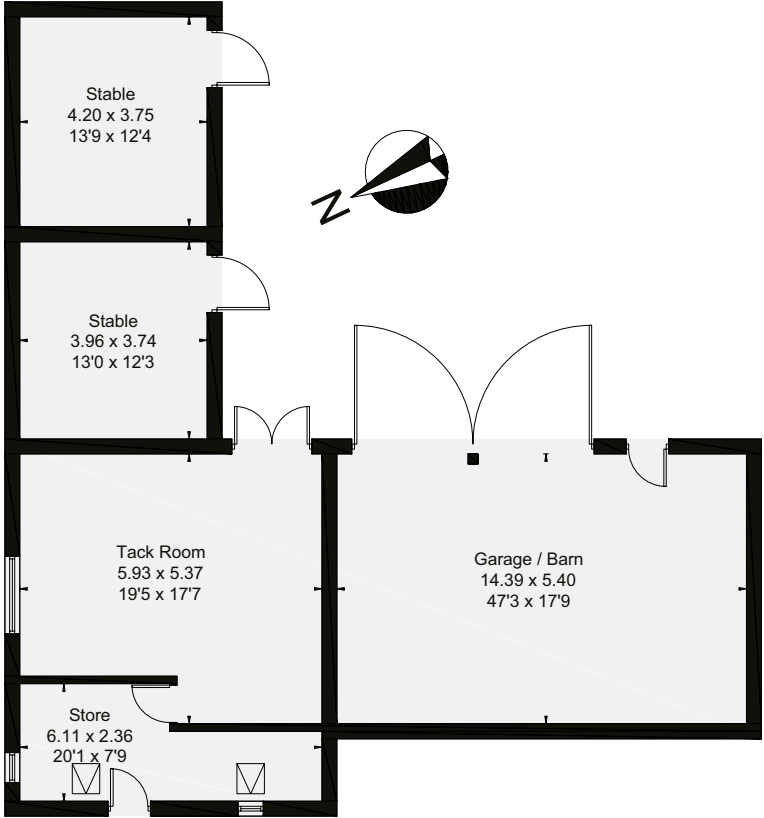
Cottage First Floor



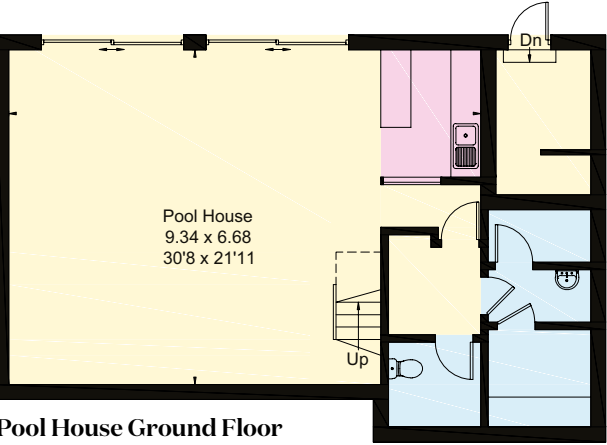
Cottage Ground Floor



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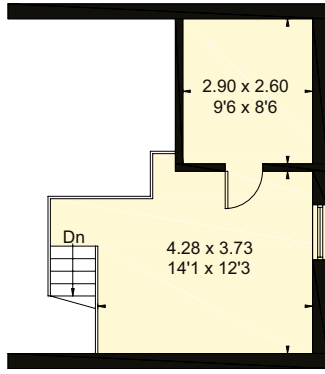


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Pool House Ground Floor

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Pool House First Floor

- Reception
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Kitchen/Utility
- Storage
- Outside



GARDENS AND GROUNDS

There is a tennis court on the raised land by the pool, with a wild flower meadow beyond, leading up to a further lawn, used for football goals etc. The paddock at the front stretches down to the road, with the public footpath crossing a small area as shown on the land plan.

Outside, the house sits within a grouping of period buildings with parklike grounds to the front, right down to the road, including lawn and paddock and a small orchard. The property enjoys an extensive private driveway for parking, accessed through the electric gated entrance from the private approach lane, with a further shared secondary drive, which gives access to the attached cottage.

Behind the house, directly accessed from the kitchen, there is a fine landscaped, brick-blocked, part-walled terrace, leading onto a delightful formal lawned garden with well stocked mature borders.





PROPERTY INFORMATION

Services: Mains water and electricity. Oil-fired central heating. Private drainage via septic tank.

Agent Notes: Buyers will need to upgrade the private drainage system and will need to make their own investigations accordingly. Please note, the initial driveway from the road to the electric gate is shared. The neighbouring property has a right of way across the lower driveway.

Tenure: Freehold

Local Authority: Sevenoaks District Council

Council Tax: Fordcombe Manor – Band H, The Cottage – Band E

EPC Ratings: Fordcombe Manor – F, The Cottage – E

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