



Millbourne Cottage
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SELLER INSIGHT

“From the first time we walked through the village, we fell in love with the place,” say the owners of this delightful home, originally built as a coach house in circa 1866. “Millbourne Cottage sits in a quiet corner of the village, just a short walk from the local pub – it’s pretty idyllic.”

Set within a conservation area, the two-storey cottage has been extended, and the owners have made several significant improvements. “We removed the corridor leading to bedroom five, which became a dressing room / study, and increased the size of bedroom two, now used as a second primary bedroom by our teenage son.” They also added attractive herringbone oak flooring and mosaic tiling in the hallway, as well as two log burners. “The log burners have transformed the house,” they say. “One is double-sided, warming both the dining room and study, and in winter the cottage is incredibly cosy.” Practical improvements include a new gas boiler (2024) and full repointing using traditional, age-appropriate materials.

Daily life centres around the kitchen. “The island looks straight out over the garden and meadow. You can sit here working, chatting, or relaxing while watching the birds – it’s hypnotic.” But one room stands out. “The main bedroom is our favourite – wood panelling, beams, views across the valley, and waking and falling asleep to the sound of birdsong and the waterfall.”

“The garden is really something special,” they continue. “It’s arranged over three levels, each with its own feel.” The main garden is lawned with decked seating, raised beds, and privacy from hedging. “Through a gate is what we call the ‘secret garden’ – a paved patio surrounded by Acers, a magnolia, and fruit trees. We have apples, plums, damsons, figs, and cherries, which we cook with and share with neighbours.” At the bottom, Loose Stream flows past. “It’s crystal-clear and spring-fed, and when the windows are open, the sound of the waterfall is incredibly soothing.” External updates include rebuilding the decking outside the sitting room, reinforcing parts of the garden, adding a log cabin, and renewing the roof on the workshop by the garage.

“Living here, we have enjoyed friendly neighbours and a real sense of community spirit – from the Duck Race to getting involved with the Loose Amenities Association.” Practicalities also matter. “The double garage and generous parking are a huge bonus in a village, as is having a post office nearby.”

When it’s time to move on, they know what they’ll miss most. “The whole experience of the cottage, the surrounding nature, the village, and, of course, the pub.”

* These comments are the personal views of the current owner and are included as an insight into life at the property. They have not been independently verified, should not be relied on without verification and do not necessarily reflect the views of the agent.





Fine & Country proudly presents Millbourne Cottage, a beautifully evocative historic home dating back to circa 1866, where elegant period charm and carefully curated contemporary interiors come together to create a warm and inviting family residence, enriched by the rare presence of a meandering stream and the gentle rhythm of a cascading waterfall, forming a setting of exceptional charm and tranquillity.

The ground floor has been thoughtfully composed to balance connection and calm, allowing the house to adapt effortlessly to both entertaining and everyday life. Rich herringbone flooring and mosaic tiling introduce a sense of quality and refinement, while wood panelled walls and original detailing bring depth, warmth, and authenticity. Daily life naturally centres around the kitchen and breakfast room, a welcoming heart of the home with elevated views across the garden and valley, opening onto terrace that invites outdoor dining, morning coffee, or relaxed summer evenings, accompanied by the soft soundtrack of water nearby. This terrace is also accessed from the sitting room, subtly linking the principal living spaces and enhancing the relationship between indoors and out. Entertaining feels instinctive and unforced, with spaces that lend themselves equally to long dinners, quiet moments of reflection or evenings gathered by the fire. A striking double-sided fireplace with a log burning stove provides warmth and atmosphere, elegantly connecting the dining space and adjoining study, while a further log burner in the sitting room creates a cosy focal point during the cooler months. Practicality is seamlessly integrated, with a utility room, boot room and downstairs cloakroom ensuring the home works beautifully for modern family life.

The first floor offers four well-proportioned bedrooms, arranged to provide flexibility, comfort and a sense of retreat. There is the option of two luxurious principal suites, each served by dressing rooms and contemporary en suite facilities, creating indulgent yet understated private spaces. The remaining bedrooms are supported by a well-appointed family bathroom, completing an upper level that feels calm, balanced and entirely in keeping with the character of the house.





Outside, the gardens unfold as a tranquil and slightly whimsical oasis, offering far reaching views across the valley and a variety of seating areas from which to enjoy the changing light and surrounding nature. Mature hedging and specimen trees frame the boundaries, creating privacy and a strong sense of seclusion, while two substantial sheds provide useful storage. To the rear, a charming secret garden sits beside the Loose Stream, an idyllic place to linger with a morning coffee or an evening glass of wine, as ducks drift past and the water gently meanders by.

Millbourne Cottage is further enhanced by exceptional parking for such a central village position, with a large driveway providing ample off-road parking, complemented by a detached double garage and a separate workshop, offering excellent versatility for storage, or home projects.

Set within the heart of the Loose Valley Conservation Area, the cottage enjoys a privileged position within one of Kent's most picturesque villages, celebrated for its timeless charm, conservation landscapes, and strong sense of community. Well regarded local pubs and eateries are just a short stroll away, while a range of highly regarded schooling options serve the area. Maidstone town centre provides a broader array of amenities, and convenient road and rail networks ensure excellent connectivity across the region and towards London, making Millbourne Cottage as practical as it is enchanting.

Freehold | Council Tax Band G | EPC Rating D
Property is in a conservation area

For mobile phone coverage in the area please look online
Ultrafast Broadband is available at the property, for more information please look online
Utilities: Electric | Gas | Mains Water | Mains Drainage | Cable Tv or Satellite | Broadband

A private driveway is accessed via a short private road and serves just two further dwellings. Maintenance is carried out on an ad-hoc basis.

Guide price £900,000 - £950,000



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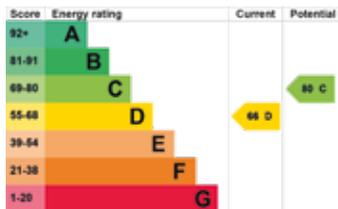
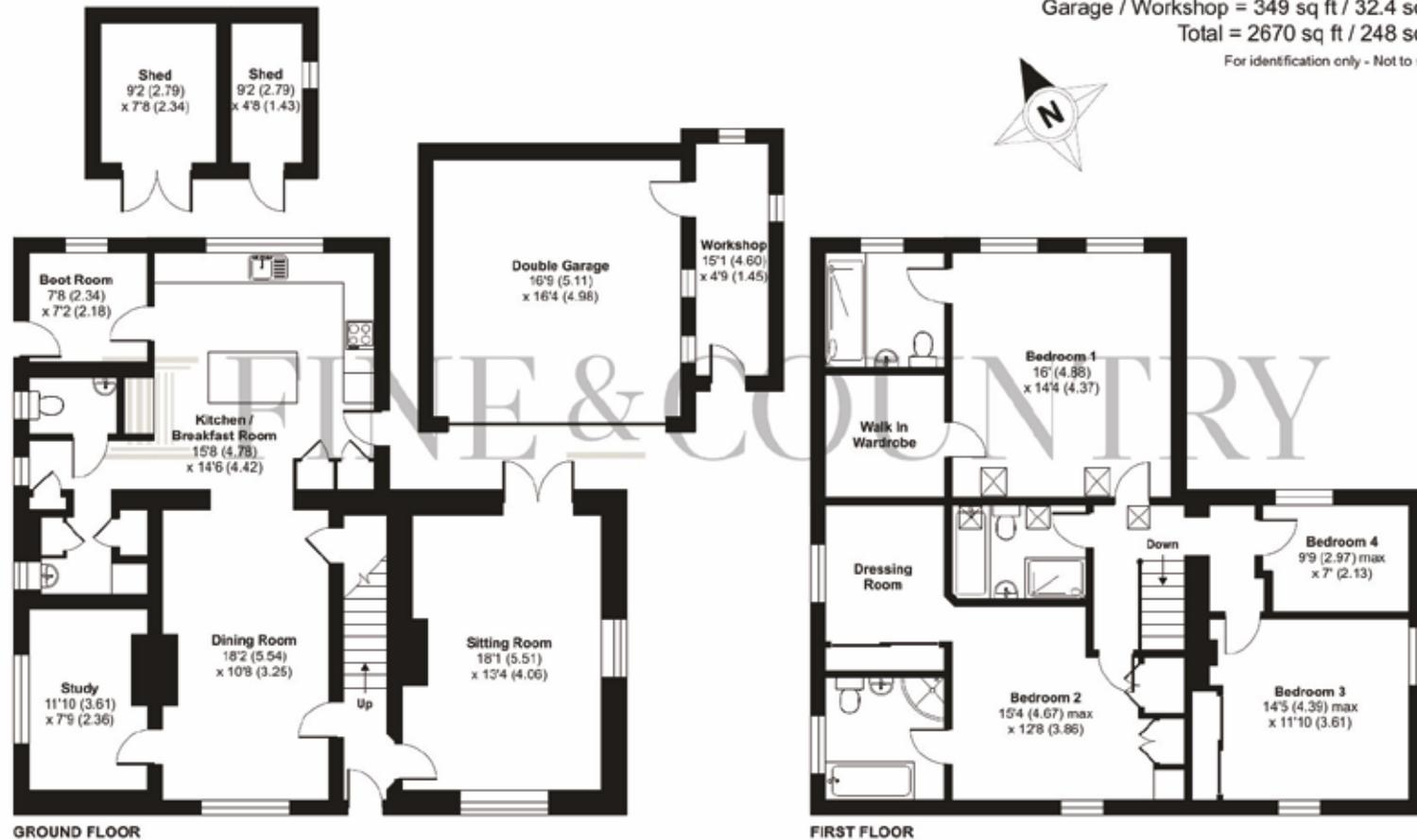
Approximate Area = 2199 sq ft / 204.3 sq m

Shed = 122 sq ft / 11.3 sq m

Garage / Workshop = 349 sq ft / 32.4 sq m

Total = 2670 sq ft / 248 sq m

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