



FORTE HORN

THORNTON STEWARD | RIPON | NORTH YORKSHIRE | HG4 4BD

Forte Horn is a striking Grade II listed residence set in an elevated position within the quiet and picturesque village of Thornton Steward, commanding magnificent far-reaching views across the sweeping valley of the Ure, surrounding rolling countryside and open Yorkshire landscape beyond.

Distinguished by its imposing castellated tower, elegant Venetian windows and handsome stone façade beneath a traditional stone slate roof, the property offers a rare blend of architectural character, charm and setting.

Originally constructed in the early 19th century by George Horn Esq. during the Napoleonic era, Forte Horn was later converted into a unique and characterful family home. Today, it retains an abundance of period features including exposed oak beams, open fireplaces and beautifully proportioned interiors, all complemented by generous lawns and an enviable village position with truly outstanding panoramic views.

ACCOMMODATION

GROUND FLOOR

- Reception hall
- Inner hall
- Drawing room
- Sitting room
- Open plan kitchen/dining room
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
- Utility room
- Boot room

FIRST FLOOR

- Landing
- Principal bedroom
- Bedroom/dressing room
- Bathroom

SECOND FLOOR

- Bedroom
- Shower room

EXTERIOR

- Private drive
- Garaging
- Lawned gardens
- Stone flagged dining and entertaining terrace





GROUND FLOOR

The welcoming reception hall immediately sets the tone for Forte Horn, showcasing an abundance of charm and character with exposed timber beams, traditional stone flagged flooring and beautifully proportioned interiors.

Filled with natural light from dual aspect windows and the glazed entrance door, this elegant and versatile space provides a warm and inviting first impression whilst offering ample room for occasional seating and freestanding furniture.

A striking staircase rises to the first floor, adding architectural interest and complementing the wealth of period detailing found throughout the property. The hallway effortlessly combines practicality with character, creating a wonderful central living and entertaining space rather than simply a thoroughfare.

Tastefully presented in soft neutral tones, the room further benefits from impressive ceiling heights and a delightful sense of openness, enhancing the welcoming atmosphere of this historic home.





The elegant drawing room is a beautifully proportioned and wonderfully light-filled reception space, enjoying a series of striking arched and bay windows which frame far-reaching views across the gardens, surrounding countryside and sweeping valley beyond. Rich in character and atmosphere, the room combines period charm with a warm and inviting ambience, creating an exceptional space for both everyday living and entertaining.

A handsome open fireplace with decorative surround forms an attractive focal point to the room, complemented by timber flooring, high ceilings and beautifully presented interiors. The generous proportions comfortably accommodate a variety of seating areas, whilst the abundance of natural light enhances the sense of openness throughout.

Particularly noteworthy are the impressive arched windows which reflect the unique architectural heritage of Forte Horn and provide a wonderful connection to the surrounding landscape. A glazed door opens directly onto the terrace and gardens, allowing the indoor living space to flow seamlessly outside during the warmer months and making the most of the property's spectacular setting and views.

The room incorporates a useful and versatile study area, ideally suited for home working, reading or occasional use, further enhancing the flexibility and practicality of this superb principal reception room.





The impressive open plan dining kitchen forms the heart of the home, combining warmth, character and practicality within a wonderfully sociable living space. Well appointed with a range of oak fitted cabinetry, complemented by solid wood work surfaces and traditional tiled splashbacks, the kitchen perfectly balances country charm with everyday functionality. A striking electric Everhot stove with an induction hob, provides both a focal point and an excellent cooking appliance.

The kitchen flows seamlessly into the dining area, creating an ideal setting for both relaxed family living and entertaining. The dining space enjoys impressive ceiling heights with exposed timber beams and a striking arched window which frames delightful views across the gardens and surrounding countryside, flooding the room with natural light and enhancing the sense of space throughout.

Timber flooring and tasteful neutral décor continue throughout the open plan layout, further complemented by charming architectural details and a welcoming atmosphere. The thoughtful configuration of the room allows for excellent connectivity between the kitchen, dining and reception spaces, whilst maintaining clearly defined areas for cooking, dining and entertaining.





The east wing accommodation provides an excellent and versatile addition to the main house, ideally suited for multi-generational living, guest accommodation or independent ancillary space. Arranged across the ground floor, the accommodation comprises a comfortable sitting room, utility room, double bedroom and bathroom, all enjoying a peaceful and private feel whilst remaining well connected to the principal accommodation.

The sitting room is a bright and spacious reception area with pleasant views towards the gardens and surrounding countryside, creating a calm and relaxing atmosphere. Soft neutral décor and generous proportions allow flexibility for a variety of uses, whether as an additional living room, guest suite sitting area or potential home office space.

The accommodation also includes a spacious double bedroom, together with a bathroom fitted with a bath, wash basin and WC. In addition, a useful utility room provides excellent ancillary storage and laundry facilities.

Altogether, the east wing offers highly adaptable accommodation with considerable appeal for a range of lifestyles and requirements.

Forte Horn, Thornton Steward, Ripon, North Yorkshire, HG4 4BD

Approximate Gross Internal Area
 Ground Floor = 1549 sq ft / 143.9 sq m
 First Floor = 482 sq ft / 44.8 sq m
 Second Floor = 339 sq ft / 31.5 sq m
 Garage = 286 sq ft / 26.6 sq m
 Total = 2656 sq ft / 246.8 sq m

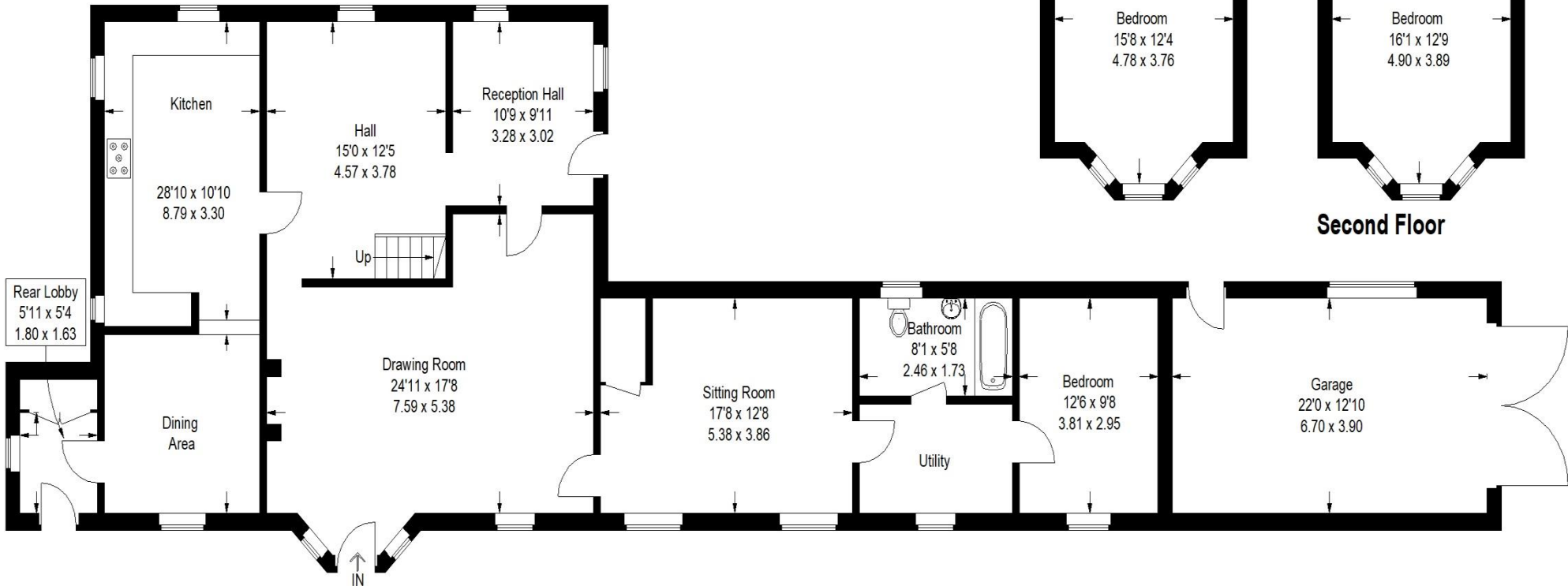
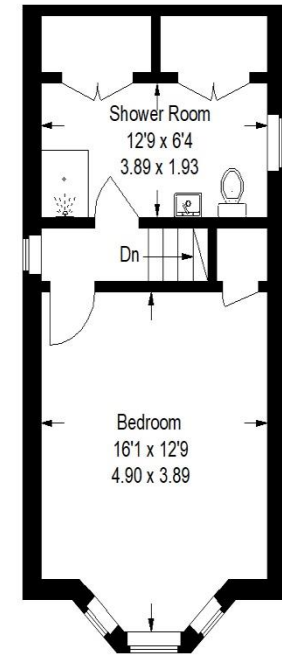
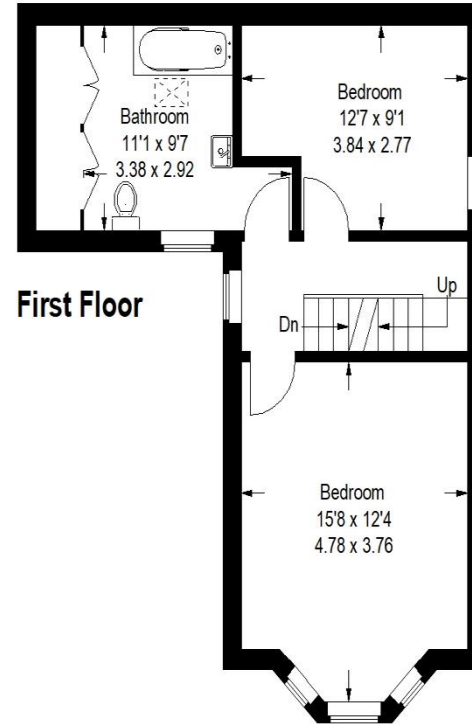


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FIRST FLOOR

The first-floor landing is full of character and architectural interest, with split-level access creating a charming and individual layout reflective of the property's historic origins. Soft neutral décor and natural light combine to create a calm and welcoming atmosphere, whilst the staircase and gallery-style landings add to the sense of charm and flow throughout the upper floor.

The principal bedroom is an elegant and generously proportioned room enjoying a beautiful bay window which perfectly frames far-reaching views across the gardens, village and surrounding countryside beyond. Filled with natural light, the room offers a peaceful and relaxing retreat, enhanced by its tasteful presentation and impressive proportions.

The bedroom provides ample space for freestanding furniture and seating, whilst the attractive bay window creates an ideal spot from which to enjoy the exceptional outlook. Soft neutral tones and carefully considered décor further enhance the light and airy feel of the room, creating a wonderfully tranquil principal suite within this unique period home.





A further bedroom on the first floor is currently utilised as an elegant dressing room, providing an excellent range of space for wardrobes, storage and occasional seating. Generous in proportion and beautifully presented, the room enjoys a light and airy atmosphere. The versatility of the space allows it to function equally well as a further double bedroom, dressing room or home office depending on individual requirements.

The nearby bathroom is fitted with a traditional suite comprising a bath with shower over, wash basin and WC. Tastefully presented in neutral tones, the bathroom offers a practical and comfortable space serving the first-floor accommodation.



SECOND FLOOR



The staircase rises to the second floor, giving access to the guest bedroom, a charming and generously proportioned double room, full of character and enjoying elevated views across the surrounding gardens and countryside through an attractive bay window. Exposed timber beams add warmth and period charm, while the neutral décor and soft furnishings create a calm and inviting atmosphere. The room offers ample space for freestanding furniture and provides comfortable and private guest accommodation.

Serving the bedroom is a spacious shower room fitted with a large walk-in shower, wash basin and WC. Characterful exposed beams continue throughout the room, complemented by useful eaves storage and a window allowing for natural light and rooftop views beyond. The shower room is both practical and well presented, ideally suited to guest or family use.





EXTERIOR

Forte Horn is approached via an attractive stone-walled entrance opening onto a generous private courtyard, immediately setting the tone for the character and charm found throughout the property. The approach is both practical and appealing, with ample off-street parking provided within the courtyard alongside a stone-built garage, complementing the traditional architecture of the house. The garaging offers excellent storage and workshop potential, while the courtyard provides extensive additional parking for several vehicles.

The principal gardens and grounds are a particular feature of the property, extending predominantly to the front, enjoying a wonderful sense of openness. Beautifully maintained lawns are interspersed with clipped topiary and gravel pathways, creating a formal yet relaxed setting ideally suited to both entertaining and everyday enjoyment. A broad stone-flagged terrace adjoins the house, providing an ideal seating and dining area from which to enjoy the far-reaching views.

The property occupies an enviable elevated position within the village, commanding outstanding views across the surrounding countryside and rolling Yorkshire landscape beyond. Mature trees frame the gardens beautifully, while the wider setting offers a rare combination of village living and exceptional rural outlooks. The elevated aspect and open surroundings create a wonderful feeling of space and tranquillity, with panoramic views stretching across open fields, woodland and the valley beyond.





LOCATION

THORNTON STEWARD

Set in the heart of the rural village of Thornton Steward is a charming and highly picturesque village set amidst the beautiful rolling countryside of Lower Wensleydale in North Yorkshire. Surrounded by open farmland and scenic walking routes, the village enjoys a wonderfully peaceful and rural setting whilst remaining conveniently placed for the nearby market towns of Masham, Bedale and Leyburn. Known for its attractive stone houses, village green and welcoming community atmosphere, Thornton Steward offers an idyllic Yorkshire lifestyle with stunning views across the Ure Valley and easy access to the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

MASHAM

The thriving market town of Masham lies just a short drive from Thornton Steward and offers an excellent range of everyday amenities alongside a vibrant community atmosphere. Renowned for its historic market square, independent shops, cafés, traditional pubs and local breweries, Masham combines Yorkshire charm with practical convenience. The town also provides schooling, recreational facilities and a variety of cultural events throughout the year, whilst serving as a gateway to the surrounding Yorkshire Dales countryside.

BEDALE

The attractive Georgian market town of Bedale is conveniently situated within easy reach of Thornton Steward and provides a comprehensive range of amenities including supermarkets, independent shops, cafés, restaurants and professional services. Well regarded for its friendly community atmosphere and traditional Yorkshire character, Bedale also offers schooling, healthcare facilities and leisure amenities, together with excellent road links via the A1(M), making it ideal for both local access and commuting further afield.

LEYBURN

The popular market town of Leyburn is also easily accessible from Thornton Steward and is widely regarded as one of the gateways to the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Offering a charming selection of independent shops, cafés, restaurants and traditional inns centred around its

historic market square, Leyburn combines everyday convenience with quintessential Dales character. The town is surrounded by spectacular countryside and provides excellent opportunities for walking, cycling and outdoor pursuits, making it a highly desirable destination within the region.

THE YORKSHIRE DALES

Thornton Steward is ideally positioned for access to the Yorkshire Dales National Park, renowned for its breathtaking landscapes of rolling hills, dramatic valleys, dry stone walls and picturesque market towns and villages. The Dales offer an outstanding range of outdoor pursuits including walking, cycling, riding and fishing, together with a wealth of scenic beauty and traditional Yorkshire heritage. From peaceful riverside walks to some of the county's most celebrated countryside, the area provides an exceptional setting for those seeking both tranquillity and adventure within one of England's most treasured national parks.

SCHOOLS:

Thornton Steward and the surrounding area offer an excellent range of educational opportunities for families, with a selection of primary and secondary schools available in nearby villages and market towns. Local primary schooling is available at Spennithorne C Of E Primary School and Hunton & Arrathome Community Primary School, both serving the surrounding rural communities, whilst further primary provision can be found in nearby Masham and Bedale.

For secondary education, the area is served by a number of highly regarded schools including Bedale High School, The Wensleydale School in Leyburn and Richmond School, all of which are easily accessible from Thornton Steward. The area is also well placed for independent schooling, notably Aysgarth School Trust Ltd, one of the region's most respected preparatory schools, together with a wider choice of independent schools available in Harrogate, Ripon and York.

TRANSPORT LINKS

ROADS:

Thornton Steward enjoys excellent road connectivity despite its peaceful rural setting, with the nearby A684 providing convenient access to the surrounding market towns of Bedale, Leyburn and Masham, whilst the A1(M) motorway lies within easy reach to the east. This allows straightforward travel to the commercial centres of North Yorkshire, the North East and further south towards Leeds, York and beyond, making the village well placed for both local travel and wider commuting.

TRAINS:

Northallerton railway station, situated within convenient reach of Thornton Steward, lies on the East Coast Main Line and provides excellent rail connections to major destinations across the country. Regular direct services operate to London King's Cross, with journeys taking from approximately 2 hours 30 minutes, whilst northbound services provide direct access to Newcastle and Edinburgh.

The station is also well connected to regional centres including York, Darlington and Leeds, making the area well suited for both business and leisure travel whilst allowing residents to enjoy the tranquillity of a rural village setting without compromising accessibility

AIRPORTS:

Thornton Steward is well positioned for access to several regional and international airports. Leeds Bradford Airport is approximately an hour's drive away and offers a wide range of domestic and European destinations, whilst Teesside International Airport provides convenient regional and international connections to the north. Newcastle International Airport and Manchester Airport are also readily accessible, offering an extensive choice of national and worldwide flights for both business and leisure travel.



Method of Sale: The house is offered for sale by private treaty; however, the Agents reserve the right to conclude negotiations by any other means at their discretion.

Services: Mains electricity, water and drainage. Oil fired central heating.

Fixtures and fittings: All items normally designated as fixtures and fittings are specifically excluded from the sale unless they are mentioned in the particulars of sale.

Covenants, Easements, Rights of Way: The property will be sold subject to all covenants, easements and rights of way whether specifically mentioned in these particulars or not.

Energy Performance Certificate: Rating TBC. Full copy of the energy performance certificate is available upon request.

Tenure and Possession: The property is offered for sale freehold with vacant possession upon completion.

Mileages: Masham 6 miles, Bedale 6 miles, Leyburn 7 miles, A1 (M) 8 miles, Northallerton 14 miles (All mileages are approximate)



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