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Oakwood, Freshwater, Isle of Wight

A distinguished 4 bedroom, detached 1910s Ideal Home Exhibition house, set within a large plot with two garages, a workshop and an abundance of period features.

VIEWING

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A wonderful opportunity to acquire a substantial four-bedroom detached house of considerable character. It was built in 1910 right at the height of the Late Edwardian period as part of a small, fashionable development of large, detached houses along Afton Road. Its design heavily reflects the principles and period features of the Arts and Crafts movement of that era. These include external (and internal) mock timber framing, decorative timber detailing and projecting windows as well as the internal features of the curved brick fireplace, and the wooden decorative screen in the hall. The house design was deemed to be the Daily Mail Ideal Home of 1910, and it was reconstructed as part of the exhibition of that year.

Oakwood has been in the same ownership for over 60 years and is now offered to the open market. The property requires modernisation and offers the new owners the perfect opportunity to adapt the property to their taste and specifications.

Set in a beautiful and sought-after part of West Wight, the property occupies an enviable position with attractive views across its large, mature garden of around 0.6 acre, which extends down towards the River Yar and surrounding marshes. The house enjoys an exceptionally convenient setting, being within a short walk of the fashionable Freshwater Bay, together with access to some of the Island's finest National Trust downland walks, leading towards the Tennyson Monument and offering awe-inspiring coastal and sea views.

Although requiring modernisation, Oakwood presents an exciting opportunity to restore and update a fine period property while retaining its many original features and considerable charm.

The Accommodation

The house is approached via an in-and-out driveway, providing excellent vehicular access and leading to two garages, one at either end of the property – one is attached and the other detached with a workshop and separate store at one end.

Internally, the property retains a number of superb period features,

including attractive parquet flooring, fireplaces, and generous proportions throughout. A particularly impressive large reception hallway provides a fitting entrance to the house and leads to the principal reception rooms. There is a recently constructed conservatory on the south-west corner that overlooks the garden. The house benefits from partial double glazing.

The accommodation includes a good-sized sitting room, separate study, kitchen and utility room, together with an elegant dining room/drawing room providing excellent space for both formal entertaining and family life. A well-equipped kitchen is located to the rear of the house with a side door to the garden and a useful pantry and separate utility room to the side.

The principal bedroom is particularly impressive, incorporating an en-suite bathroom and walk-in dressing area. In total, the house provides five bedrooms, offering considerable flexibility for family accommodation, guests or home working.

Outside

The large garden is undoubtedly one of Oakwood's principal attractions. With far-reaching views across the grounds towards the River Yar, its adjoining marshes and Tennyson Down, the setting provides a rare combination of privacy, space, landscape and natural beauty.

The impressive gardens offer considerable potential for imaginative landscaping and outdoor entertainment; the property's elevated and advantageous position allows for the changing landscape. There is a large, level lawn and a good selection of mature trees and shrubs. The lower section of the garden is largely wild with woodland leading down to the River Yar. An electric car charging point has been installed. Solar panels on the south facing roof have also been installed and support electricity costs for the house.

Location

Oakwood is within the AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) and is ideally positioned for enjoying the exceptional natural beauty of West Wight. Freshwater Bay is within easy walking distance, with its dramatic coastline and access to the National Trust downland. From here, wonderful walks lead across the Downs towards the Tennyson Monument, with spectacular panoramic views over the English Channel and surrounding countryside.

The property is also conveniently located close to a supermarket at the end of Afton Road, Freshwater Bay Golf Club, while the historic harbour town of Yarmouth is within easy reach. Yarmouth offers a range of local amenities and facilities, together with its historic harbour and two mainland ferry services, providing convenient connections to the mainland.

A Rare Opportunity

Properties such as Oakwood rarely come to the market. Its combination of 1910 Ideal Home Exhibition heritage, generous





accommodation, original character, extensive gardens, two garages and an exceptional West Wight setting make this a particularly intriguing opportunity.

Having remained in the same ownership for over 60 years, Oakwood now offers the next custodian the chance to modernise and sympathetically enhance this distinctive period house, creating a truly special family home in one of the Isle of Wight's most desirable locations.

Please note, the house has had structural movement with a small section on the south west corner being the subject of an insurance claim.

Services All main services are connected to the property.

EPC Rating D

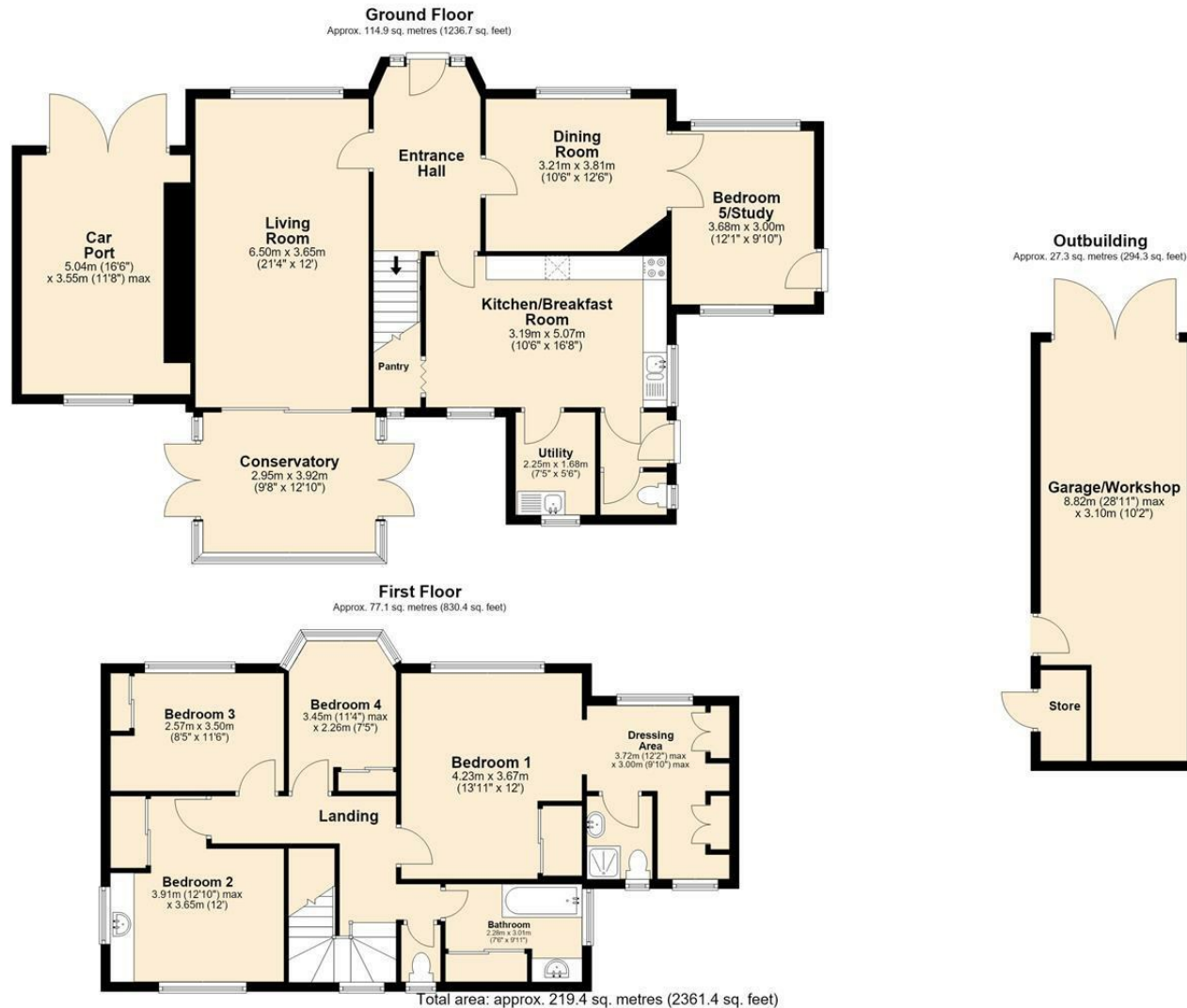
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