



Whitbourne Hall

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Whitbourne Hall is an exceptional Grade II* listed country house, designed in 1862 by the renowned architect E.W. Elmslie, who is also credited with the iconic Great Malvern railway station. A striking example of Greek Revival and neo-Palladian architecture, the Hall is distinguished by its commanding six-column portico, elegant proportions and remarkable Palm House. Set within a historic estate of considerable character, the Hall is complemented by a series of formal gardens including the south terrace, Italian garden, kitchen garden and rockery, all carefully arranged to enhance the grandeur of the building and its setting.



During the 1980s, Whitbourne Hall was thoughtfully converted into a collection of private residences, preserving its architectural significance while creating a unique residential community. Today, residents enjoy the privilege of living within one of Worcestershire's most distinctive country house estates, where historic character, architectural beauty and modern living exist side by side. Many have embraced the opportunity to become custodians of a remarkable piece of architectural heritage, carefully renovating their homes to preserve original features while introducing modern comforts that enhance day-to-day living. The result is a rare combination of grand country house living and practical contemporary accommodation, often described by residents as being "a house within a house".



The grounds

Whitbourne Hall is surrounded by approximately nine acres of beautifully maintained communal gardens and grounds, creating a peaceful and picturesque setting for residents to enjoy throughout the year. Expansive lawns, mature specimen trees and established planting provide a sense of space, privacy and tranquillity, while a network of pathways encourages exploration of the estate's varied landscape.





For many residents, the gardens are among the estate's greatest attractions. Apartments enjoy wonderful views across the grounds, with large sash windows framing uninterrupted vistas over the lawned terraces, Italian garden and surrounding countryside. The changing seasons bring constant interest, from pheasants strutting across the frost-covered yew hedges in winter to house martins dancing and swirling around the Hall throughout the summer months. A particular feature is the walled Victorian kitchen garden, where residents may apply for allotment plots, greenhouse space and private gardening areas. These spaces provide a rare opportunity to cultivate produce, flowers and plants within a historic estate setting. Residents have created productive fruit and vegetable gardens alongside private seating areas, enjoying the unique opportunity to garden within the grounds of a historic country estate.



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The communal rooms

One of the most remarkable aspects of life at Whitbourne Hall is access to its magnificent communal rooms, many of which remain at the heart of the original house. Entered through a dramatic central atrium, crowned by a rare blue and white stained-glass ceiling, these spaces preserve the grandeur and elegance for which the Hall is renowned.





Residents have access to a collection of beautifully preserved reception rooms, including the Drawing Room, Dining Room, Morning Room and Library. Rich in period detail and architectural character, these rooms provide an exceptional setting for private gatherings, social occasions and everyday enjoyment. They are regularly used for celebrations and milestone occasions, allowing residents to enjoy the scale and refinement of a great country house in a way rarely available within modern residential developments. The sense of occasion continues within the apartments themselves. Generous room proportions and thoughtfully designed layouts create homes that are equally suited to everyday living and entertaining, with spacious kitchens and dining areas providing natural focal points for family gatherings and social occasions.

Location

Whitbourne Hall enjoys a particularly attractive setting within rolling Herefordshire countryside on the Worcestershire–Herefordshire border, an area renowned for its unspoilt rural landscape, network of footpaths and bridleways, and far-reaching views across surrounding farmland and woodland. The nearby Bromyard Downs, Bringsty Common and Brockhampton Estate offer excellent opportunities for walking, cycling and riding, while the wider area provides easy access to some of the region's most picturesque countryside.

The village of Whitbourne itself supports a strong sense of community and benefits from a range of everyday amenities, including the well-regarded Live and Let Live public house, a community-run village shop, an active village hall and recreation ground. A doctor's surgery can be found nearby in Knightwick, along with additional local services. The historic market town of Bromyard is approximately five miles away and offers a wider selection of independent shops, cafés, restaurants, supermarkets, leisure facilities and professional services.

Educational provision in the area is well catered for, with Brockhampton Primary School, located on the edge of Bromyard Downs, serving younger children, while Queen Elizabeth High School in Bromyard provides secondary education. A number of independent schools are also accessible within the wider Worcestershire and Herefordshire area.

For commuters, the A44 provides convenient links to Worcester, Leominster and the wider motorway network, while rail services from Worcester offer direct connections to Birmingham, Oxford and London.





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