The Old Chapel
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Welcome to The Old Chapel, The Hill, Millom, LA18 5JN

Originally constructed as a Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in the late 19th century, this remarkable property stands as a lasting testament to Cumbria's rich industrial and cultural heritage. Built to serve a growing community during the height of the West Cumbrian iron ore boom, the chapel formed an integral part of village life, providing not only a place of worship but a central hub for social gatherings, education, and community events.

In more recent years, the building has been thoughtfully and sympathetically converted into a unique private residence, carefully balancing character and practicality. The conversion has preserved the charm and integrity of the original structure, with its traditional stone construction, period proportions, and architectural features offering a wonderful sense of history and presence.

Set within the quiet and picturesque hamlet of The Hill, the property enjoys a peaceful rural atmosphere while remaining conveniently accessible to the nearby towns of Broughton in Furness and Millom. The surrounding area, once shaped by a thriving mining industry, now offers a tranquil lifestyle with scenic countryside and coastal views, coastal and woodland walks, and a strong sense of community.

This is a truly special home, ideal for purchasers seeking something out of the ordinary, combining heritage, individuality, and a story that is deeply rooted in the landscape. Properties of this nature rarely come to market, presenting a unique opportunity to acquire a characterful residence with both historical significance and enduring appeal.

Location

The Hill is a small hamlet on the Furness peninsula. Positioned to the south of the Lake District, life here offers all the advantages of easy access to the National Park but without the daily crowds and heavy traffic.

Surrounded by fabulous open countryside and with enviable views, The Old Chapel offers an altogether quieter pace of life. This is surely the best of both worlds, visit on your terms, introduce family and friends to the delights of the Lake District; the dramatic fells, deep valleys, and picturesque villages, but return home to privacy, seclusion, peace and quiet.

In terms of general amenities, there are two nearby village halls. The larger of the two, at Thwaites, offers a choice of activities; tennis, table tennis, indoor bowls, keep fit classes, toddler groups and a children's playground. There are village social evenings and events throughout the year including a summer gala and bonfire night with fireworks. The Hill has a smaller hall with monthly social evenings with live music and films.

The attractive Georgian market town of nearby Broughton in Furness has an impressive square at its centre and offers a range of local shops, including a butcher and traditional bakery, as well as cafes and pubs.

"Millom offers essential services including doctors' surgery, dentist, pharmacies, post office, supermarkets, fuel station and a range of local shops and businesses including butchers, hairdressers, taxi services and various takeaways. A new leisure centre with swimming pool is scheduled to open in Autumn 2026."

STEP INSIDE

Stepping through the front door, you are welcomed into a practical entrance porch, thoughtfully designed with charming window seats to either side, each incorporating useful storage beneath. This is an inviting and functional space that immediately sets the tone for the character within.

Beyond, the interior of the home continues to reflect its origins as a former Wesleyan Methodist chapel, with a wonderful sense of space and proportion reminiscent of its early 20th-century role as a focal point for village life.

From the entrance porch, the accommodation unfolds to a well-proportioned double bedroom which is complemented by a separate modern shower room, finished to a high standard and is conveniently located for both residents and guests. From this part of the home, you approach the spacious open plan living room and dining area, including a convenient Hunter multi fuel clean burn stove and offering a wonderful sense of volume and light, with high ceilings and original features that reflect its past life as a community gathering place. A particularly striking and unique feature is the retained chapel pew, now cleverly incorporated into the dining area with a bespoke table crafted to fit perfectly around it, creating a memorable focal point that beautifully honors the building's history.

The kitchen is well-appointed, offering a practical space for everyday use, while a separate utility/boot room incorporates the oil fired Rayburn and provides additional storage, functionality and access to the garage, driveway and rear of the property. A great space for rural living and keeping the main living areas clutter-free.

Upstairs, the principal bedroom provides a private retreat, with its own ensuite shower room. Adding further versatility is a mezzanine, currently used for additional guest sleeping and reading. This area is adaptable and could easily serve as a home office, or creative space, making it ideal for modern lifestyles and flexible working arrangements. This level continues to reflect the character of the original Old Chapel.

Step outside

The main outdoor areas are at the marina side of the property. There is a large, decked terrace area accessed via the downstairs bedroom, which is an absolute sun trap and partially covered by the first floor balcony, ideal if you still want to enjoy the fresh air but the forecast is uncertain. The first floor balcony itself looks out over the marina and is the perfect spot to enjoy a morning coffee.

9 Windward Way has the added benefit of having a single integral garage with a single off road parking space in front of the single garage. Further spaces are available in the general car park.

> *Mid floor, open the door, enjoy sitting out on the balcony. A peaceful heaven to enjoy a cup of coffee or a glass of wine."*

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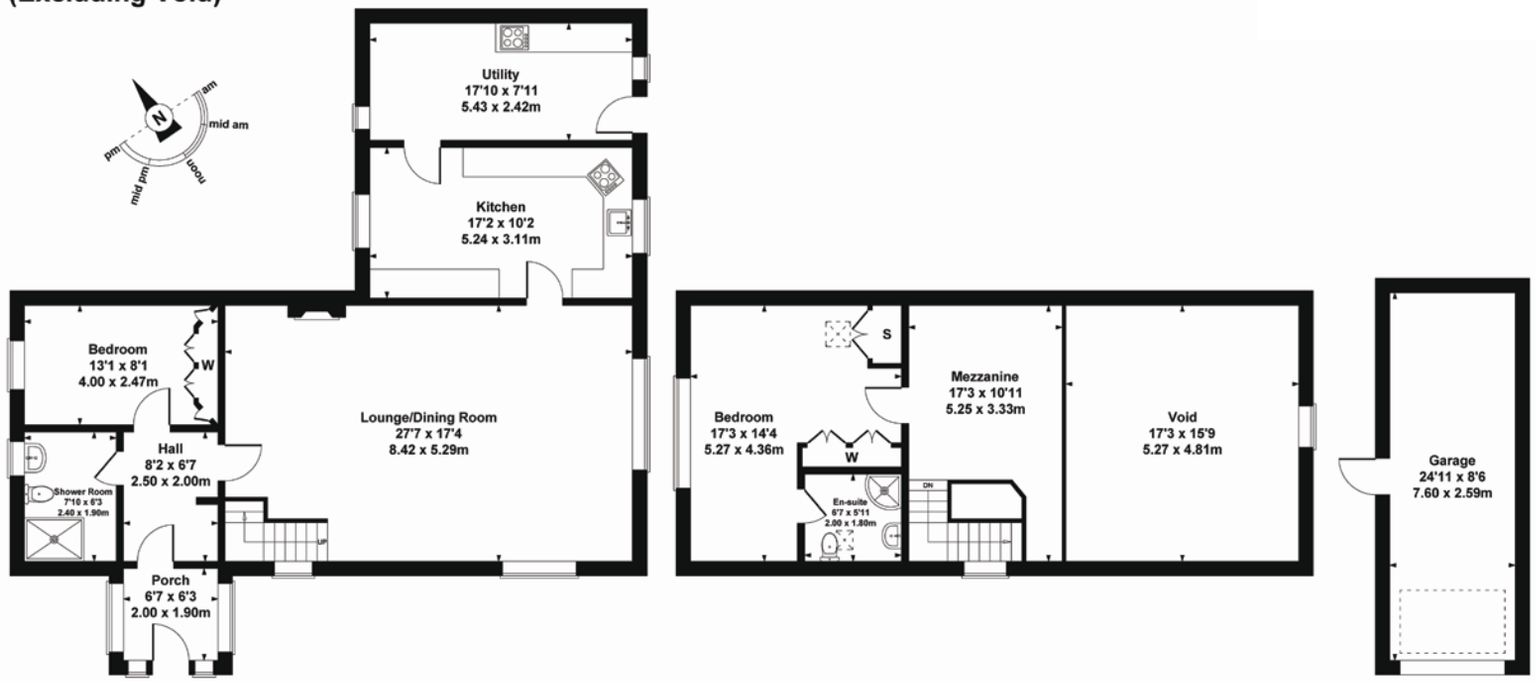
Approximate Gross Internal Area
House : 1539 sq ft - 143 sq m
Garage : 215 sq ft - 20 sq m
Total : 1754 sq ft - 163 sq m
(Excluding Void)



GROUND FLOOR FIRST FLOOR GARAGE

SKETCH PLAN FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY

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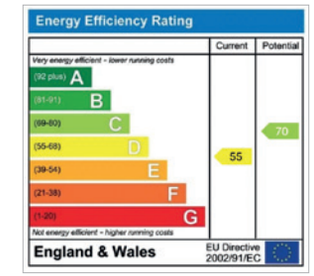

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FURTHER INFORMATION

On the road

Millom	2.5 miles
Broughton in Furness	5.4 miles
Coniston	14.1 miles
Ulverston	16.5 miles
Newby Bridge	20.7 miles
Barrow in Furness	22.4 miles
Cartmel	25.2 miles

Transport links

M6 J36	36.2 miles
Green Road railway station	1.2 miles
Millom railway station	2.2 miles
Oxenholme railway station	36.1 miles
Manchester airport	110.8 miles
Liverpool airport	116.3 miles

No 7 bus to Millom and Barrow in Furness stops in the village

The above journey distances are for approximate guidance only and have been sourced from the fastest route on the AA website from the property postcode.

Internet Speed

Mobile and broadband services
Fibre is now available in The Hill but not yet connected to the property.
For information on broadband and mobile services at the property, we advise prospective purchasers to consult the Ofcom website: checker.ofcom.org.uk

Rail Journeys

Green Road Station (1.2 miles distance) is on the Cumbrian Coast Line, which runs between Carlisle and Barrow in Furness with services to Manchester Airport, Carlisle, and Lancaster with connections via the main West Coast line to London (Euston), Edinburgh and Glasgow. Please check nationalrail.co.uk for further details.

Guide price £445,000

Anti Money Laundering Regulations (AML)

Due to the Money Laundering Regulations, now officially known as Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds Regulations 2017 we are required to follow government legislation and carry out identification checks on all purchasers. We use a specialist third party company to conduct these checks at a charge of £48 inclusive of VAT per buyer once an offer has been accepted and you will be unable to proceed with the purchase of the property until these checks have been carried out. This charge is non-refundable.

Services

Mains electricity and water. Oil fired central heating, from oil tank located in rear garden. 4Khw 16 panel Solar system and Solar i-Boost for hot water heating have been installed reducing energy consumption and costs. Double glazed windows installed throughout.

Directions

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Included in the sale

Fitted carpets, curtains, curtain poles, blinds, light fittings and domestic appliances as follows: integrated Neff double oven.
Available by way of further negotiation are all large furniture items and white goods.

Copeland Council

Council tax band – E

Tenure - Freehold

Places to visit

National Trust Lake District locations include Beatrix Potter's house Hill Top, Wordsworth's house and garden, Wray Castle, the steam yacht Gondola on Coniston Water, Claife Viewing Station on the shores of Lake Windermere and Townend, Troutbeck. Other historic properties to visit include Brantwood, Coniston (home of John Ruskin) and Blackwell, Bowness on Windermere (Arts and Crafts House)

On the Furness peninsula, experience the Ravenglass & Eskdale and the Lakeside and Haverthwaite steam railways. Visit Muncaster Castle gardens and estate, Gleaston Castles, Manjushri Kadampa Meditation Centre at Conishead Priory (a Buddhist Temple set in 70 acres), and both the Laurel and Hardy Museum (Ulverston is the birthplace of Stan Laurel) and Lakeland Motor Museum, Backbarrow.

In Millom, there is The Beggar's Theatre and the Millom Heritage and Arts Centre.

In Ulverston, The Coro is an historic arts, culture and entertainment venue showing live theatre and music, comedy, talks and dance. Also in Ulverston is the Roxy Cinema, an Art Deco cinema featuring current releases, classics and arthouse movies on film club nights.

Sport and recreation

Sailing on Windermere and Coniston, motor boating on Windermere

Water sports and equipment hire at Fell Foot Park, Newby Bridge and wild swimming in the lakes and tarns

Golf clubs at Silecroft, Ulverston, Barrow in Furness, Grange over Sands and Windermere

Rugby Union, Rugby League and Cricket Clubs in Millom

The Cumbrian Cycle Way, a long-distance route of 302 miles around Cumbria

Cumbria Coastal Way Walk, a long distance route of 188 miles from Gretna Green to Silverdale – part of the King Charles 3rd England Coastal Path.

Millom Recreation Centre and Ulverston Leisure Centre

Grizedale Forest - endless forest trails to explore on two wheels, foot or horseback as well as Go Ape tree top courses

Parkrun on a Saturday morning at Millom Network Centre and also at Ford Park, Barrow Park, Muncaster Castle and Fell Foot Park

Places to eat

Informal dining, cafes and pubs

The Punch Bowl Inn, The Green (within walking distance)
The Billy Restaurant at Brockwood Hall (1.6 miles)
Newfield Inn, Duddon Valley
The Old Kings Head and Manor Arms Hotel, both in Broughton in Furness
The Blacksmiths Arms, Broughton Mills
Bake House Born and Bread, Greenodd
Steam Bistro at Coniston

Special occasions

Base Restaurant, Ford Park, Ulverston
Heft, High Newton
L'Enclume and Rogan and Co, Cartmel
Gilpin Hotel and Lake House, Linthwaite House and The Samling, all in Windermere
The Old Stamp House Restaurant and Lake Road Kitchen, Ambleside
Forest Side Hotel, Grasmere

Great walks nearby

Whether you like to ramble, run, stride out or hike, the Furness peninsular and Lake District offer fabulous walking country. For an opportunity to see local ospreys, head down towards Green Road Station. Join the Cumbria Coastal Way to take in some stunning coastline including Silecroft and Haverigg beaches. The unspoilt Duddon Valley offers spectacular walking and breath-taking views. RSPB Hodbarrow Nature Reserve, a coastal lagoon, has lots of wildlife and breeding seabirds, and is great for walking, picnics and family-friendly strolls. For the more adventurous, the dramatic ridge of Black Combe rises almost 2000ft above sea level and is a popular fell with walkers. It is said that from the summit of Black Combe it is possible to see the five kingdoms, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the Isle of Man.

Schools

Primary

Thwaites Infant and Primary School, The Green
St James Catholic Primary School, Millom
Black Combe Junior School, Millom
Broughton in Furness CoE Primary School
Windermere Preparatory School, Windermere (independent day and boarding school)

Secondary

Millom School
John Ruskin School, Coniston
Ulverston Victoria High School, Ulverston
Windermere School, Windermere (independent day and boarding school)

Further Education

Barrow in Furness Sixth Form College, Barrow
Kendal College
Lancaster University
University of Cumbria (campuses in Barrow, Ambleside, and Lancaster)

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