



Gothic House

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For anyone looking for a fascinating and quirky home the amazing Grade II Listed Gothic House definitely ticks all the right boxes. Steeped in history and set well back from the road, half hidden behind a flint and brick wall, this wonderful neo-gothic residence was originally built in the late 1870s.

It includes a plethora of original features that are in evidence from the moment you sweep through the wrought iron gates onto the spacious driveway and look in awe at the triple arched veranda, gothic style arched windows, impressive chimneys, unusual bargeboards and pitched roof dormers. Even the detached garage was built in the gothic style with an arched window and matching barge boards. While internally there are fascinating period features wherever you look including high ceilings with ornate coving, dado and picture rails, panelled doors, high skirtings, sash windows with original shutters, built in cabinets and delightful fireplaces.

The period front door opens into a porch with leaded light windows on three sides and Victorian tiled flooring and leads through double doors to the very spacious reception hall. This is large enough to be a dining room or additional sitting room with original wood flooring that flows through into the virtually 30ft lounge. It also features the original staircase leading to the galleried landing and a useful storage cupboard.

Double doors open into the stunning bright dual aspect drawing room with an impressive fireplace incorporating a marble surround inset with ornate roses, a marble hearth and an open fire as well as three sets of original French doors opening onto the fabulous veranda with views over the front garden. Family and friends will enjoy sitting down to a meal in the adjacent dining room with its gothic window, cast iron fireplace flanked by amazing glass fronted cabinets and black painted herringbone parquet flooring.

A hallway with an impressive coloured glass archway and Victorian floor tiling provides access to the characterful and well-proportioned country style kitchen/breakfast room with a range cooker, a large dresser and French doors with full height shutters leading to the side garden. There is a nearby utility room and cloakroom as well as a door to a sheltered terrace. From the hall there are steps down to a storage area and to the cellar. This currently includes a workshop area and the boiler room. However you can easily stand up in this area it could always be converted into a cinema room, office or games room and bar.

The galleried landing features a large lantern skylight that floods the area with natural light and leads to the Edwardian style family bathroom and four double bedrooms, three of which have original fireplaces. There is one with dual aspect, a vaulted ceiling and a fitted cupboard currently in use as an office/studio, another has a built in wardrobe, while a third has an en suite shower. However the 'star of the show' has to be the principal bedroom. This is almost 17ft square with fitted cupboards plus a vaulted ceiling, walk in wardrobe and a large en suite bathroom.

A pathway leads around the front and side of the property bordered by a lawn interspersed with fruit trees and colourful shrub beds with jasmine, magnolia, camelia, spring bulbs, roses and wisteria as well as a patio area all surrounded by the brick and flint wall. There is a timber garden shed as well as the garage which could be converted into a separate annexe for elderly relatives, an interesting holiday let or separate office for anyone working from home who wants to work undisturbed and with easy access for business visitors, subject to the appropriate permissions.







Seller Insight

“ I have lived in this area for nearly 20 years and, as an artist and designer, I was always attracted to this very individual property and its eccentricity and was thrilled when it came up for sale about seven years ago. It became what I thought would be my ‘forever’ home but I now need to move nearer to my family. I hope new owners will enjoy and appreciate it as much as I have.

The location is very convenient as there are convenience shops nearby, the seafront is easily accessible and the train station is only half a mile away with the high speed train that can whisk you to London in under an hour and 20 minutes. While it is only a short drive to Dover and Folkestone for trips to the Continent.

Walmer also has some independent shops, bars and restaurants along the Strand that includes the bandstand and the Downs Sailing Clubhouse for sailing aficionados. The Tides swimming pool complex is not far away and Deal is close by with its quaint streets, period properties, excellent restaurants and a raft of attractive independent shops as well as the Saturday market and the seafront with its historic pier.

There is the Kingsdown and Walmer and the Royal Cinque Ports golf clubs for golfing enthusiasts and, if you want to go slightly further afield, there are the championship courses at Royal St George's as well as Princes. As far as education is concerned there are very good primary schools in the area, including Warden House rated Outstanding by Ofsted, while a wide variety of excellent grammar and private schools are available in the nearby towns.

History

The property was originally built for Major John Obbard who was with the Madras Army, part of the East India Company. It was later occupied by Admiral Leicester Keppel and his family who were relatives of Alice Keppel, King Edward VII's mistress and great grandmother of Queen Camilla. It is believed that the property may have been designed by members of the Pugin family (Peter, Paul and Cuthbert) who designed the nearby Chapel of the Sacred Heart. For more information check an article in The Times, Bricks and Mortar section**

* 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.





Travel

By Road:	
Walmer Station	0.5 miles
Dover Docks	8.2 miles
Channel Tunnel	18.2 miles
Canterbury	18.4 miles
Charing Cross	82.3 miles
Gatwick	85.2 miles

By Train from Walmer:	
St. Pancras	1hr 20mins
Sandwich	10mins
Canterbury East	34mins
Charing Cross	1hr 58mins
Victoria	1hr 46mins
Ashford International	40mins

Leisure Clubs & Facilities

Downs Sailing Club	01304 361932
Deal and Betteshanger Rugby Club	01304 365892
Deal Bowling Club	01304 374701
Dover Athletic Football	01304 822373
Walmer and Kingsdown Golf Club	01304 373256
Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club	01304 374007
Royal St. George's Golf Club	01304 613090

Prince's Golf Club
Tides Leisure Centre

Healthcare

The Balmoral Surgery
The Cedars Surgery
St. Richards Road Surgery
Buckland Hospital

Education

Primary Schools:
Warden House
The Downs Primary
Deal Parochial School
Dover College Junior

Secondary Schools:
Dover Grammar School for Boys
Dover Grammar School for Girls
Sir Roger Manwood's Grammar
Dover College
Duke of York's Military School
Kings School Canterbury
St. Edmunds
Kent College
St. Lawrence Senior

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Entertainment

Dunkerleys Hotel	01304 375016
The Royal hotel	01304 375555
Victuals and Co	01304 374389
The Dining Club	01304 373569
81 Beach Street	01304 368136
Little Harriet's Tearooms	01304 369748
The Blue Pelican	01304 783162

Local Attractions / Landmarks

Walmer Castle
Deal Castle
The White Cliffs of Dover and Samphire hoe
Betteshanger Country Park
Deal Pier
Knights' Templar Church, Dover
Saturday Market Deal



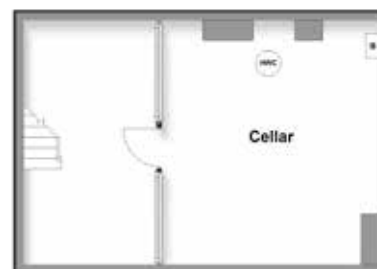
Outbuilding
Approx. 35.0 sq. metres (376.8 sq. feet)



First Floor
Approx. 126.2 sq. metres (1356.7 sq. feet)



Basement
Approx. 34.1 sq. metres (367.4 sq. feet)



GROUND FLOOR

Porch	
Reception Hall	17'9 x 16'11 (5.41m x 5.16m)
Drawing Room	29'11 x 20'0 (9.12m x 6.10m)
Dining Room	20'0 x 9'10 (6.10m x 3.00m)
Kitchen/Breakfast Room	17'2 x 12'3 (5.24m x 3.74m)
Utility Room	
Cloakroom	

FIRST FLOOR

Landing	
Bedroom 3	17'6 x 13'7 (5.34m x 4.14m)
Bedroom 4	20'2 x 9'10 (6.15m x 3.00m)
Bedroom 2	15'11 max x 15'2 max (4.85m x 4.63m)
En Suite Bathroom	
Family Bathroom	
Principal Bedroom	17'0 x 16'11 (5.19m x 5.16m)
Walk In Wardrobe	9'10 x 8'3 (3.00m x 2.52m)
En Suite Bathroom	

BASEMENT

Cellar	16'2 x 15'4 (4.93m x 4.68m)
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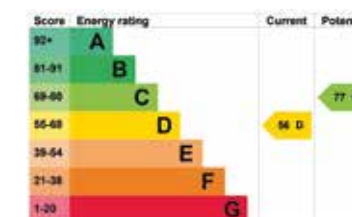
OUTSIDE

Garden
Gated Driveway

OUTBUILDING

Garage	33'1 x 10'11 (10.09m x 3.33m)
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Council Tax Band: F
Tenure: Freehold



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