



Westleton,

Guide Price £350,000

- Grade II listed detached cottage dating from the 16th century, with 18th-century alterations and sensitive 20th-century renovation.
- Formerly three cottages, now arranged as two characterful dwellings offering flexible accommodation.
- Extensive original timber frame to Nos. 2/3 including jowled posts, chamfered beams, arched braces and pegged construction of notable craftsmanship.
- Attractive catslide pantile roof with three ridge stacks and multiple dormers; rendered oak frame on brick plinth
- Two atmospheric reception rooms featuring substantial inglenook fireplaces
- Well-appointed kitchen and practical layout, with two principal bedrooms, dressing room/occasional bedroom and interconnecting shower room.

Reckford Road, Westleton

The ever popular village of Westleton lies about six miles northeast of the market town of Saxmundham, and only just over two miles east of the A12. Set around a traditional village green with restaurants, public houses, motor vehicle garage and a thriving village store and post office. The coastal village of Dunwich, RSPB Minmere, and National Trust Dunwich heath are all close by.



Council Tax Band: B



DESCRIPTION

A rare and beautifully preserved Grade II listed detached period cottage of exceptional character and versatility.

The Croft is a charming detached period home, formerly known as 1, 2 and 3 The Croft, now arranged as two delightful dwellings beneath steep pantile-covered catslide roofs with attractive projecting dormers and multiple chimney stacks. Dating from the 16th century, with 18th-century additions and sensitive 20th-century renovation, the property represents a remarkable survival of historic craftsmanship combined with adaptable modern living.

Set behind a traditional picket fence and hand gate, a generous parking area provides space for multiple vehicles. A split-level paved pathway with cobbled retaining walls leads to a lawned garden, thoughtfully screened by mature laurel and conifer hedging for privacy. The garden wraps elegantly around the cottage, as does a wide paved terrace which continues to the rear entrance doors — creating ideal spaces for outdoor dining and entertaining.

The Principal Cottage

The principal cottage features painted brick elevations and hardwood-framed double-glazed windows beneath its characterful pantile roof.

A stable-style hardwood entrance door opens into a welcoming lobby with brick flooring, leading to the first reception room. Overlooking the garden, this atmospheric space enjoys an impressive inglenook-style fireplace, exposed wall and ceiling timbers, and a staircase rising to the bedroom above.

A step leads through to the kitchen, fitted with shaker-style cupboards and drawers, hardwood work surfaces. Exposed timbers and areas of historic plasterwork reflect the building's heritage, while double-glazed windows overlook the rear garden.

A connecting hallway provides access to the rear entrance and a second reception room mirroring the first in character, complete with brick flooring, substantial exposed timbers and an inglenook fireplace with woodburning stove. A further staircase rises to the bedroom above, with useful storage beneath.

On the first floor, two well-proportioned bedrooms sit within the roof space, each with hardwood double-glazed windows and exposed brick chimney breasts. A connecting dressing room (also suitable as an occasional bedroom) links to a shower

room, which in turn connects to the second bedroom, creating a practical and flexible layout.

The Additional Cottage

The secondary cottage offers equally characterful accommodation and significant historic fabric.

The entrance opens into a sitting room with exposed ceiling timbers and a brick fireplace with quarry-tiled hearth. A generous storage cupboard sits to one side, with an enclosed winding staircase rising beside it. The ground floor also includes a kitchen, lobby and bathroom.

Upstairs, a landing leads to a single bedroom with gable window and a double bedroom featuring a dormer window to the front elevation.

Grade II Listed – Architectural & Historic Significance

The Croft is a Grade II listed building of special architectural and historic interest.

Originally constructed in the 16th century as a timber-framed building — possibly a floored house — it was remodelled and subdivided in the 18th century, when an additional western unit was added. Though formerly arranged as three cottages, numbers 2 and 3 retain the majority of the original 16th-century oak frame of notable quality and craftsmanship.

Externally, Nos. 2 and 3 comprise a rendered oak timber frame set upon a brick plinth. The catslide pantile roof is punctuated by three ridge stacks and three dormers with pent roofs to the façade, together with a further dormer to the rear.

Internally, Nos. 2 and 3 preserve extensive original timber framing, including jowled storey posts, wall plates, chamfered bridging beams, sole plates, arched braces, studs and tie beams — all of pegged construction. A scarf joint remains visible within the front wall plate, and evidence of former window and door openings can still be seen to the rear elevation.

18th-century alterations introduced internal cross frames, additional studs and rafters, stack bays and winding staircases, together with the clasped purlin roof structure. Importantly, the 18th-century plan form survives largely intact.

Two significant inglenook fireplaces remain — one incorporating a bread oven — along with a smaller rendered inglenook. Substantial sections of in situ wattle and daub panelling survive within the rear and cross frames, some now exposed, further enhancing the authenticity of the building.

Summary

The Croft represents a rare opportunity to acquire a highly atmospheric Grade II listed 16th-century timber-framed home in the sought-after village of Westleton. With beautifully preserved historic fabric, two inglenook fireplaces, surviving wattle and daub panelling, flexible dual accommodation and wraparound gardens, the property offers remarkable charm, heritage significance and versatility .

TENURE

Freehold

OUTGOINGS

Council Tax band: both cottages currently band B

SERVICES

Main electricity, water and drainage

VIEWING ARRANGEMENTS

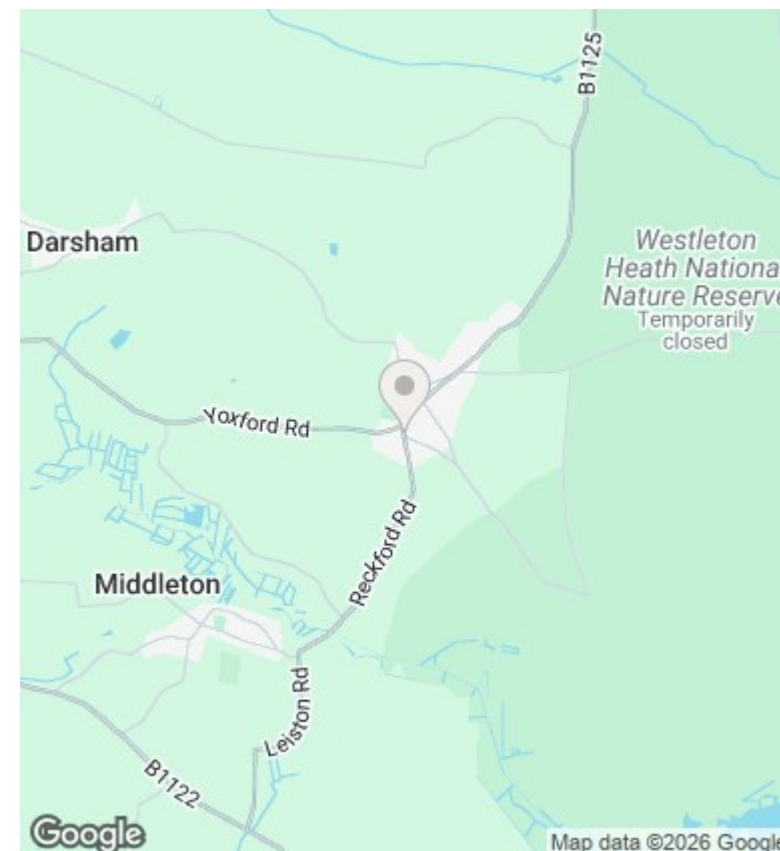
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	Current	Potential
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(92 plus) A		85
(81-91) B		
(69-80) C		
(55-68) D		
(39-54) E		
(21-38) F	38	
(1-20) G		
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