



Little Acre  
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# Step inside

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There is something for everyone in this extended and characterful family home that probably has its origins in the eighteenth century or even earlier. Refurbished and updated in recent times it is ideal for those with leisure and pleasure in mind as it includes a heated swimming pool complex, a cinema and a billiard room. It is also full of wonderful features from a bygone era including inglenook fireplaces and exposed beams and, if you have inter-generational requirements, there is a beautifully appointed contemporary annex.

Nestling in about an acre of grounds, the property is discreetly hidden from view and approached via a long, right angled driveway with entrances from both Highstead and Boyden Gate Hill and flanked by a large lawn, mature trees and high hedging. It leads to the double and tandem garages with space for off road parking.

The front door opens into a lobby with a door to the cellar and leads to the 'snug' with original beams and access to the utility room which has a fireplace and an internal star designed stained glass window. There is also a downstairs bathroom with an 'opening' bath that is ideal for washing the dogs after a muddy walk and a staircase to the first floor.

The contemporary kitchen was designed by Wren and only installed about four years ago. It includes underfloor heating and attractive units housing a hob and built in double oven as well as an integrated larder fridge and matching freezer, insinkerator boiling tap, dishwasher and washing machine and is open to the breakfast area that has matching fitted cupboards. There is a wide open archway to a seating/dining area with a brick fireplace, a spiral staircase and a further arch to the impressive drawing room that opens into the conservatory. The drawing room has original oak flooring, a vast exposed beam and ornate coving that all continue into the adjacent snooker room with its full size snooker table and a beautiful inglenook with a Bressumer beam and a charmingly designed inner brick fireplace.

From the seating area there are multi-pane French doors to the spacious dining room where you can happily seat at least 14 people. It opens onto a courtyard and has a door down to the stunning cinema room with its sparkly black carpet, built in projector and automated screen as well as surround sound. The dining room also has another pair of multi-pane French doors that open into a second contemporary Wren kitchen/breakfast room that was only installed a year ago and incorporates new wiring and plumbing as well as a new boiler. There is herringbone hardwood flooring and units with an oven and hob as well as a stand-alone washing machine and dishwasher. It has independent access to the garden and stairs to a shower room and two double bedrooms with delightful rural views. This would make an excellent annex area and could include the dining room and courtyard to provide a lounge/dining room and private outdoor space.

The spiral staircase from the seating area leads up to the enormous main bedroom with ceiling beams, a wall of mirrored wardrobes, a large dressing room and an en suite bathroom with a corner bath and a door to the flat roof. There is also a door and steps down to a study/double bedroom that can also be accessed from the corridor that leads to two further double bedrooms with vanity basins and a single bedroom and the staircase that leads down to the kitchen.

Surrounding the secluded swimming pool complex is high hedging and a block paved terrace that backs onto the long conservatory with its three sets of wide patio doors. There is also a summer house that includes a sitting room, toilet and shower as well as a pump room. The rear garden is surrounded by farmland and includes a terrace, a large lawn with a koi carp and goldfish pond and mature trees and shrubs. There is a log store that could always be converted back into a stable, a good sized paddock with a separate entrance from the road.











# Seller Insight

“ This has been our family home since before I was born. It is a wonderful country house in an idyllic location and provides me with a raft of happy memories. Over the past few years we have been delighted to update parts of the house and provide excellent leisure facilities for all our family and friends, however we feel that it is time to start a new chapter in our lives and hope new owners will be able to enjoy everything this special home has to offer.

Although we live in the country it is not far to the Thanet Way for access to London and it is less than four miles to Herne Bay that includes a pier, beach, shops, restaurants and a mainline station. While the historic city of Canterbury with its ancient buildings, individual shops and high street stores, bars and restaurants as well as three universities and a number of grammar and excellent public schools is not far away. It also has two mainline stations including Canterbury West station where the high speed train can whisk you to London in 54 minutes.

For anyone who enjoys outdoor pursuits, in addition to seaside activities at Herne Bay and the Thanet towns, there are wonderful places to go fishing on the river, while Westbere Lakes offers sailing opportunities as well as fishing and clay pigeon shooting at the Greenfields Shooting grounds in Sturry. \*

\* 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:  
 Herne Bay 3.8 miles  
 Canterbury West Station 8.2 miles  
 Channel Tunnel 24.6 miles  
 Dover Docks 23.4 miles  
 Gatwick Airport 72.4 miles  
 Charing Cross 67.7 miles

By Train from Herne Bay  
 High-Speed St. Pancras 1hr 20 mins  
 Dover Priory 54 mins  
 Charing Cross 1hr 50 mins  
 Victoria 1hr 32 mins  
 Canterbury 35 mins  
 Canterbury West to St Pancras 54 mins

**Leisure Clubs & Facilities**

Sturry Cricket Club 01227 713894  
 Greenfields Shooting 01227 713222  
 Westbere Frostbite Sailing Assoc 01227 830272  
 Mid Kent Fisheries (Westbere) 01227 730668  
 Polo Farm Sports Club 01227 769159  
 Canterbury Golf Club 01227 453532  
 Kingsmead Leisure Centre 01227 769818

**Healthcare**

The Park Surgery  
 Coach House Surgery  
 Herne and Broomfield Surgery  
 Whitstable and Tankerton Hospital  
 Kent and Canterbury Hospital  
 Chaucer Hospital

**Education**

Primary Schools:  
 Chislet Primary 01227 860295  
 Kings Junior 01227 714000  
 Kent College Junior 01227 762436  
 St Edmunds Junior 01227 475600

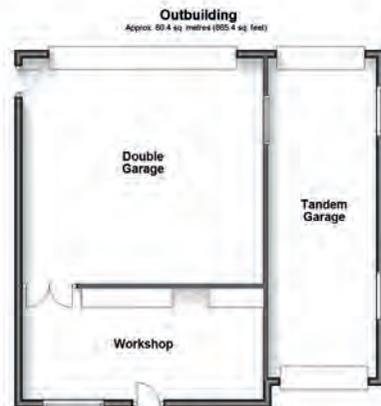
Secondary Schools:  
 Simon Langton Girls Grammar 01227 463711  
 Simon Langton Boys Grammar 01227 463567  
 Barton Grammar 01227 464600  
 King's School, Canterbury 01227 595501  
 Kent College 01227 475000  
 St Edmunds 01227 763231

**Entertainment**

Grove Ferry Inn 01227 860302  
 Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury 01227 787787  
 Gulbenkian Theatre 01227 769075  
 Abode Hotel 01227 766266  
 George and Dragon 01227 710661  
 Fordwich Arms 01227 710444

**Local Attractions / Landmarks**

Wildwood Discovery Park  
 Wingham Wild Life Park  
 The Canterbury Tales  
 The Beany House  
 Canterbury Cathedral  
 Canterbury Heritage Museum



£1,000,000

Council Tax Band: G

Tenure: Freehold



**GROUND FLOOR**

Porch	
Hall	
Snug	11'2 x 10'2 (3.41m x 3.10m)
Utility	12'0 x 7'4 (3.66m x 2.24m)
Boiler Room	
Bathroom	7'10 x 7'5 (2.39m x 2.26m)
Kitchen	15'6 x 10'9 (4.73m x 3.28m)
Breakfast Area	13'4 x 10'9 (4.07m x 3.28m)
Day Room	16'9 x 10'3 (5.11m x 3.13m)
Sitting Room	19'0 x 15'2 (5.80m x 4.63m)
Billiard Room/Games Room	24'6 x 19'0 (7.47m x 5.80m)
Conservatory	41'7 x 7'6 (12.68m x 2.29m)

**FIRST FLOOR**

Landing	
Main Bedroom	17'4 x 17'4 (5.29m x 5.29m)
Dressing Room	15'0 x 11'9 (4.58m x 3.58m)
En Suite Bathroom	
Study	
Bedroom 2	15'7 x 10'9 (4.75m x 3.28m)
Bedroom 3	15'6 x 11'0 (4.73m x 3.36m)
Bedroom 4	10'3 x 7'5 (3.13m x 2.26m)

**BASEMENT**

Cinema Room	22'3 x 18'4 (6.79m x 5.59m)
Cellar	

**ANNEXE GROUND FLOOR**

Annexe Lounge/Diner	22'2 x 11'4 (6.76m x 3.46m)
Annexe Kitchen/Breakfast Room	15'1 x 10'6 (4.60m x 3.20m)

**ANNEXE FIRST FLOOR**

Landing	
Annexe Bedroom 1	18'1 x 11'1 (5.52m x 3.38m)
Annexe Bedroom 2	15'1 x 11'1 (4.60m x 3.38m)
Annexe Shower Room	

**OUTSIDE**

- Rear Garden
- Front Garden/Paddock
- Side Garden/Paddock
- Driveway

**OUTBUILDING**

Double Garage	20'7 x 19'11 (6.28m x 6.07m)
Tandem Garage	29'1 x 9'4 (8.87m x 2.85m)
Workshop	19'11 x 10'11 (6.07m x 3.33m)



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