### THE STORY OF Melrose Castle Acre, Norfolk

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Melrose

Newton Road, Castle Acre, Norfolk, PE32 2AX

Sold Chain Free Charming Cottage with South-Facing Garden **Refurbished Throughout** Kitchen Free-Flowing to the Dining Room Separate Sitting Room **Three Bedrooms** Separate Study/Art Studio with Power and Water Supply WC and Family Bathroom Off-Road Parking and Enclosed Rear Garden Superb Location within Castle Acre

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# "Over several years Melrose has been completely renovated - it's been given a new lease of life."

rom a run down property to a  $\Gamma$  charming cottage, the transformation process here has been incredible. True care and attention to detail has been taken at every single step, in order to create a truly spectacular home.

Dating back to late 1700s, Melrose incorporates medieval stonework, with the flints almost certainly coming from the Priory, and perhaps the Castle which is just 100 metres away. Starting its life as two cottages and evolving over the years, a number of changes have taken place with the properties being extended to the front and with the two cottages being combined to create one truly spectacular home.

Arriving at the property, Melrose

captures attention in the best possible way. Its striking flint exterior and spacious driveway, a rarity in this area of Castle Acre, immediately make it stand out. The exacting standard of finish continues, and what sits beyond the oak framed porch and front door is simply delightful.

Stone tiled flooring adds character to the kitchen and entrance hall, and aid the seamless flow through the property, whilst exposed bricks serve as a reminder of the property's rich history. There's character and charm at every turn. Maintaining a traditional cottage style, the kitchen is every bit as practical as you might hope, with an integral dishwasher, fridge/freezer and washer/dryer, and an impressive electric range cooker.











pening into the dining room/ sitting area, where you'll find a log-burner and french doors leading out to the enclosed rear garden - a room for all seasons. It's easy to imagine spending chilly evenings in front of the fire, and long afternoons with family and friends spilling out into the garden for a barbecue.

A second reception room is equally enchanting, a tranquil space adding wonderful versatility. A cloakroom completes the ground floor space and with the sizeable entrance hall there's plenty of space here to remove those muddy boots.

"From the kitchen you can look out to the front and the back - it's flooded with light"

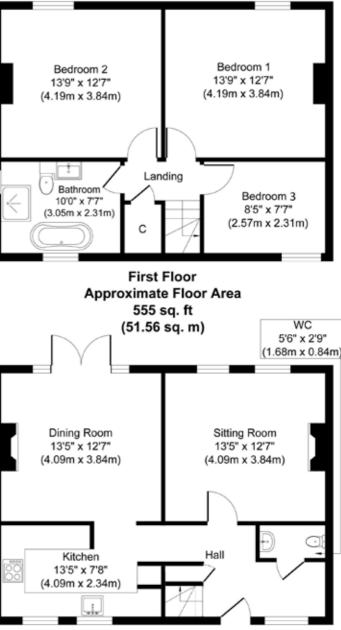
A beautiful Norfolk staircase connects the two floors seamlessly. Here there are three bedrooms, two of which are ultra spacious. The family bathroom stands out for all the right reasons, with the free-standing bath making an impressive centrepiece. There's a luxurious drench shower, exposed beams, and, of course, the same meticulous finish found throughout the rest of this beautiful home.











Studio Approximate Floor Area 147 sq. ft (13.65 sq. m)

Studio

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Ground Floor Approximate Floor Area 555 sq. ft (51.56 sq. m)









The outside space complements the cottage perfectly. To the front there's plenty of parking space, with the shingle driveway softened by raised beds. The studio, known locally as 'The Old Sweet Shop', would lend itself to any number of uses - with power, lighting and water it could become the perfect home office, art space or hobby room.

Mature hedging encloses the rear garden and the lawn is ideal for children to play on. Its sunny, southerly aspect makes the garden a delight for summer barbecues or a drink on the patio.

Melrose is a truly unique find: a charming Norfolk cottage with a superb setting, along with the added benefits of offroad parking and a generous garden. The exquisite finish and distinctive character make it a remarkable gem worth discovering.

#### ALL THE REASONS

### Castle Acre

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s you sit on the **D**pretty village green and watch the world go by at a gentle pace, it's incredible to think that Castle

Acre once played a major role in history. Yet the Norman ruins of Castle Acre Castle and Castle Acre Priory, respectively east and west of the village, are reminders of the village's grand ancestry when royalty would regularly arrive at the Bailey Gate and enjoy days spent hunting in the deer park.

The priory, now the charge of English Heritage, once housed a community of monks until Henry VIII disbanded monastic houses in 1537. You can still admire the beauty of the church gable and cloisters – run your fingers through the scented plants in the herb garden which the brothers would have used for daily cooking and healing centuries ago.

For a restorative moment today, head to The Ostrich which has been serving locals since

the 1800s and was recently renovated by local building firm Grocott & Murfitt as a fantastic gastro-pub. Enjoy a bite and a reviving glass and wander along the High Street to Castle Antiques & Collectables to discover a curio or chic addition for your home.

At the meeting point of the Roman Peddars Way, the River Nar runs to the south of the village, leading east to Newton and on to the hamlet of Fiddler's Green. Follow the Massingham Road north west and you'll happen upon Castle Acre Water Tower, saved by photographer Dennis Pedersen who bought the once derelict wreck for just £25,000 and turned it into a contemporary spaceshipinspired family home with panoramic views over barley fields.

Of course there are plenty of traditional period homes, many lining the village green where pretty flint cottages are covered in rose blooms in the height of summer, along with newer properties to be discovered. With a local store and Post Office, a popular café, fish and chip shop and even a small, independent bookstore, it's easy to see why so many people find their forever home in Castle Acre.





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