

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITY

The very tip of northeast Suffolk encompasses a vast amount of beautiful countryside. The Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB ends in the little village of Mutford, five miles southwest of Lowestoft, Carlton Marshes Suffolk Wildlife Trust lies beside beautiful Oulton Broad and the stunning Heritage Coast with its gracious seaside towns of Southwold, Aldeburgh, Thorpeness and Dunwich is a few miles to the south. The iconic Norfolk Broads begin at Beccles and the bustling community of Lowestoft, England's most easterly town, is very well-served with schools, shops, leisure and sports facilities. Transport links are excellent here, with regular trains running south from Lowestoft to Ipswich and thence to London Liverpool Street, the A12 connecting Ipswich, Colchester and Chelmsford all the way to London and the A146 heading inland to Beccles.

The village of Carlton Colville is located four and a half miles southwest of Lowestoft. There have been inhabitants here since at least prehistoric times, with a number of stone axe heads dating back to the early Bronze Age found here. The Saxons had a thriving settlement in the area and the village is mentioned in the Domesday Book. The remains of a moated medieval manor can be found to the south of Carlton Colville. Marshland and reedbeds surround the River Waveney to the north of the village and rare water plants and wildlife are everywhere. The village is well served with a primary school, a pub, community centre, petrol station, hairdresser, coffee house and vet's practice. The parish church of St Peter's dates back to the thirteenth century and is Grade II* listed. The popular East Anglia Transport Museum is also located here.

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tanding on a quiet road and surrounded by open countryside is this former farmhouse, built in 1903. Having functioned as a working farm for seventy years, it was bought in 1975 by the present owner's parents. They worked hard to improve it and added very greatly to its size with various extensions, both to the house and outside in the one acre grounds. It is in need of considerable modernisation, but has good bones and an almost unlimited amount of potential. A handsome pair of brick pillars and a wooden gate give access to the drive which meanders up to the house via the lawn and a number of mature trees. There is a splendid open porch with glass roof and pillars which is the idea place to shelter from the rain, leave parcels or stow muddy boots and shoes. There is a magnificent orchard, planted in the mid-1970s, with apple, pear, plum and peach trees. There are over thirty different types of apple tree, some extremely rare.

The porch opens straight into the large, L-shaped double aspect sitting room via a pair of double doors, a very roomy and useful space. To the left is the spacious front room with a sturdy brick-built fireplace with oak bressumer beam and niche, housing a wood burner. The room opens into a smaller snug, also with a wood burner. This would make the perfect space for any family configuration, cosy in winter, cool in summer. There is a small, square central hallway with the staircase rising up to the first floor, from which a door opens into the large dining room and kitchen. There is more than enough room here to convert this room into a more contemporary living/dining/kitchen space if required. A large brick arch leads through to the breakfast room which could be incorporated into the overall space, giving much more scope for conversion. To the right, off the boiler room, is a useful downstairs cloakroom and a large storage cupboard. There is also a sunny conservatory to the right, with two separate doors out into the garden. This is the ideal place to bring on seedlings, over-winter plants and enjoy a coffee or a glass or wine while gazing out over the lovely grounds. The ground floor accommodation is completed by the absolutely vast, light-filled garden room to the rear of the house. The owner's parents used to run their business from here and there is more than enough room to convert it into a large family room, an office space, a playroom or even another reception room. A workshop forms an L-shape alongside it, adding to its dimensions.



















"The house is flooded with natural light..."

The staircase leads up to the first floor landing from which radiate four bedrooms and the four piece family bathroom. With the correct permissions in place, it would be perfectly possible to convert one of them into an en suite, and to reconfigure this floor. However, there is more than enough room to accommodate a family.









"A space to relax..."

A long summer house with two sets of double doors was built around five years ago and was used to house tropical fish. It would make a perfect teenage hangout or a garden bar. There is a simply stunning greenhouse, built on a large scale, which was used to grow banana trees, oranges, limes, lemons and other tropical fruit. Once cleaned and repaired, it could easily be restored to its former glory.





LOCATION

The house sits on a generous plot amounting to just over an acre. Over the years, the owner's parents have built a number of outhouses, sheds and garden rooms to house their hobbies and for extra storage. There is a large paved area at the back of the house, ideal for al fresco dining or parties, a pretty pond covered in lily pads with a wooden bridge spanning it, rambling pink roses climbing up the walls, a number of mature trees including walnuts, pine and eucalyptus, gooseberries, redcurrants, rhubarb and many mature perennials. The integrated workshop next to the garden room was built around twenty years ago and has its own wood burner. The large garage was built around fifteen years ago and there are three stores of differing sizes attached to it. They were built to house the owner's father's collection of scale model planes and add a great deal of value and potential to the grounds of the house. There is a small separate garden store, ideal for stowing garden machinery and furniture away from the elements. The village is a supportive and close-knit community. Most of its inhabitants have lived there for many years and help is always available if required. The lovely seaside resort of Southwold is only ten miles away, there is a small local shop in the village and both Beccles and Lowestoft are an easy drive away for all other amenities.

Enjoying a peaceful rural location, uninterrupted views of open countryside, plenty of off street parking, spacious grounds, a vast and flexible interior with lots of potential for improvement and a multiplicity of outhouses, this muchloved and extended family home offers the chance for a rewarding project.

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