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A CHARMING PRESENCE

The village of Stow Longa is located in West Cambridgeshire, just two and a half miles north of Kimbolton and a twenty minute drive from Cambridge. Standing in just over an acre of land, this stunning Grade II listed, detached thatched cottage is a spacious and welcoming family home following the conversion of two original sixteenth century cottages into one building.





The present owners of this beautiful detached Grade II listed house in the pretty West Cambridgeshire village of Stow Longa fell in love with the property when they first viewed it in 2001. Originally two sixteenth century cottages, it has been extended and improved over the years, and with its many period features, spacious and versatile layout and delightful grounds, it enticed them in as it has so many other families over its five hundred years. Since moving in, they have redecorated throughout, built a garage block in a barn style, put in a new kitchen and improved both inside and outside. The result is an absolutely charming family home. The frontage is classically English, with a verdant lawn separating the house from the quiet lane running past. The wooden front door opens into the delightful entrance dual aspect hallway floored with bricks and with exposed beams and an old wooden window. It is the perfect introduction to this warm and welcoming home. A useful shower room opens off it and to the right is the dining room, simply soaked in happy family memories of Christmases and family celebrations. It has a highly unusual smoke hood inglenook, the twin of the one next door in the sitting room. With its brick construction, original bread oven and vast space, it is rare to find two such perfect examples of Tudor fireplaces still in use, the owners have placed a removable cover within the dining room fireplace which contains an electric fire. There is an ancient wooden door on the wall, which, along with the Tudor fireplaces, are part of the listing, and it is the ideal place for a family Sunday lunch.

A door opens into the cosy snug next door, the owner loves to have coffee with friends here or simply curl up with a book. The entrance hallway runs to the back of the house and the sitting room opens off to the right. Large, spacious and with exposed beams and a smoke hood inglenook fireplace with an open fire, the owners go on to say; "The inglenook in the sitting room has been partially covered and the chimney inserted in the cover as we do light this fire a lot in the winter." The sitting room is a wonderful family room and a staircase rises up to the third bedroom. One of the great benefits of living in a house which was once two dwellings is that there is no need to walk through one bedroom to get to another. The staircase configuration is such that movement between the floors is extremely easy. To the left of the hall is the delightful kitchen/breakfast room with natural light flooding in through the three windows and French doors. It features a beautiful cream Aga which is used every day for cooking and keeps the kitchen beautifully warm. With its built-in seating, central island with black granite worktop, mixture of wood and tiled worktops, integrated double oven, Miele induction hob, Miele dishwasher and undercounter fridge, double stainless steel sink and Fired Earth terracotta floor tiles, it is a warm, welcoming and practical space. Next door, the utility room has a large built in cupboard and plumbing for a washing machine and tumble dryer. The ground floor accommodation is completed by the garden room, a later addition by previous owners, a light and spacious room with doors on to the garden much used in the summertime.



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On the first floor, the accommodation is even more charming with exposed beams, wattle and daub walls and pretty dormer windows in the original part of the house. The principal bedroom has its own staircase, giving it privacy and seclusion. With exposed beams, wattle and daub walls and a delightful en suite dressing room/bathroom, it is a warm and welcoming principal suite with many original period features. The second bedroom also has exposed beams and original period features and is in fact connected with the principal bedroom via a small tunnel through the roof. This would make the ideal layout for a parent and child bedroom. The present owners often had their grandson sleeping there when he was young and this worked well. Two further double bedrooms can be found on this floor, one triple aspect with a built in cupboard and one double aspect. For such an old house, the rooms are flooded with natural light and Tudor charms sits easily alongside modern comfort. The two rooms have the four piece family bathroom sitting between them and with its bath, walk in shower and tiled floor. All the doors upstairs are Suffolk latch in style, giving even more nods to the past in this lovely home.









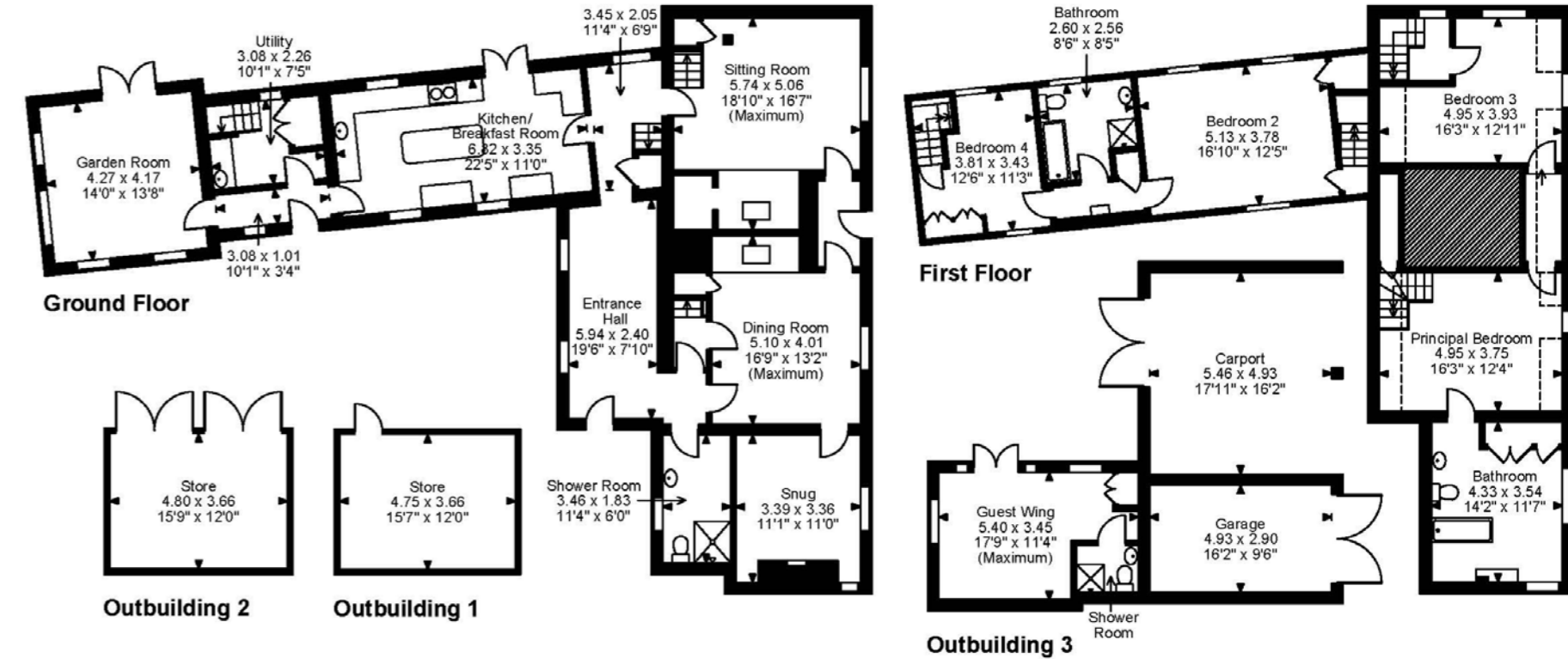
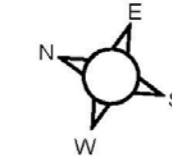
LOCATION

When the owners moved in they had a barn building constructed with two open garages, one closed garage with a loft and one room at the back with French windows into the garden which was to be used as an office. It has since been used as a "man cave" for the children to sleep in and (with the correct permissions in place) would be a perfect room for Airbnb or a holiday let. Fragrant roses grow up its side and it is an attractive building full of potential. In the past, the owners' collection of classic cars has been stored in the garage and it is the perfect place for such a hobby. The loft also offers useful extra storage.

With just over an acre of land, the gardens are delightful. There is a spacious patio, ideal for al fresco dining or a glass of wine at the end of the day, a large lawn with mature trees encircling it, a small playhouse, an attractive exposed brick chimney by the patio, many fragrant roses, perennials and well established shrubs and bushes, a greenhouse and a paddock with a pond. Next door is a livery stable and the sight of the horses grazing on the pasture and the open countryside beyond makes this a particularly lovely spot. There are two further large outbuildings currently used for storage which have potential. When having parties, the owners always open the door with ramp at the back of the garage which provides more parking in the paddock, making it an ideal party house. Two and a half miles to the south is the town of Kimbolton with its excellent doctor's surgery, dental practice, pubs and shops. Kimbolton also houses the ancient Kimbolton Castle which is now a very highly regarded public school. Cambridge is only twenty minutes away via the A14 and has everything that a person could reasonably need. Regular fast trains to London run from Huntingdon and the road network is excellent. With beautiful, well maintained grounds, plenty of parking, an absolutely delightful interior and exterior, spacious and flexible accommodation and simply awash with period charm, this stunning thatched cottage is the very epitome of English rural living.



Approximate Gross Internal Area
Main House = 2763 Sq Ft/257 Sq M
Garage & Carport = 460 Sq Ft/43 Sq M
Outbuildings = 573 Sq Ft/53 Sq M
Total = 3796 Sq Ft/353 Sq M



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