



# SHIELDBROOK

KINGS CAPLE , HR1 4UB

Guide Price: £750,000

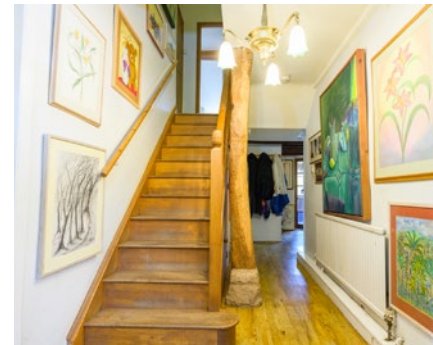
**A serene sculpture garden wraps around this magnificent country home. The impressive four-bedroom residence boasts a fascinating history, carries a plethora of period features, and is set in a truly tranquil corner of the countryside, encircled by meadows which slope downhill towards the wondrous River Wye.**

Four bedrooms • Artist's studio • Sitting room • Dining room • Kitchen • Reception hall • Boot room-cum-potting shed • Shower room • Bathroom • Utility • Cloakroom • Gated driveway • Extensive kitchen gardens • Spectacular sculpture garden • Approximately 1.3 acres

## Location

The small village of Kings Caple is positioned within the largest loop of the River Wye between Hereford and Ross-on-Wye. There is a primary school which carries a coveted 'Outstanding' grade from Ofsted, as well as a parish church. Opposite St John the Baptist church, there is an earthwork known as 'Caple Tump', reputed to be the remains of a castle motte, which is believed to be the site of village fairs in recent centuries.

From Shieldbrook, there is a myriad of beautiful walks that lead through the countryside and around the River Wye. It is worth noting that the Wye Valley Walk - a 136-mile route that explores this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - is a stone's throw from the property.









This magnificent country home is set within a little-known corner of the Wye Valley AONB, a stone's throw from the gently tumbling waters of the River Wye but, as the Shieldbrook is in an elevated position above the majestic waterway, there is no flood risk.

The four-bedroom house was originally built in 1696, around the time that the River Wye became a popular trade route. The original owner, John Harris, saw an opportunity and, shortly after the home was constructed, he opened it as a pub, The Old Boar Inn. This became a popular place for farmers and boatmen. For a time, the magistrate's court was also held at the property - in what is now the dining room. Presently, there is a hole in the dining room door, which is a remnant of the home's fascinating history; when this served as the magistrate's court this hole was used by visitors to wave handkerchiefs to signal that another round of ale or cider was needed in the courtroom.

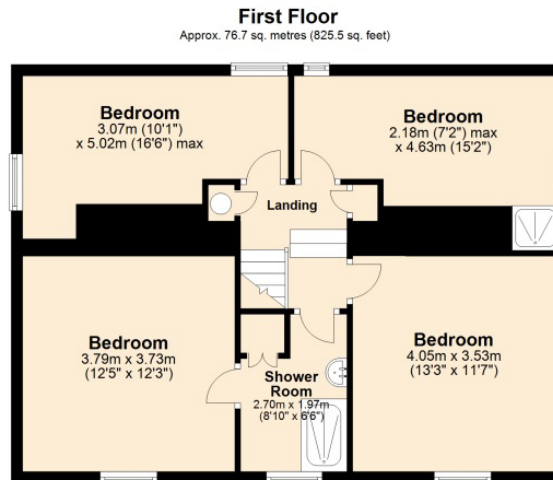
The garden, over an acre in size, is a truly magical expanse. It has been lovingly developed by the present owner for over a quarter of a century and has been opened to the public during National Garden Scheme (NGS) events. The sculpture garden was also showcased to visitors during the first two decades of Herefordshire Art Week (h.Art).

In addition to the works of art on display throughout the garden, there is an orchard which contains a copse of plum and apple trees. There is ample opportunity to grow more fresh produce as there is an extensive kitchen garden - complete with a large greenhouse and fruit and vegetable patches.

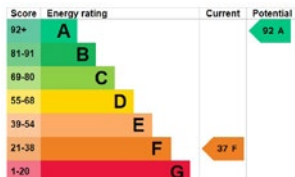
The detached residence boasts a myriad of charming character features throughout including exposed beams, sash windows, shutters, open fireplaces and pitched ceilings.







Total area: approx. 175.0 sq. metres (1883.2 sq. feet)



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**Services**

Oil central heating. Mains electricity and water. Septic tank. Telephone line, broadband and satellite TV.

**Local Authority**

Herefordshire Council. Council tax band F.

**Tenure**

Freehold

**Directions**

From Wilton roundabout at Ross-on-Wye, take the A49 towards Hereford then, after approximately 600 yards, take the right-hand turning towards Sellack, Hoarwithy, Kings Cagle and Little Dewchurch. Continue along this road for approximately four miles and enter Hoarwithy. Pass The New Harp Inn on the right-hand side of the road, then after around 400ft, turn right and continue over the bridge. Enter Kings Cagle and at the junction, take the right-hand turn. Pass the turning for the school on the left-hand side and continue down the hill. Shieldbrook will be found towards the bottom of the hill on the left-hand side.

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Ledbury 13 miles • Monmouth 16 miles  
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