





# **OLD KNOCK COTTAGE**

GROUND FLOOR



## OLD KNOCK SCHOOL

Monreith, Nr Port William, Newton Stewart, Wigtownshire, DG8 8NJ
Port William 3 miles, Wigtown 12 miles, Newton Stewart 18 miles, Stranraer 25 miles, Dumfries 66 miles, Carlisle 95 miles

# AN HISTORICAL AND THOROUGHLY CHARMING FORMER SCHOOL HOUSE AND DETACHED ANNEX INCORPORATING AN INTIMATE CARAVAN SITE SITUATED A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE SPECTACULAR LUCE BAY

- FORMER SCHOOL, NOW BEING A WONDERFUL FAMILY HOME FOR NEARLY 60 YEARS
- TRADITIONAL TWO BEDROOM ANNEX CURRENTLY UTILISED AS SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY LET
- LAND CURRENTLY LICENSED FOR A COMBINATION OF CARAVANS, MOTORHOMES & TENTS
- EXTENSIVE GARDENS & GROUNDS WITH AMPLE PARKING FOR SEVERAL VEHICLES
- OUTBUILDINGS INCLUDING ORIGINAL SCHOOL TOILET BLOCK
- WONDERFUL RURAL SETTING CLOSE TO SPECTACULAR BAYS, BEACHES AND GOLF LINKS
- WITHIN AN EASY DRIVING DISTANCE TO MAJOR ROAD NETWORKS AND THE FERRY PORTS AT CAIRNRYAN

## FOR SALE PRIVATELY AS A WHOLE

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#### INTRODUCTION

**Old Knock School** is nestled within the spectacular coastal region of Dumfries & Galloway surrounded by open countryside views, with Luce Bay only a short distance away. Old Knock School has been in the same family for 59 years and is the type of property which oozes charm, character and has plenty of space. Old Knock School which originally had 2 classrooms has become the principle dwelling of the current owners and provides family, diverse four-bedroom accommodation over split floor levels.

**Knock School Annex** was the original 19th century Dame School provided by The Maxwell's of Monreith Estate to provide education for the surrounding children. Around 1888 Old Knock School was constructed to replace the Dame School, which had outgrown demand for school places, now offering as a spacious two-Bedroom Cottage.

In addition, and a fabulous feature of Old Knock School is the land which currently operates as an intimate caravan site set within its boundaries. The site is licensed for 15 pitches, a combination of caravans, motorhomes & tents, with five hardstanding. It also has the original school toilet block which lends itself to the business. The site has been very popular over the years providing peace and tranquillity to new and returning customers every year. The location of Old Knock School is such that a plethora of native wildlife can be enjoyed on a daily basis, with the sunsets and dark skies being absolutely spectacular.

Old Knock School benefits from the best of both worlds being an opportunity to be a fantastic & successful lifestyle business in its current set-up providing immediate income along with the opportunity to grow subject to planning applications; it could also be used for a small scale horticultural, equestrian purposes or as a spacious multi-generational family home.

Knock School Cottage has been used as a Holiday Let for several years and complies with the Scottish Government requirements. However, it would be an ideal home for extended family wishing to come together in the Machars.

Knock School Cottage Holiday Lets have been managed by an agent in recent years, but with internet and social media presence could be managed in house. The Caravan Site although currently privately licensed could become a member of a 5 Van site organisation with the benefits of the memberships of customers

The properties are situated opposite a ½ mile single track road leading to two fantastic beaches and St Medan nine-hole Golf Links which is overlooked by Gavin Maxwell's memorial bronze otter on the cliff top and provides fantastic views over Lucy Bay to the Mull of Galloway Lighthouse, or further afield to the Isle of Man and Ireland beyond.

The properties are located close the working harbour village of Port William, with a Primary School, licenced grocery shop, post-office, old-fashioned ironmongers and the locally volunteered Lifeboat Café, which boasts wonderful sea views.

Wigtown, some 12 miles distant, is Scotland's Book Town which is a place to visit for book lovers of all ages. Many properties have opened their front parlours to accommodate thousands of books. Wigtown also hosts the annual book festival attracting many famous authors.

This area of Southwest Scotland enjoys one of the most varied and picturesque landscapes within Scotland, ranging from the moorland of the Southern Upland Hills to the bays and sandy beaches of the distinctive coastline. This is a rural county where agriculture and tourism thrive to form the backbone of the local economy. The area has been relatively unscathed by modern industry.

The region is well-known for the quality and variety of both field sports and leisure activities with the outdoor and sporting enthusiast extremely well-catered for as there exist the ability to take both shooting and fishing locally. Given the diverse landscape along with the proximity to the coast and local lochs, the area offers unique walks, sailing, cycling and for the golfer there is an abundance of good local courses with the region boasting no fewer than twenty-nine courses, one of which is within walking distance of Old Knock School.

#### **DIRECTIONS**

As indicated on the location plan, which forms part of these particulars.

#### **METHOD OF SALE**

The properties are offered for sale by private treaty as a whole.

#### **GUIDE PRICE**

Offers for Old Knock School are sought in excess of: £450,000

#### **VIEWING**

By appointment with the sole selling agents:

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## PARTICULARS OF SALE

#### **OLD KNOCK SCHOOL HOUSE**

This wonderful historic building is of traditional stone-built construction set under a slated roof with double glazing throughout. The property is set over split levels and very briefly comprises:

## • Sunroom / Entrance Porch

A bright welcoming entrance to Old Knock School which is glazed to two sides with views to the front.

## Reception Hall & Dining Room

A spacious reception hall which has sliding doors to separate the dining room for a more intimate dining experience. When opened up this a marvellous space for family and social entertaining. A low-level door gives access to storage space which spans beneath the living room.

#### Kitchen

With a range of floor and wall units, triple aspect windows enhance the natural light.







- Utility Room / Inner Hallway
   Plumbed for white goods, UPVC door to outside.
- Bathroom
   With a WC, WHB, bath with a shower over.











### • Double Bedroom 1

With double aspect windows to the side and built-in storage cupboards.

#### Double Bedroom 2

With a window to the rear and built-in low level storage cupboards

## Living Room

Stepping up to a split level from the reception hallway / dining room this wonderful family room is flooded with natural light from four, floor to ceiling glazing units to the front of the building and a window to the side. This is a fabulous space to enjoy the spectacular sunsets and magnificent dark skies.

#### Double Bedroom 3

Stepping up another split level from the lounge, another spacious cosy living space with low level windows.

## Double Bedroom 4

Another room filled with natural light from two floor to ceiling windows and three low level windows. A built-in cupboard houses the hot water tank.





#### **KNOCK SCHOOL ANNEX**

As mentioned earlier, for many years the cottage (formerly the original school has been utilised as a successful holiday let with many returning customers. The cottage is of traditional stone construction set over a single floor with double glazing throughout, very briefly comprising:

#### Entrance Hall

With a UPVC door to the front.

#### Sunroom

With glazing to two sides, a lovely space to relax and enjoy the peaceful surroundings.



## Living Room

With a window to the rear and double part glazed doors through to the sunroom.

## Central Hallway

With the original lightshade and coat hooks from the cottage's former life as a school.

## • Rear Hallway

A part glazed UPVC leads to the outside space.

## Double Bedroom 1

With a window to the rear, built-in wardrobe and **dressing room** off which has a window to the rear.

#### Bathroom

With a WHB, WC and a bath with shower over, there is a window to the rear.

## Double Bedroom 2

With double aspect windows.

#### Kitchen

With a range of floor units and two windows to the front, there is ample space for a dining table.











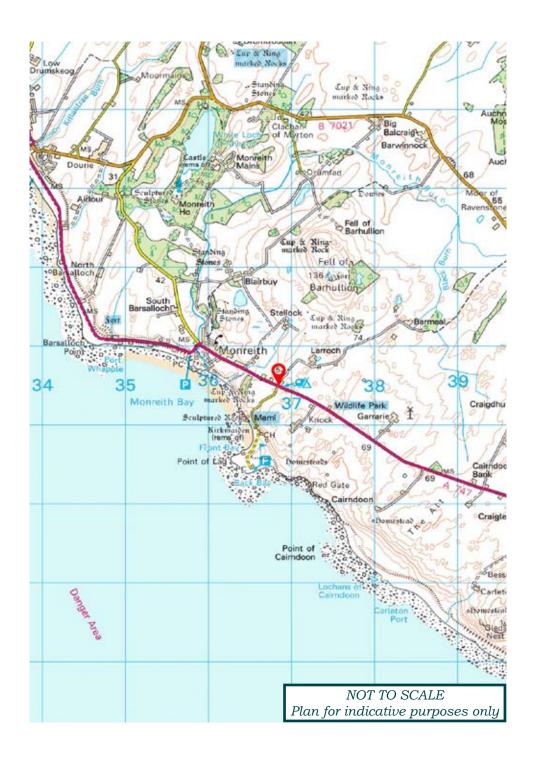


## **SERVICES**

	Water	Drainage	Electricity	Heating	Council Tax /Rateable Value
Old Knock School	Mains	Septic Tank	Mains	Oil fired Central Heating / night storage heaters	E
Old Knock Cottage	Mains	Septic Tank	Mains	Bottled gas Central Heating / night storage heaters	N/A

EPC: Old Knock School – E

**Please note:** The caravan site's rateable value is £600 p.a effective from 01-APR-23. Although a rateable value has been applied, the business benefits from small business rates relief, therefore there are no payments to be made.



#### **OUTSIDE**

Old Knock School benefits from its own tarmac driveway providing private parking. There are two timber storage sheds, and a traditional stone-built coal shed. To the side there is a stone built detached garage and ample parking for several vehicles.

The caravan site is accessed via its own gravel road and is currently licensed for 15 being a combination of Caravans, Motorhomes & Tents with five of the pitches benefitting from concrete pads. In addition, there are ladies and gents' facilities containing showers and WCs all housed within the original school toilet block. The pitches are surrounded by neat lawns with some flowering borders and beds providing a tapestry of scent and colour throughout the summer months. The site has been extremely popular within the current ownership with many new and returning visitors. The caravan site provides the perfect ready-made business situated in one of the most scenic unspoilt areas of Dumfries & Galloway.



#### **HOME REPORT**

Given that this is a portfolio of property and operated as a trading business, there is no requirement to provide a home report. EPC's are available for Old Knock School and Cottage.



#### **MATTERS OF TITLE**

The subjects are sold under the conditions in the title and any existing burdens (rights of way, rights of access, servitudes etc whether public or private, and whether constituted in the title deeds or not). The purchaser(s) will be held to have satisfied themselves as to the nature of such burdens and are advised to contact the vendors' solicitor, **Rankin & Aitken** for a definitive list of burdens subject to which the property is sold.

#### **MINERAL & SPORTING RIGHTS**

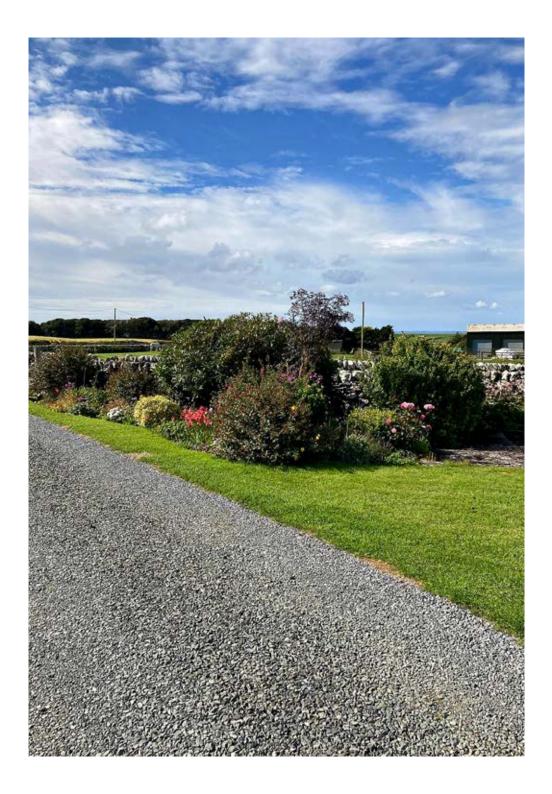
Insofar as these rights form part of the property's title they are included in this sale at no additional charge.

#### **ENTRY & VACANT POSSESSION**

At a date to be mutually agreed.

## **OFFERS (Closing Date)**

Offers must be submitted in proper Scottish legal terms to **Threave Rural**, **No' 3 Ring**, **New Market Street**, **Castle Douglas**, **DG7 1HY**. A closing date for offers may be fixed and prospective purchaser(s) are advised to register their interest with the sole selling agents following inspection. The vendors do however reserve the right to sell the property without fixing a closing date or prior to the closing date. For those unfamiliar with the Scottish system the sole selling agents will be pleased to offer guidance and explain the procedure.



#### GENERALLY

Should there be any discrepancy between these particulars, the general remarks and information and the missives of sale, the latter shall prevail.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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