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Taunton 10 miles (London Paddington 1 hour and 45 minutes) | Bristol 45 miles | Exeter 50 miles

A substantial country house with beautifully appointed accommodation set within landscaped gardens and grounds of approximately 8 acres.

3 further cottages combining to create an exciting residential, leisure or commercial opportunity.

Main house accommodation:

4 Reception Rooms • Kitchen/Breakfast Room

Walk in Pantry • Laundry Room • Workshop

7 Bedrooms • 6 Bathrooms

Separate 3 Bedroom Maisonette • Double Garage

3 Cottages

Stunning landscaped gardens to include gazebo

8 Acres of land

3 Medieval Carp Ponds

Georgian Orangery with full planning permission for conversion



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Situation

Stowey Court is approached from the A39 Bridgwater to Williton road and is conveniently situated 6 miles east of the M5 which can be joined at either J24 or J23. The beautiful village of Nether Stowey which nestles at the foot of the Quantock Hills is close by. It is a thriving village with an excellent primary school, 3 public houses, a Post Office, shops, a medical centre and a range of further facilities. The village has connections with Coleridge and Wordsworth with The National Trust Coleridge Cottage in Lime Street. The county town of Taunton is 10 miles to the south and offers a further, extensive range of facilities to include 3 public schools, a sixth form college and Somerset College of Arts and Technology. Taunton also offers a mainline rail link to London (Paddington). The North Somerset coast is only 3 miles distant and there are some very pretty footpaths and bridleways along the coast and over the Quantocks an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Description

Stowey Court is steeped in history with parts dating back to the early 15th Century. It was bequeathed to Edward Seymour, brother of Jane Seymour when he was appointed Duke of Somerset in 1547. The converted stables date from the 16th Century and the 3 carp ponds with adjacent stew ponds are of medieval origins. The property was owned by Lord Beaverbrook who lived at Stowey Court during the 1940's.

Stowey Court is a substantial Grade II Listed country house and is offered for sale as a whole to include all properties within the grounds or may be split into separate lots. Within the grounds is a beautiful early 17th Century gazebo Listed Grade II* and an orangery with full planning consent for conversion. There is also a 4 bedroom cottage and two, 2 bedroom barn conversions. The property offers buyers a range of residential, leisure or commercial opportunities with potential for a boutique hotel, restaurant with rooms, delightful B & B or as a wedding venue for which it already boasts full planning permission.

The property backs onto the Cricketer Cheese Farm where there is an excellent farm shop selling local produce, a delightful café / restaurant.

Stowey Court has an impressive façade and boasts a striking elevation on the southern side overlooking its lovely gardens and carp pond with a fountain. The property is built of colour washed and rendered elevations with stone mullions and bandings under a tiled roof. The house has 11 bedrooms, 7 bathrooms. All the accommodation is in superb decorative order. The current owners have undertaken a major programme of work during their 20 years. A 3 bedroom maisonette currently makes use of 4 of the bedrooms and although separately let could easily be reinstated into the main property.













Gardens and Grounds

Stowey Court is approached through attractive stone pillars down a tree-lined drive, then through a medieval stone arch to the inner, walled, courtyard garden. Joining the driveway are the 3 cottages, Court Stable, Court Barn and Court Cottage which have been let by the current owners on short hold tenancies. Two of the cottages provide 2 bedrooms, 2 bathroom accommodation and 2 parking spaces whilst the third Court Cottage provides 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and a double garage. All have private gardens. The inner courtyard gives access to the front of Stowey Court via a gravelled drive with turning circle and walled grounds. This is a charming setting with an ornamental pond and fountain. There is an extensive range of stone buildings with attractive brick arched ceilings adjoining the north side of the walled garden and provide extremely good storage. In the north east corner there is an early Georgian orangery which has full planning consent for a 3 storey conversion. The main gardens lie to the south and have been beautifully maintained providing informal areas of lawn with a wide variety of specimen trees and shrubs. There is a further ornamental pond with fountain and large terrace with access from the rear of the property. In the south west corner, approached by a flight of curved stone steps, is an early 18th Century gazebo, Listed Grade II*. This building provides a delightful area for sitting and enjoying the gardens, as well as a storage area beneath.

To the north are 3 medieval carp ponds approx 100ft x 100ft with 3 adjoining stew ponds or washing ponds, each are 100ft x 10ft. These ponds are lined with puddled clay and have a clever water diversion system for sending water into the main ponds or the stew ponds. These ponds are stocked with a variety of fish and are a haven for wildlife. Situated to the east of the property is a 4 acre paddock. The paddock surrounds St Mary's churchyard. In total the grounds extend to approximately 8 acres.

Directions

Stowey Court is approached from Bridgwater or Williton on the A39. The entrance to the property is 150m east from the entrance to the village of Nether Stowey. The driveway is shared with the parish church with stones set into gravel splays leading from the main road.

Services

Mains water, electricity and drainage. Oil fired central heating. Bore hole

Outgoings

Sedgemoor District Council Tax bands are as follows:

Stowey Court: G
Court Cottage: D
Court Barn: C
Court Stable: C
Court Flat: A

Fixtures and Fittings

All items usually known as tenant's fixtures and fittings whether mentioned or not in these particulars together are excluded from the sale but some may be available by separate negotiation. Such items include all carpets and curtains, light fittings, domestic electrical items and garden statuary.

Viewing

Viewing is strictly by prior appointment with the Joint Sole Agents.



Approx. Gross Internal Floor Area
844.9 Sq Metres / 9095 Sq Ft
(Includes garage and excludes
restricted head height)



Denotes restricted
head height



Second Floor

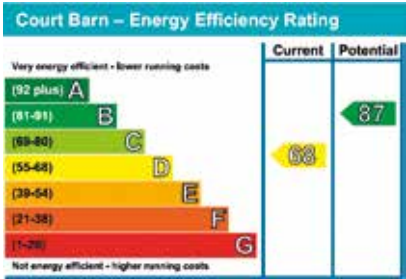


Ground Floor

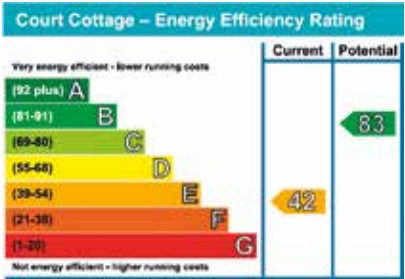


First Floor

Court Barn



Court Cottage



Court Stable

