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An historic Grade II* listed Manor House of great character, set within delightful walled gardens and located on the edge of York in a quiet village setting.



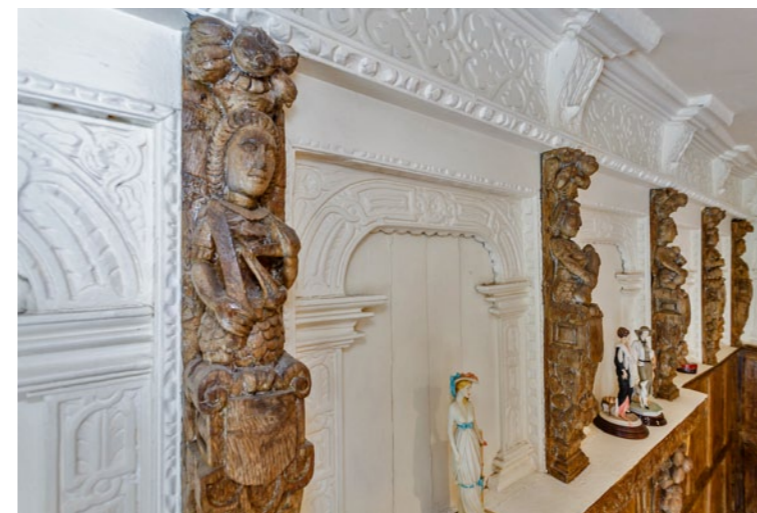
HISTORY

The Domesday Book records a Manor in Sheltun (now Skelton) and we know that in 1318 the Manor became the property of William and Alice Gra. Feudal villages typically surrounded a triangular green with the church at the apex and the Manor behind, and so it is at Skelton.

Through marriage the Gra family name changed to Nelson and it was William and Anne Nelson who, between 1546 and 1552, rebuilt the Manor house as it is today. William's grandfather, Thomas Nelson, was a merchant adventurer and twice Lord Mayor of York. His father was the only 16th century Member of Parliament to be elected on four consecutive occasions, although the success of his last election depended on personal intervention from Henry VIII. The Nelsons were devout Roman Catholics: William took part in the 1536 Pilgrimage of Grace when 35,000 northerners marched south to protest against Henry VIII's break from Rome. William's son-in-law, Edward Beseley, was also MP for York, and when he and his wife refused to sign the Act of Settlement, they were persecuted and the Manor and their lands forfeit to the crown.

The house however survived. At first glance nothing in its external appearance betrays the Manor's age although the original timber frame is still visible if you look closely. The house was encased in brick following the siege of York during the civil war when York City Council ordered all new buildings to be constructed of brick to reduce the risk of fire. Internally the house is a colourful yet poignant reminder not only of the family who built it, but of the dangerous times in which they lived, the loyalty of many northerners to the 'old' Church and their belief that Mary Queen of Scots was true heir to the English throne.

The house weathered the ages, largely untouched until its Victorian owner added a porch and a castellated west wing. The current owners have preserved and improved the property over a number of years to provide a magnificent family home.



THE PROPERTY

Skelton Manor is a stunning Grade II* listed Manor House which has been carefully and sympathetically updated and improved to provide versatile family accommodation, which is currently used as a single residence but could be altered to provide a separate cottage if required. The impressive accommodation retains many fine period features which include extensive oak panelling to all the principal rooms, spectacular friezes in several rooms and a particularly fine oak staircase with elaborately carved newels and vine scroll strings. Despite the extensive exposed woodwork, the large south facing front windows create a light and airy atmosphere with all the principal rooms enjoying a southerly outlook over the garden.

The property has been the subject of continuous and recent improvements and alterations to make it ideal for comfortable family living. At the front of the building a central porch leads to a large hall with panelled walls, a Bodart and Gonay thermostatically controlled fire and carved staircase rising to the first floor. The sitting room and dining room lie to either side of the central hall and both have ornate panelling and fireplaces. In the kitchen the original inglenook has an Aga and there are fitted units with granite tops and a tall dresser. From the kitchen there is a loggia sun room with doors to the garden. The rear hall provides access to a larder, secondary staircase, rear courtyard, cellar, utility and cloakroom. In the cottage wing there is a study, garden room, family room and further stairs to the first floor.

Off the principal first floor landing is a library with unique plaster frieze of mermaids, mermen and dolphins. The drawing room, in the centre and front of the house, would have been the former solar to the property. Approached through a panelled door with carved 15th century wooden bosses, it retains all its character and charm with fine panelled walls and window seats.

The panelling is surmounted by an arcaded frieze, beneath which are thirty carved oak caryatids and atlantes. There is also a sixteenth century beam frieze with oak leaves, acorns and pomegranates. There are six bedrooms to the first floor with three having en-suite accommodation and a house bathroom.



OUTSIDE

The property is approached through private gates and a sweeping gravelled driveway with a central fountain, leading to a parking and turning area. In addition to this there is access down the side of the house which leads to the rear courtyard providing further extensive parking, a garage with hayloft over, fuel store and boiler room. The walled gardens are a particular feature of the property and lie to the south in front of the house.

There are colourful mature gardens which include a large lawn with mature beds and borders, a patio with a breeze house and a rockery with a pond beyond, which in turn leads to a further gravelled garden area to the side with a twisted hazel and mature fruit trees. The current owners have use of an adjacent 3 acre paddock which may, subject to the owner's agreement, be transferred.



LOCATION

The property is positioned in the centre of the sought after conservation village of Skelton. Despite its central location, it enjoys a private position tucked behind the church and just off the village green. It is also ideally located for anyone wanting quick access into York city centre for the extensive range of shops and amenities, as well as the reputable private and state schools and the city's railway station which offers regular direct access to London Kings Cross and Edinburgh in less than 2 hours. For the commuter, there is good access to York outer ring road, which in turn leads to the A64 and A1(M) and the North and West Yorkshire commercial centres. Leeds Bradford International Airport offers regular flights to a number of domestic and international destinations and is located approximately 30 miles away.

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Address: Skelton Manor, Church Lane, Skelton, York, YO30 1XT

Services: The property enjoys mains water, electric, gas and drainage. It should be noted that the principal property enjoys oil fired central heating whereas the cottage benefits from gas fired central heating. There is also an oil fired Aga. It should be noted that the property is very much used as just one house but could be separated in to a house and cottage if so required.

Tenure: Freehold

Local Authority: City of York Council Tel: 01904 551550

Method of Sale: The property is for sale by private treaty. We reserve the right to conclude the sale by any other means at our discretion.

Covenants, Easements and Rights of Way: The property is sold subject to all covenants and rights of way, whether specifically mentioned in these particulars or not.

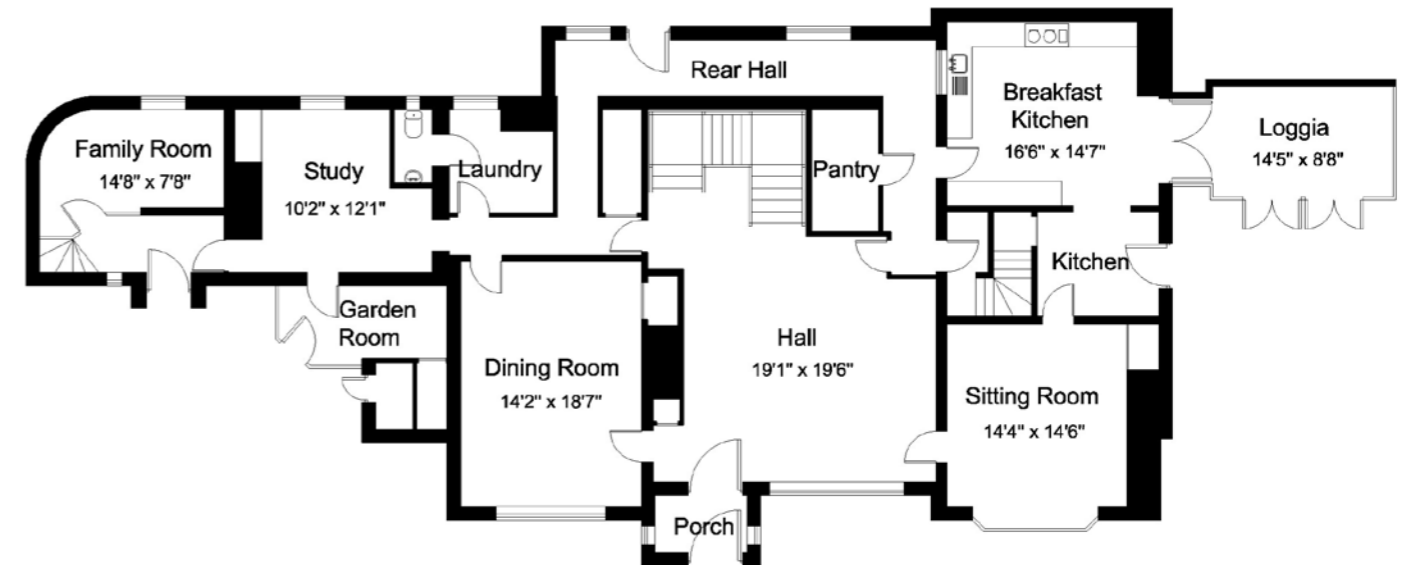
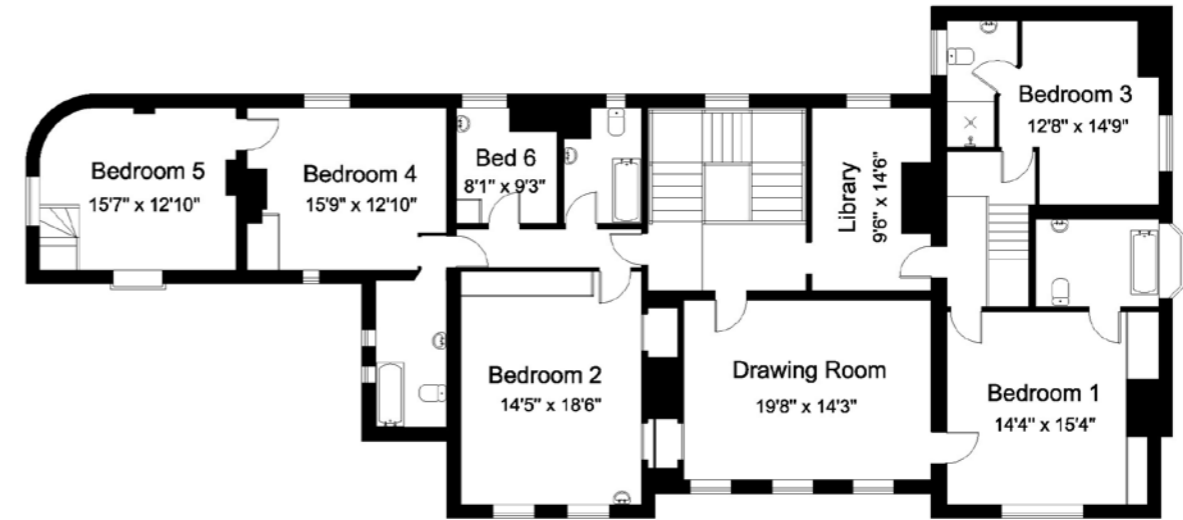
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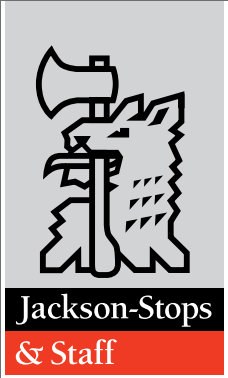
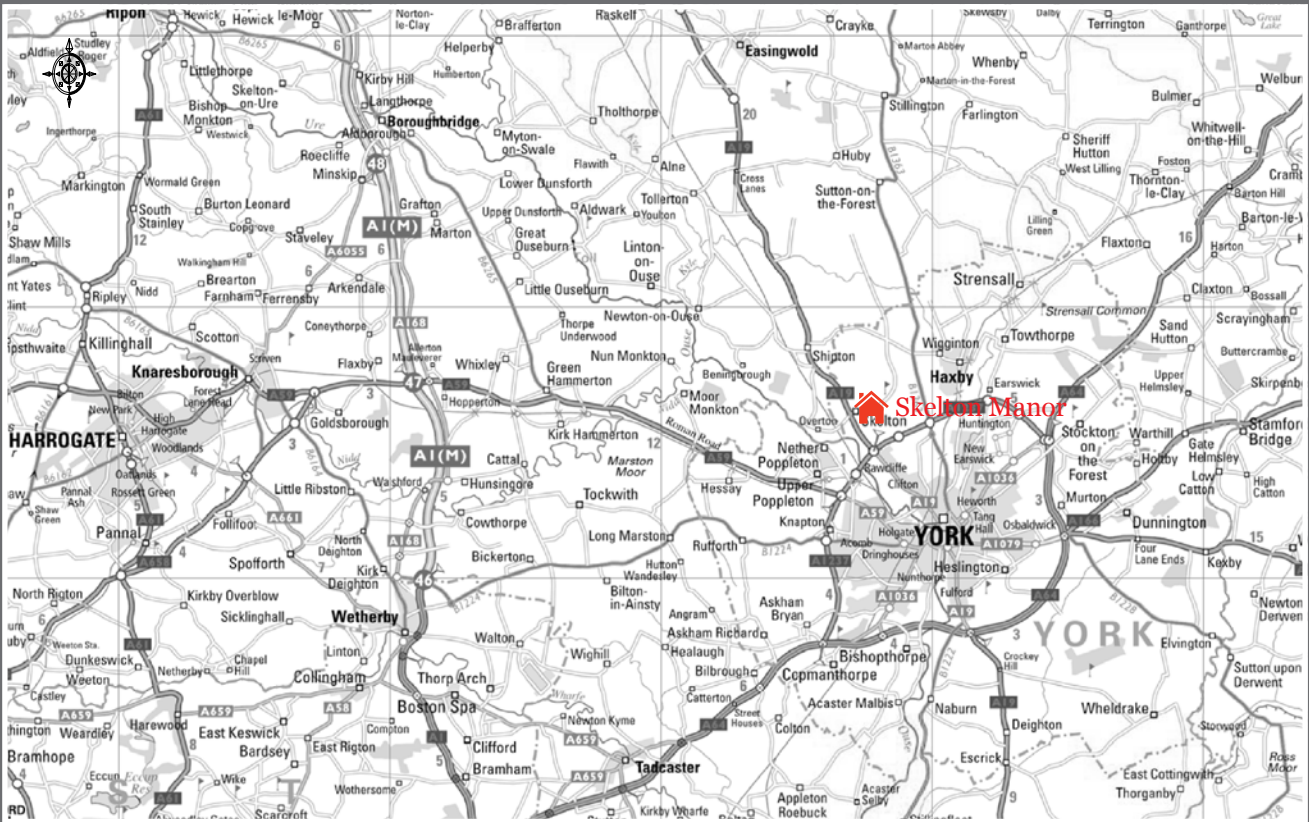
FLOOR PLANS

Approximate Gross Internal Floor Area: 5,161 sq ft

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