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*Enchanting and unique historic Grade II\* listed gothic style castle complete with a moat, set in delightful gardens and grounds with ancillary accommodation*

Starborough Castle is an Ancient Monument of the County of Surrey and a Scheduled National Monument of Significant Architectural and Historical Interest.

Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Mini Great Hall, Minstrel Gallery Kitchen, Hallway, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom.

External Cloakroom/Utility Room.

Moat, Delightful Landscaped Gardens, Thatched Summer House and Long Boat.

Outbuilding providing Garaging with Kitchen Area, Shower Room and First Floor Room, Workshop and Gardens W.C. and Greenhouse

Timber framed Barn with Two Open Bay Garages, Garden Store and Studio.

Post & Rail Fenced Seven Acre Field.

**In Total 10.5 Acres**

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## HISTORY

The first recorded settlement on the site was by Ella, King of the South Saxons c.AD 490. Subsequently, the medieval castle which occupied the entire island and survives mainly in the form of buried foundations and archaeological remains, was built by Lord Reginald Cobham c. 1342. Cobham also established the medieval parish church of Lingfield, St Peter and St Paul.

During the Civil War, the castle was occupied by Parliamentary forces and shortly after the execution of Charles I in 1649 was demolished by order of Oliver Cromwell. The site remained derelict for more than a century. However around 1754, the monument was remodelled, and the level of the central island raised and landscaped by Sir James Burrow who built the present Gothic style ornamental pavilion re-using medieval material from the site.

By the early 1900s the castle had again fallen into disrepair. In the late 1980s Ray Edwards, a local landowner and property developer, restored it according to Burrow's original design. The work was carried out under the auspices of English Heritage, and every facet of the project was undertaken as if it were a work of art; even the medieval gargoyle was retrieved from the moat and inset above the main entrance.

## DESCRIPTION

Starborough Castle is an enchanting Grade II\* listed gothic style castle set within superb landscaped gardens and grounds totalling about 10.5 acres. It is believed to be one of the smallest castles in England with one of the largest moats by comparison. It offers an abundance of impressive features such as an intricately carved period fireplace and magnificent gothic style bay window in the mini great hall, solid oak joinery throughout with panelling and exposed ceiling timbers. Also of benefit is the ancillary accommodation and garaging. The castle is surrounded by a one acre spring fed moat which is well stocked with many wild and ornamental species of fish. The stunning landscaped garden creating a wonderful backdrop to the castle and there is a post and rail fenced field. The total plot amounts to about 10.5 acres.

- The main entrance to the Castle leads to the first floor accommodation where an impressive studded oak front door leads to the entrance hall with oak panelling, and access to the cloakroom.
- The double aspect mini great hall is a superb room with double height ceiling and an impressive gothic arched lead light bay window overlooking the moat. There is an intricately carved period fireplace surround with open grate.
- From the mini great hall, stairs rise to a charming minstrels gallery where a well appointed kitchen is located with wall and base cupboards, work surfaces, Neff appliances, integral fridge and slimline dishwasher.
- From the first floor entrance hall stairs descend to the ground floor to another hall which has access to outside and an under stairs cupboard.
- There are two bedrooms on this floor, both with oak panelled walls and built-in wardrobes.
- The well appointed family bathroom is fitted with a corner multi-jet bath.





- Accessed from outside and adjacent to the ground floor entrance door is a cloakroom and a storeroom where the oil tank is located.
- The property is approached over a shared tree line drive which spurs to the private gated entrance of Starborough Castle. This private drive is flanked on one side by the post and rail fenced paddock. The drive leads to the timber garaging which comprises two open bays, a studio and garden store. There is also a brick built garage with up and over door and a kitchen area to one side, a shower and W.C. to the rear and stairs rising to a bedroom.
- Impressive pillars with wrought iron gates open to the formal gardens of Starborough Castle with brick paths leading over a charming hump-back bridge over the moat. This path continues to the front door and leads around the gardens. There are areas of lawn interspersed with well stocked borders planted with a variety of shrubs, flowers and trees. Steps lead to the ground floor entrance of the castle and continues around the bank of the moat. A long boat is permanently moored on the moat, and there is also a charming thatched summerhouse with power connected. The post and rail fenced field amounts to about 7 acres and is bound, to the south, by a stream and spinney. The total plot amounts to about 10.5 acres.

#### SITUATION

- Starborough Castle is located on the border of Kent and Surrey, about two miles to the south west of Edenbridge which has a good range of amenities including Waitrose and two stations.
- **Comprehensive Shopping:** Edenbridge – 2.5 miles, Lingfield – 2.5 miles, East Grinstead – 6.5 miles, Sevenoaks – 11 miles, Tunbridge Wells – 12.5 miles.
- **Mainline Rail Services:** Lingfield Station (2 miles) to Victoria/London Bridge via East Croydon. Edenbridge station has a service to Victoria/London Bridge.
- **Sporting Facilities:** Edenbridge and Lingfield Leisure Centres, racing at Lingfield Park, Plumpton and Brighton. Golf at Hever, Holtye in Cowden and also at the two Royal Ashdown courses (Forest Row), Piltown, Paxhill Park and East Sussex National (Uckfield).
- **Communications:** The A22 provides access to the M25 junction 6, and thus London and the suburbs, the south coast, Heathrow Airport and the Channel Tunnel Terminus. Gatwick Airport is reached direct by the B2028.

#### DIRECTIONS

From Edenbridge town centre, proceed south on the B2026 and after about 0.7 miles turn right onto the B2028 signed to Lingfield. Proceed through the village of Marsh Green and continue for about 1.8 miles. Turn right through a brick pillared entrance, proceed along the tree lined driveway; the private entrance leading to Starborough Castle will be seen approximately 0.5 mile on the right hand side.



**SERVICES**

Electric central heating via radiators. Mains water and electricity. Private drainage.

**OUTGOINGS**

Tandridge District Council – 01883 722000. Tax band 'H' rate for 2017/2018 - £3,577.08.

**VIEWING**

Strictly by appointment with Savills on 01732 789700. If there is any point which is of particular importance to you, we invite you to discuss this with us, especially before you travel to view the property.

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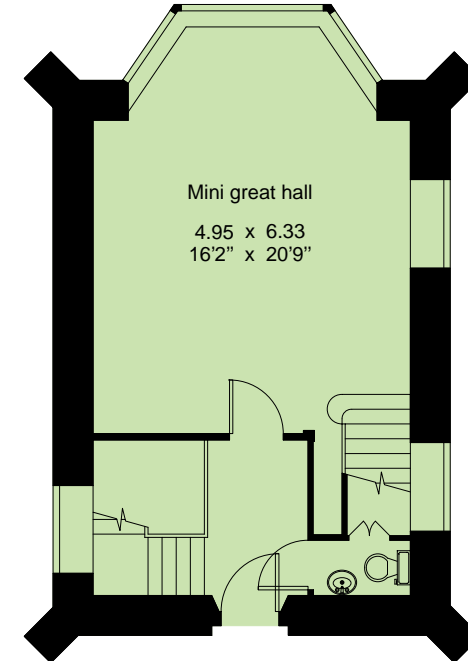
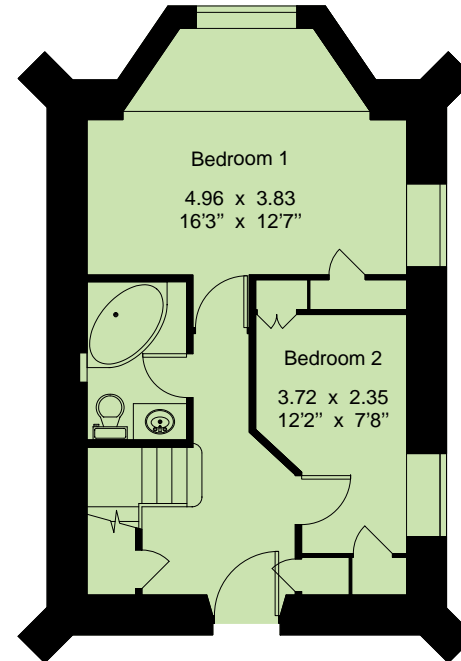
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# Starborough Castle, Marsh Green

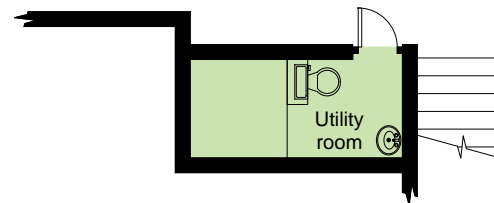
Gross internal area (approx.)

House - 97.2 sq m (1046 sq ft)

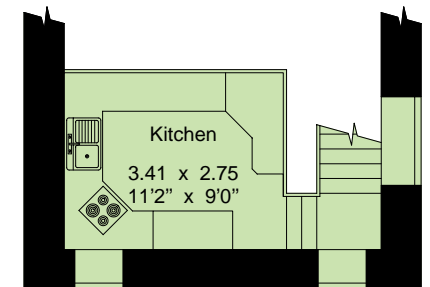
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Ground floor



Lower ground floor



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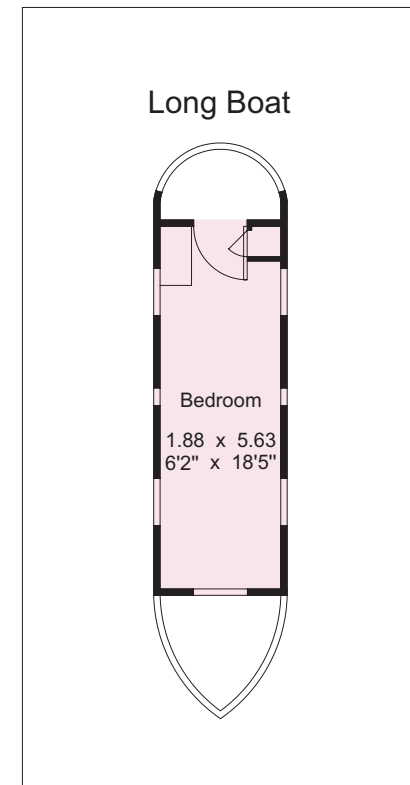
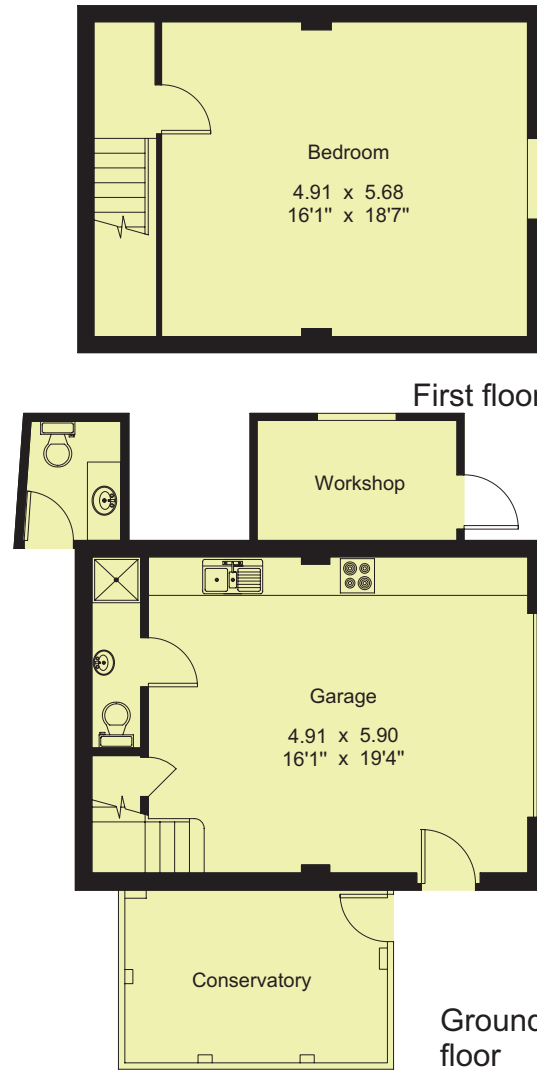
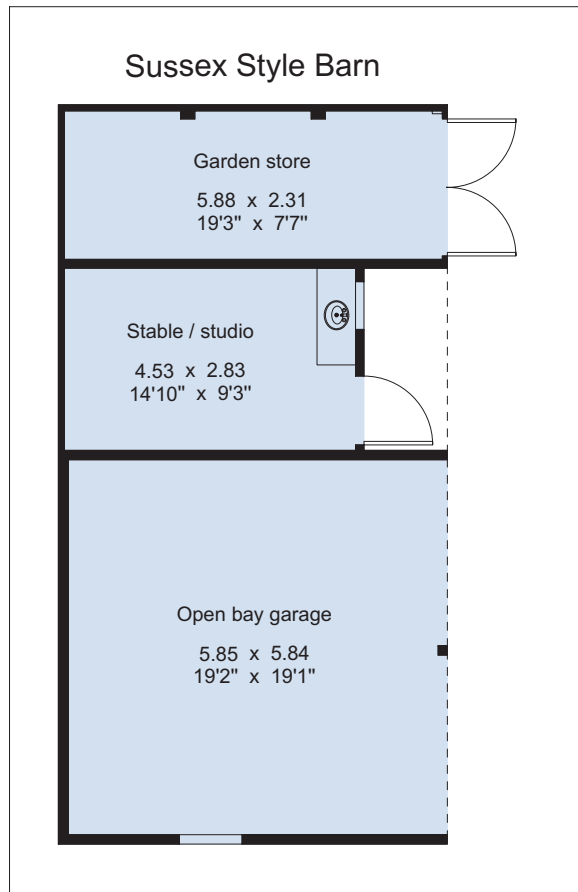


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Gross internal area (approx.)

- Studio - 62.2 sq m (669 sq ft)
- Garage - 88.1 sq m (948 sq ft)
- Boat - 10.6 sq m (114 sq ft)

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