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This magnificent Grade II* Listed four-bedroom property dating from the C16th, has been lovingly restored both inside and out and displays the ultimate in opulent Tudor design. The exterior impresses with its herringbone brickwork and ornate chimneys, and inside wonderfully characterful and heavily timbered rooms are spacious, bright and welcoming.

Outside, in the beautifully landscaped gardens, there is a barn with a workshop and a four-bay cart lodge, as well as a stunning self-contained three bedroom Annex created from materials including green oak and reclaimed bricks and roof tiles. The Annex, known as 'The Byre', has served as a Granny Annex, Holiday Let and more recently for the sale of Antiques and Collectables. The Holiday Let was very popular as this area is highly desirable with the picturesque surroundings and the medieval town of Lavenham just two miles away.

A New Life

The current owners have lived at Corner Farmhouse for the past eighteen years and tell us how they have completely transformed the property. "When we moved in the whole property was in a very run-down condition so we took on the monumental task of renovating throughout, which included uncovering original fireplaces and oak beams, replacing the leaded light window frames, and re-pointing the external herringbone brickwork." There were also several additions, which include a double aspect garden room, BBQ area and a three-bedroom self-contained Annex. The extensive gardens have been beautifully landscaped with three lawns, two York stone terraces and a plethora of colourful borders and mature trees.

First Impressions Impress

Corner Farmhouse, which is renowned as one of the most unique and impressive timber framed properties in Suffolk, enjoys the central position in the tranquil village of Brent Eleigh. The magnificent Tudor exterior is breath-taking, with intricate herringbone brickwork infill between the heavy timbers, traditional jetties and gables, oak mullioned leaded light windows and nine beautifully ornate octagonal star capped chimneys towering above the peg tiled roof. "A Suffolk historical buildings expert advised us that the property was originally two, but in the C19th a merchant joined the properties and by way of displaying his wealth added the herringbone brickwork and towering chimneys." A large gravel driveway to the side of the property leads to a four-bay cart lodge, which incorporates a barn and workshop. An imposing wooden door with Tudor mouldings is located centrally at the front of the house but doors at the side and rear are used on a daily basis.



A Treasure Hunt

The reception rooms within are simply breath-taking; crammed with glorious period features. A dining room with an oak floor and large inglenook fireplace offers a stunning formal dining space with carefully thought out wall lighting to create the right ambiance. The sitting room is bathed in light via leaded windows and looking up you can admire the heavily timbered ceiling, and the fireplace uncovered by the current owners is of the finest quality, with a shaped bressumer beam above brickwork within the opening. There are still treasures to find and features to uncover, with eight fireplaces in the house yet nine chimneys on the roof. "I dropped a drill bit through the floorboards in the snug and it took some time for the bit to hit the ground. After lifting the floorboards, I discovered two small underground rooms which were possibly historic priest holes."

The kitchen, lined in French oak cupboards with a traditional cream four-oven Aga located within the inglenook fireplace, has several panels of intricate brickwork on the walls. "I have never managed to find out the name of this particular pattern of brickwork but, when I uncovered it, I knew it was something special and deserved to be enjoyed by generations to come."

Upstairs, along a beautifully generous landing you will find four spacious and well-proportioned bedrooms and three bathrooms. The master bedroom, with its vaulted ceiling and crown post, exposed timbers and an impressive fireplace with large cupboards/wardrobes to either side, boasts the ultimate in luxury – a raised platform to one end with a Victorian style roll top bath enticing you in.







Outdoor Delights

"We have endeavoured to embrace the indoor-outdoor life by building a garden room with floor to ceiling leaded lights overlooking the garden on two sides." The garden is beautifully laid out with box hedges, flint, sleepers and bricks creating divisions between lawns, driveway and courtyard. The two terraces are laid in York stone and offer excellent places for relaxing or entertaining family and friends. Steps lead from the lawn to a first-floor room in the gable end above the kitchen and serves well as a children's play room. "The grandchildren love the playroom and enjoy going up and down the steps to and from the garden on sunny days." However, by fitting conservation lights into its pitched roof could see it as the fifth bedroom.

A lead covered walkway connects the house to The Byre, originally created by the current owners in 2003, as a three-bedroom self-contained Granny Annex. "The Byre was built on the footprint of a derelict outbuilding and designed to be completely in keeping with the house, with its timber frame, brick infill, oak weatherboarding and mullion leaded lights." The Annex generated a notable income through holiday lets, as it is a very popular area for visitors.

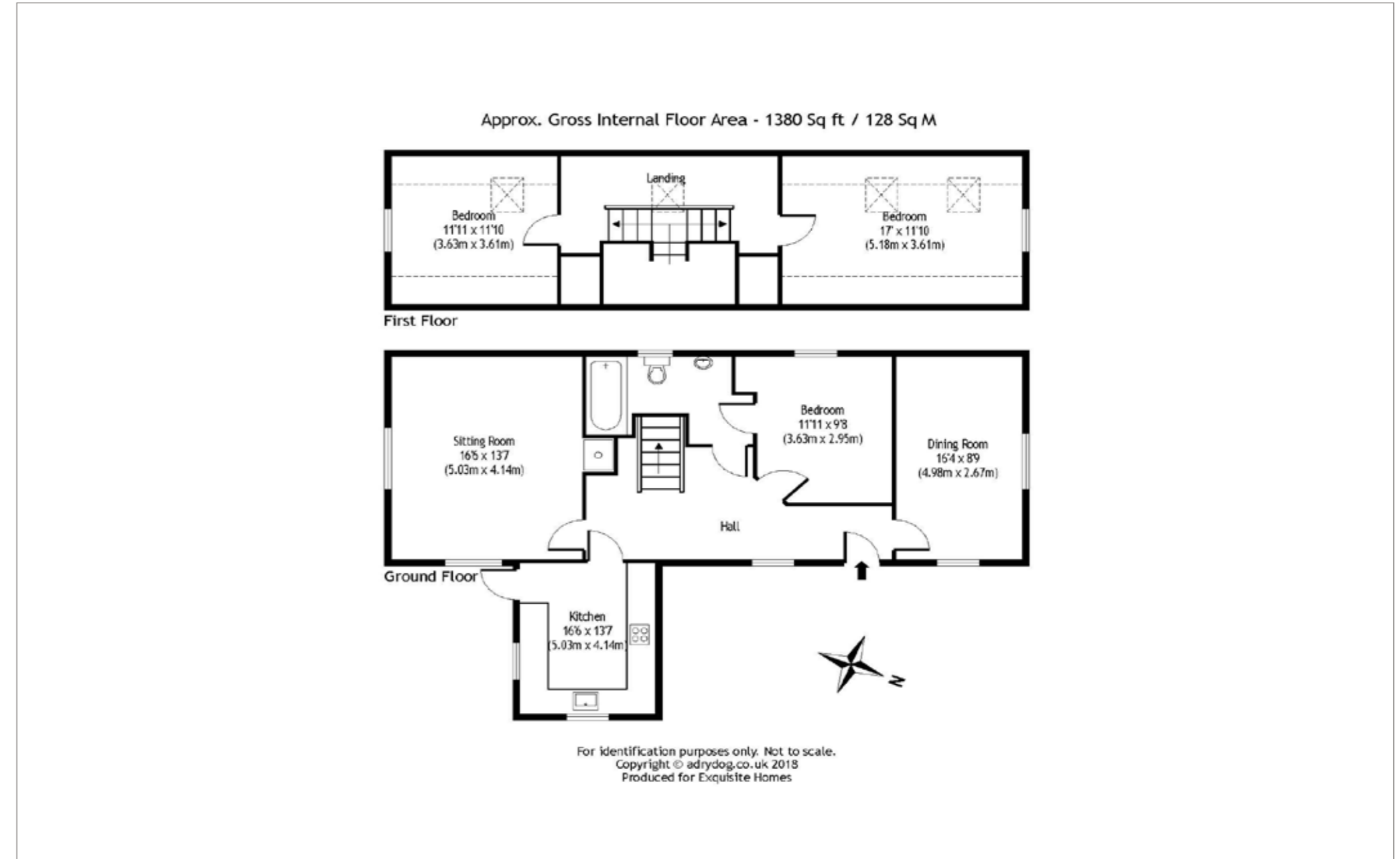
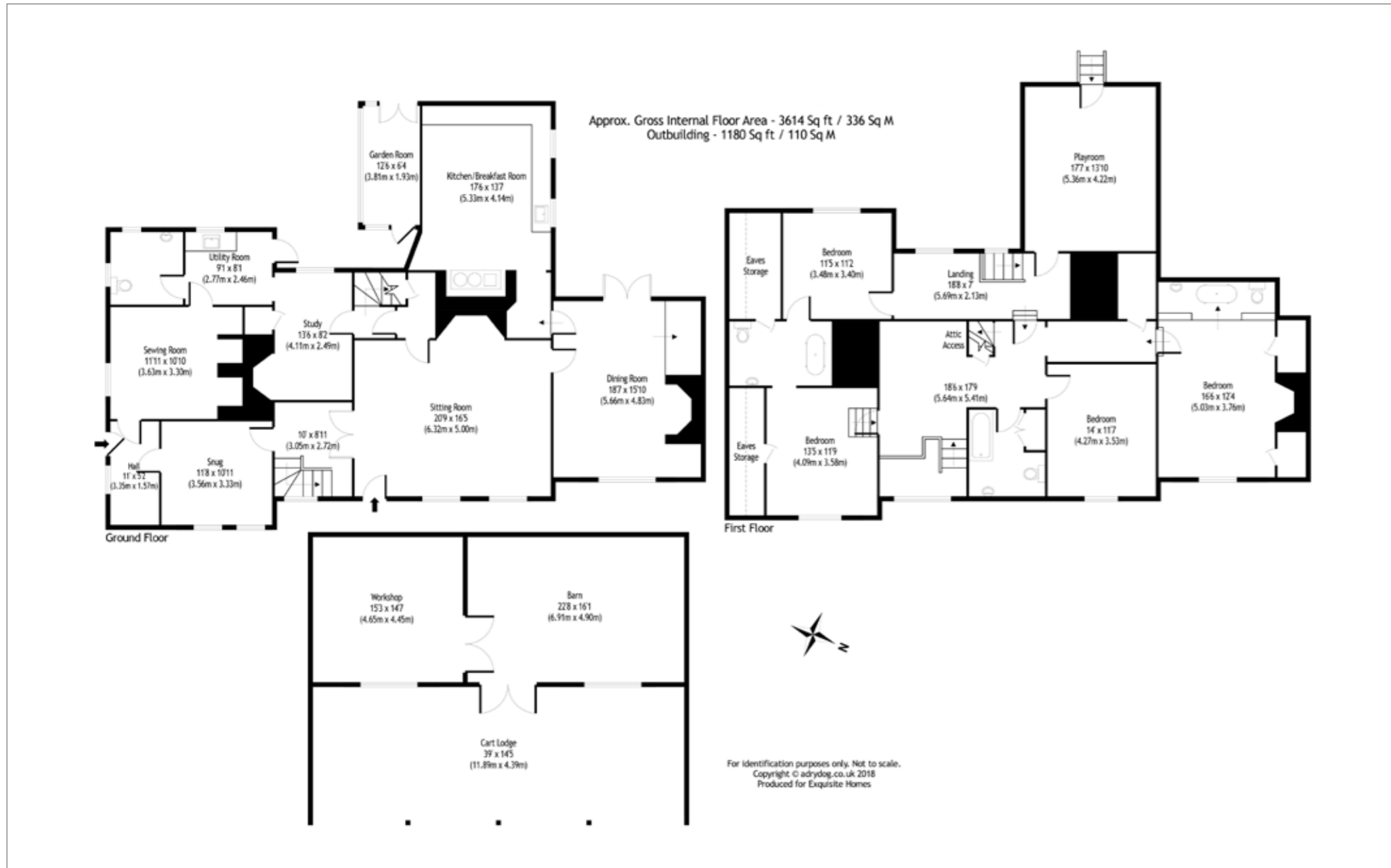




The village sits in the Brett Valley, which is an area of outstanding natural beauty. "We go for many walks in the area and one of our favourites is the circular route along the top of the river valley to Lavenham – into Lavenham along one ridge and back home on the other."

Lavenham itself is renowned for its excellent restaurants and selection of independent shops and the small village of Brent Eleigh is perfectly peaceful yet welcoming and community minded. "We have been very happy living in Corner Farmhouse and feel immensely proud and privileged to have been its custodians for the last eighteen years - we now look forward to passing the baton to the next owner."







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