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SHENSTONE COURT







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A rare opportunity to acquire a magnificent country estate with Helipad, sitting in grounds of 14 acres at the edge of a thriving village between Sutton Coldfield and Lichfield. The exceptional position of this impressive country home can be immediately appreciated as you approach via the long sweeping gated driveway.

The prestigious manor house was rebuilt in the last century but Shenstone Court's history dates back to medieval times. The ground floor living space features three grand principal reception rooms with expansive windows for full appreciation of the wonderful views of gardens and beyond. A stunning central hall with fireplace also provides access to a boot room, separate study, butlers room and spacious breakfast kitchen with french doors opening onto the terrace.Six bedrooms are arranged over the first floor approached from the grand oak staircase with beautiful window features on both stairs and landing.















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Seller Insight

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"The large and incredibly elegant drawing room, or 'blue room' as we like to call it is probably my favourite room in the house," says the owner. "It has two huge bay windows which bring in those tremendous views, and it also features a lovely big open fire that creates such a cosy atmosphere when it's cold and miserable outside."

"Within the house and grounds there's a wonderful air of tranquility and you get the feeling of being miles from anywhere," says the owner. "However, we're within spitting distance of the village, I can be on the motorway in a matter of minutes and I can be in Birmingham city centre in around half an hour. For us the location has been absolutely ideal."

"Just across from the main house we have a lovely little one-bed cottage," says the owner. "It's completely self contained and my eldest son currently lives in it, but it could be ideal for an au pair, visiting relatives or even used as a holiday let."

"We've decided to have a go at building a brand new home from scratch, but we'll be sad to leave Shenstone Court," says the owner. "I'll miss the house which has been a wonderful home, this beautiful setting and the fact that on a whim I can step out of the front door and get lost in my own slice of heaven."*

* These comments are the personal views of the current owner and are included as an insight into life at the property. They have not been independently verified, should not be relied on without verification and do not necessarily reflect the views of the agent.









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A wide paved terrace spans the rear of the house, accessed directly from the principal rooms, creating enviable space for entertaining. Evening guests regularly enjoy breathtaking sunsets along with views of the impressive fountain shimmering in the ornamental lake beyond the paddocks with woodland walks and additional ponds to the left of the estate.

Extensive outbuildings boast an agricultural barn with central heating and kitchen, a large garage complex with mezzanine office. Closer to the main house is a large brick built single storey building with a 1 bedroom auxillary guest suite, a large workshop with staff kitchen and 3 further garages.

This unique location is just 30 minutes drive into Birmingham and within five minutes drive to the M6 Toll, A38 and A5, providing excellent commuter links. Shenstone and Blake Street train stations are also within 5 minutes drive.



SUTTON COLDFIELD

A green and pleasant suburb, just eight miles from the city center of Birmingham, Sutton Coldfield is famed for its beautiful park and nature reserve. At 2,224 acres, it is one of the largest urban parks in the country. A site of Special Scientific interest, it provides habitat for a variety of birds and wildlife. The park also offers a range of sporting activities, including mountain biking, kayaking and sailing amongst others. Many charity runs are held in the park as well as the World Scout Jambouree.

The popular Sutton Park provides all the amenities you could require; there are many restaurants and bistros within the vicinity as well as doctors, dental surgeries and the hospital all within the immediate vicinity. There is also a new development at the nearby Mere Green, which is to include shopping facilities such as Waitrose and Marks and Spencers. The schooling in the area is fantastic with grammar and private schools within easy reach. For traveling further afield, the local Four Oaks station provides an effortless commute to both Birmingham and Lichfield.















STAFFORDSHIRE

Lying in the West Midlands of England, Staffordshire is a landlocked picturesque county with rolling fields and farming lands for miles. Positioned in central England, Staffordshire borders Cheshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Warwickshire, West Midlands, Worcestershire and Shropshire.

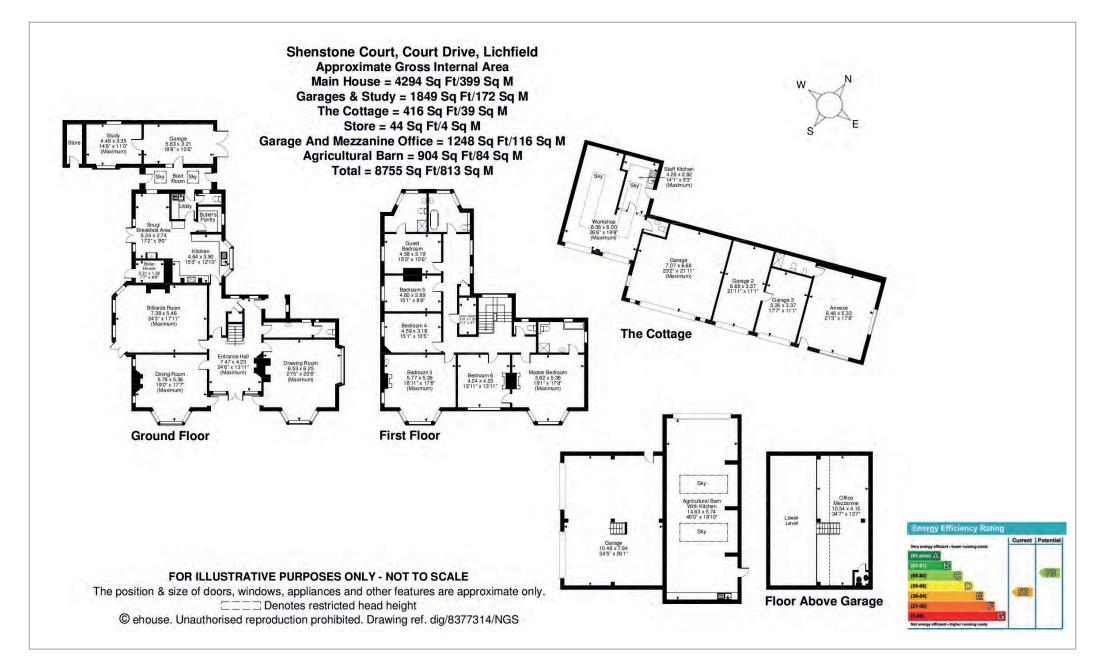
Staffordshire boasts large cities, such as Stoke on Trent and Lichfield (a cathedral city), but also homes smaller, charming boroughs such as Stone, Rugeley and Tamworth.

Famous for stunning views, ancient castles and pottery, Staffordshire has history like no other county and with attractions such as Lichfield Cathedral, Tamworth Castle and Shugbourgh Hall, Staffordshire is as enlightening as it is beautiful.





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Joanna is a partner at the acclaimed international agents Fine and Country with offices in over 300 locations worldwide. She has extensive knowledge of the property market and specialises in selling luxury properties in Sutton Coldfield, Lichfield and surrounding areas but also has vast experience in both buying and selling properties abroad and investment properties.

She began her property career nearly 30 years ago in London and the Home Counties where she ran a successful interior design company, designing homes and hotels for the rich and famous across the world, creating showhomes for luxury houses and apartments within the UK and also working with buy to let packages for property investor sectors of ING and Schroders banks. Her experience in designing showhomes is extremely useful when advising clients how to prepare their home for sale, she understands what the buyer looks for!

Joanna believes her local area knowledge teamed with outstanding international marketing exposure is the winning combination and has been successful in selling a number of luxury properties locally, often well over asking price. She works closely with the press relations managers at our Park Lane office to gain extensive coverage in national and local media and also incorporates complex digital marketing strategies to produce results the local, more conventional estate agents cannot achieve.

A friendly local lady, with excellent business acumen, good negotiation skills and a passion for property and customer service. Buying or selling a home is one of the most important decisions so it's good to have an expert on your side. Joanna will only look after 10 properties at a time but if you would like to have a chat with her call 0121 272 6900.

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