



GSC GRAYS

THE OLD CHAPEL

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A REMARKABLE, FIVE BEDROOM CHAPEL
CONVERSION IN THE HEART OF BOWES
WITH VIEWS OVER BOTH BOWES CASTLE AND
OPEN COUNTRYSIDE TO THE REAR

ACCOMMODATION

Entrance Porch • Entrance Hall • Living Room • Dining Room
Breakfast Kitchen • Butler's Pantry • Cloakroom/W.C.

Master Bedroom Suite • Four Further Bedrooms • House Bathroom

EXTERNALLY

Front Garden • Enclosed Rear Garden
Driveway • Double Garage



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SITUATION & AMENITIES

On the cusp of three counties and surrounded by delightful open countryside at the base of the Pennines is the historic village of Bowes which boasts a roman fort, medieval castle and an ancient church, Dickens' inspiration for Dotheboys Hall.

Bowes has a warm and genuine sense of community. A locally run bar provides a welcoming place to meet friends and neighbours, while the OFSTED "Outstanding" village primary school adds to the feeling of an established and connected community.

One of the great pleasures of living here is the immediate connection with the surrounding countryside. Step out from the back of the house and you can simply set off on foot and walk for miles through open country and across the rolling landscape. The Pennine Way passes through Bowes, placing some exceptional walking country quite literally on the doorstep.

The historic market town of Barnard Castle is approximately four miles away, providing a wider range of independent shops, cafés, restaurants and everyday amenities. Families also have the well-known independent Barnard Castle School within easy reach.

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A beautifully converted five-bedroom former chapel, where exceptional craftsmanship, remarkable proportions and far-reaching countryside views come together to create a truly individual country home.

Converted some thirty years ago, the property has evolved into a substantial and wonderfully individual five bedroom home. Its ecclesiastical origins have not simply been preserved, but celebrated, with original features thoughtfully incorporated throughout the house and made a focal point within each room.

From the moment you enter, there is an immediate sense of space. The generous entrance hall provides an impressive introduction to the house, but it is the view beyond that truly commands attention. Bowes Castle sits just beyond the boundary wall, with long, rolling hills and open countryside stretching into the distance.

Inside, the house is generous without feeling imposing. Two spacious reception rooms provide a succession of inviting spaces for family life and entertaining, each with its own atmosphere and character. Original architectural details are celebrated rather than disguised, while stone and timber floors bring warmth, texture and a sense of permanence throughout.



At the heart of the house is a wonderfully sociable kitchen: a generous and welcoming room designed as much for gathering as it is for cooking. Individually designed and hand-built by Anthony Nixon, the kitchen has an enduring quality, with beautifully crafted cabinetry and thoughtful detailing creating a space that feels entirely at home within the former chapel. An old-fashioned larder is a particularly charming feature, providing proper, practical storage and reinforcing the timeless country-house character of the room. A separate butler's kitchen offers valuable additional preparation and storage space, allowing the main kitchen to remain relaxed and sociable when entertaining.

It is easy to imagine this becoming the natural centre of daily life, morning coffee, family suppers, friends gathered around the table and long evenings that continue well beyond dinner

Five bedrooms provide generous accommodation, each continuing the individuality found throughout the house, although the principal bedroom is undoubtedly one of its defining spaces. Beautifully proportioned and full of character, it incorporates a striking galleried seating area above, an intimate retreat within the room itself and a wonderful place to read, relax or simply appreciate the architecture of the building. A dedicated dressing room and en-suite bathroom complete a principal suite that feels both luxurious and deeply comfortable. It is unusual, memorable and entirely in keeping with the character of the house.

GARDEN

Outside, the mature gardens provide a peaceful and beautifully established setting, with a series of inviting spaces for outdoor living and entertaining. There are places for gathering with family and friends, for summer lunches and long evenings outdoors, alongside quieter corners from which to simply enjoy the surroundings.

Mornings here are particularly special. A seating area catches the early sun, creating a wonderful place to begin the day, coffee in hand, looking towards the ancient walls of Bowes Castle and the rolling countryside beyond.

As the day unfolds, different areas of the garden come into their own. Mature planting brings privacy, colour and texture, while the relationship between the garden, the castle and the wider landscape creates a backdrop that would be almost impossible to recreate.



Whether entertaining on a summer evening or enjoying the stillness of an early morning, there is an overriding sense of peace.

The property also benefits from a double garage and off-street parking. There is a right of way for bin access around the terrace.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Tenure

The property is freehold and will be offered with vacant possession on completion.

Viewings

Strictly by appointment with GSC Grays - T: 01748 829 217.

Local Authority

Durham County Council. Council tax band F.

Services

Mains electric, water and drainage. Oil-fired central heating.

Area, Measurements & Other Information

All areas, measurements and other information have been taken from various records and are believed to be correct, but any intending purchaser(s) should not rely on them as statements of fact and should satisfy themselves as to their accuracy.

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The Old Chapel is sold subject to and with the benefit of all existing rights, including rights of way, light, drainage, water and electricity and all other rights and obligations, easements and all wayleaves or covenants whether disclosed or not.



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Approximate Gross Internal Area
4553 sq ft - 423 sq m

SKETCH PLAN FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY

All measurements walls, doors, windows, fittings and appliances, their sizes and locations, are approximate only. They cannot be regarded as being a representation by the seller, nor their agent.

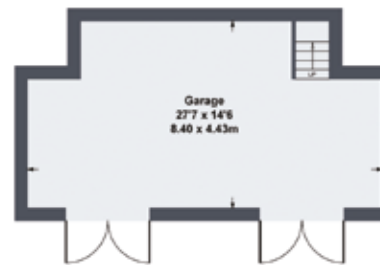
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