## The Black House Southernden Road, Egerton, Kent



# A remarkable country estate thoughtfully crafted around a captivating 16th century home

A charming unlisted residence, the home offers elegant living amidst a tapestry of timeless beauty. Nestled in a rural setting, it is graced by sweeping countryside views and adorned with an array of splendid features – stabling and paddocks, a walled swimming pool and pool house and a secluded tennis court. All comes together in a place where life slows, beauty surrounds and memories are made.





#### The property

The Black House is a charming country home nestled in the peace and quiet of the Kentish countryside yet well placed to access the rail and road networks and thus a highly appealing lifestyle.

The house provides a wonderfully comfortable balance of accommodation which has been skilfully created around the 16th century origins, enhancing the accommodation whilst maintaining the original features and quality of the period building. As a result, the house provides the more open plan dayto-day living spaces so sought after by families, as well as separate reception rooms in which to relax. Surrounded by stunning mature gardens and grounds, which provide the perfect backdrop, the house is immersed in its idyllic rural surroundings.

The front door is situated as traditionally found in a Kentish farmhouse opening to a lobby adjacent to a substantial chimney stack with rooms either side. The drawing room is a generous room with a deep inglenook fireplace and windows to three aspects allowing plenty of light. To the other side the space opens up to provide a generous morning, dining and kitchen space with exposed timbers loosely dividing he different areas. Oak floorboards and honey colour beams continue throughout giving character and warmth. The traditionally styled bespoke kitchen by Mounts Hill Woodcraft provides a timeless and practical space arranged around an Aga. A garden room with sleek Crittall style fenestration and French doors sits neatly to the southeast elevation and connects the house with the pretty gardens.

Adjacent to the kitchen a comfortable sitting room occupies a beautifully crafted later addition to the building. Beams emulate the original character, and a further deep inglenook is a wonderful focal point housing a wood burning stove.

A boot/utility room with a door leading outside, provides the practical space so essential to the smooth functioning of a country home. There is also a cloakroom.



#### The property (continued)

The bedroom accommodation has a flexible layout accessed by two staircases, each leading to landings from which the stairs continue to the second floor. To one end two bedrooms sit either side of a family shower room and to the other is the principal bedroom and a bathroom with a freestanding bath. An interconnecting room can be independently accessed from either landing so can be used as a further bedroom or as it is currently, as a peaceful study.

The attic bedrooms with beautiful, exposed roof timbers, can be used independently access via the two staircases whilst also interconnecting to provide a super bedroom and dressing room if desired. There is a convenient WC at this level and a cosy snug area.

#### Outside

Set within approximately six acres of idyllic grounds, this enchanting property boasts irresistible kerb appeal and is approached via a gravel driveway that offers both privacy and space. The drive divides the main house from a barn with two double garages, an external staircase to a studio/ games room with a useful cloakroom. Beyond, a characterful stable yard awaits, featuring an additional workshop, a standalone stable, a traditional stable block with three loose boxes, a tack/feed room and additional storage – all neighbouring an allweather arena, ideal for equestrian pursuits.

The beautifully tended formal gardens resemble parkland framed by mature trees and a nature stream as the border, creating a setting of timeless tranquillity. At the heart lies a generous stone terrace, a walled swimming pool garden and delightful pool house and secluded tennis court. The whole is ideal for entertaining and al fresco dining and enjoys farreaching views over the property's enclosed fields and countryside beyond.













#### Location

The Black House is set in a tranquil location. The property is surrounded by countryside and enjoys rural views. The picturesque village of Egerton is one of the most sought-after villages in the area and provides a range of local amenities, including a store with Post Office, pub, primary school, church and village hall. The award-winning Frasers restaurant is near the property.

Between them, nearby Pluckley, Lenham, Charing, Smarden and Headcorn provide railway stations, GP surgeries, dentists, butchers, bakers, farm shops, newsagents and small supermarkets together with several pubs and eating establishments.

Further afield, Ashford, Maidstone, Tenterden and Canterbury provide more comprehensive facilities and amenities.

Commuter trains operate from nearby Headcorn with services to London Bridge, Cannon Street and Charing Cross with journey times from 58 minutes. Headcorn

#### Distances

- Headcorn 3.3 miles
- M20 (Junction 8) 9.5 miles
- Ashford 11.5 miles
- Tenterden 11.6 miles
- Maidstone 12.9 miles
- Canterbury 21 miles
- Eurotunnel terminal 25 miles
- London Gatwick Airport 46.5 miles
- Central London 50.5 miles

#### **Nearby Stations**

- Headcorn (Ashford International from 14 minutes)
- Lenham
- Pluckley
- Ashford International (London St Pancras) from 36 minutes)

#### **Key Locations**

- Kent Downs National Landscape
- Leeds Castle

- Greensand Ridge
- The Pilgrims Way
- Kent Life
- Mote Park
- Canterbury Cathedral

#### **Nearby Schools**

- Egerton Primary School
- Sutton Valence Preparatory and Senior Schools

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junction 8 or 9. for fast access to the Channel Tunnel.

- Cranbrook School
- Dulwich Preparatory School in Cranbrook
- Homewood School and Sixth Form in Tenterden
- · Primary schools in the local villages of Smarden, Lenham and others
- Secondary and grammar schools in Ashford and Maidstone
- Headcorn station provides access to Tonbridge and Sevenoaks schools.















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#### **Floorplans**

Main House internal area 3,438 sq ft (319 sq m)

Barn Building internal area 1162 sq ft (108 sq m)

Outbuilding internal area 1577 sq ft (147 sq m) (Excluding Pool)

Total internal area 6,177 sq ft (574 sq m) For identification purposes only.

#### Directions

TN27 9BT

What3words: ///furnish.unicorns.outdoor - brings you to the driveway

#### General

Local Authority: Maidstone Borough Council

**Services:** Mains electricity and water. We understand that the private drainage at this property complies with the relevant regulations. Confirmation is being sought. LPG for heating and the Aga.

**Mobile and Broadband checker:** Information can be found here <u>https://checker.ofcom.org.uk/en-gb/</u>

Council Tax: Band F

EPC Rating: D

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