



The Old Vicarage, High Etherley
Bishop Auckland, County Durham

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The Old Vicarage High Etherley Bishop Auckland County Durham DL14 0HN

An impressive Grade II listed six-bedroom period property with extensive accommodation, beautiful landscaped gardens and garaging, close to Bishop Auckland.

Bishop Auckland town centre/train station 3.2 miles, A1(M) (Jct 60) 10.5 miles, Darlington 13 miles, Durham 13 miles, Darlington mainline station 13.6 miles, Newcastle International Airport 39 miles

Drawing room | Sitting room | Family room
Orangery | Dining room | Office | Shower/sauna room | WC | Sitting area | Kitchen/breakfast room | Utility | Cloakroom | Principal bedroom with en suite bathroom | 5 Further bedrooms
Family bathroom | EPC Rating D

Extensive gardens | 2-Car garage with workshop and utility | Fishing room/bins and equipment store | Polytunnel | 3 Greenhouses | Potting shed and store | 3 Gazebos | Summer house
2 Belvederes | 2 Cellars (1 vaulted)

The property

The Old Vicarage is a magnificent, detached period house, with Grade II listed status with Royal and Lord Armstrong of Cragside connections. The property has undergone a program of sympathetic improvements and renovations throughout the current owners' 28 year tenure, which the owner has documented. Dating from the 18th century the property features handsome sandstone elevations and more than 5,700 sq. ft of stunning living accommodation. Period features include tall stone mullioned windows, high ceilings, wood panelling, ornate cornicing, window shutters and splendid original fireplaces and surrounds.

The property offers versatile family accommodation and features five beautifully presented reception rooms in which to relax or entertain, including the well-proportioned drawing and sitting rooms at the front, the comfortable family room and the formal dining room with its intricate panelling and varnished floorboards. A particular feature of the ground floor is the modern orangery with air conditioning, floor to ceiling windows and a large ceiling lantern skylight which floods the room with natural light. French doors open onto the beautiful gardens, perfect for al fresco dining.

The heart of the home is the fabulous 21ft kitchen which benefits from underfloor heating, itself a modern extension and features stylish bespoke shaker units, a generous central island unit with seating and integrated appliances which include a coffee machine, hot water tap, built-in ovens, two wine coolers and a double oven, as well as a skylight overhead which fills the area with natural light. Up and down lighting with bespoke mirrors make for an attractive entertaining space. There is also space for a breakfast table. A sitting area with a multi-fuel stove adjoining the kitchen via a squared archway offers a cosy place to relax.

A separate staircase leads to the old servant quarters, Bedroom five and Bedroom six. Upstairs there are six double bedrooms, including the principal bedroom with its Jack and Jill entrance to one of the two large family bathrooms, both of which have bathtubs and separate shower units, one with jacuzzi bath, shower/sauna with a 43" smart mirror TV with Sky TV, Blu-ray DVD and surround sound speakers. The property offers eleven TV stations.

Additionally, the house benefits from two cellars, one vaulted dating to the post medieval period, both providing plenty of storage space.

Etherley was the starting point of the first passenger railway in the world paving the path for the modern railway which celebrates its 200th anniversary in 2025.





Outside

At both entrances to the house, the gravel driveways provide access and plenty of parking spaces. The garden at the rear is approached through an impressive Moon Gate and has an area of lawn, bordered by mature trees. To the sides and rear, there are various separate spaces in which to relax, including two Belvederes, a paved terrace area with a beautiful Rhyl water feature, areas of immaculate lawn and peaceful meadow, two ponds, patio areas, gazebos, pergolas, and beds with various colourful flowering plants and shrubs. For ease of watering, a full watering system has been installed throughout the garden and in the polytunnel, which is automatically controlled.

There are also well-maintained hedgerows and a wealth of mature trees, creating a real sense of privacy. Additionally, the kitchen garden has raised beds for growing own produce, as well as a heated greenhouse and various stores for garden equipment. The gardens with expertise have been lovingly created in conjunction with landscape and plantsmen experts to create different flower displays that can be enjoyed all year round throughout all the seasons. No expense has been spared creating bespoke garden areas. Incorporated into these are many statues, urns, water features and metalwork.

The owner has many photographs illustrating the gardens throughout the seasons which can be made available to any interested parties at viewings. (Please see separate garden plan and detail online). A detached two-car heated garage with electric doors and EV charger, separate utility and workshop offers the potential to create secondary accommodation, subject to planning. A further EV charger is located at the side of the property.

Security

The entrance to the property and to the gardens, enclosed by a stone wall is via two gated entrances with entry cameras, which can also be operated by remote control. Most of the garden areas have state of the art Hikvision CCTV. The house and the gardens are alarmed and linked to a monitored control centre.









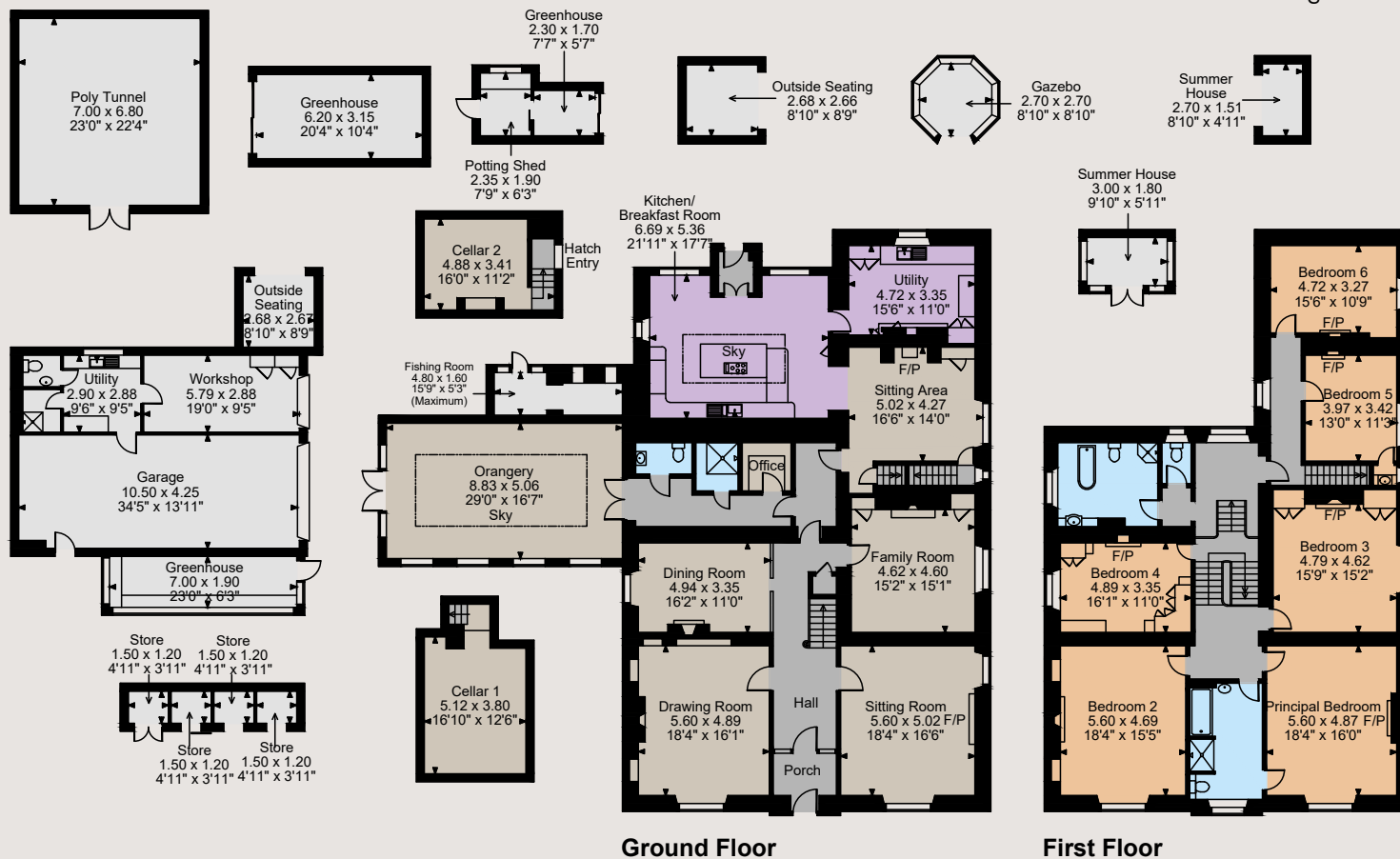


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Main house Internal area 5,799 sq ft (539 sq m)

For identification purposes only.

The position & size of doors, windows, appliances and other features are approximate only.



Location

The Old Vicarage lies in the heart of the small village of High Etherley, surrounded by County Durham countryside and within easy reach of the stunning North Pennines. The village provides several everyday amenities, including a pub, a village hall and the outstanding-rated Toft Hill Primary School, while the town of Bishop Auckland, the home of Auckland Castle, is less than three miles away. There are various facilities in the town, including a selection of high street shops, large supermarkets, restaurants, cafés and leisure facilities. Also, the home to the Auckland Project and Kynren. The town also offers a choice of state primary and secondary schooling, with independent schooling available in Durham. The area is well connected by the network of A-roads, with the A1(M) within 10 miles. Rail service is available at Bishop Auckland with mainline services from Darlington and Durham.

Directions

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General

Local Authority: Durham County Council

Services: Mains electricity, gas, water and drainage. Cat 5 cabling

Council Tax: Band G

Tenure: Freehold

Guide Price: £1,195,000

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