

THE MODERN HOUSE



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Canterbury

This exquisite two-bedroom house in the centre of Canterbury is a Grade II-listed cottage, dating back to the 16th century, that has been lovingly refurbished by the architect Carl Trenfield. Working alongside a master craftsman, Trenfield has installed custom made furniture and fittings throughout, whilst retaining and renovating many of the original 500-year-old features. The house was also featured in The Times 'Thirty Best Homes in Britain'.

The semi-detached building can be found on Ivy Lane, a small, historic lane close the famous city walls. Externally it has been sympathetically restored but left visually unaltered. Inside, the ground floor is a single open-plan space incorporating a custom built kitchen, dining area and living area, all of which have been fitted with solid oak parquet flooring.

The master joiner's work can be particularly appreciated in the custom made kitchen and concealed storage that runs the length of the dining area. Using a rich combination of woods, these installations are impressively detailed and give the spaces a sense of luxury that belie their intimate size.

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The living area has spectacular exposed beams and features an original fireplace, with a highly efficient wood-burning stove.

Winding stairs lead to the first floor, comprising two bedrooms and a bathroom. The first bedroom is notable for its custom made vanity unit, whilst the second incorporates a custom made wardrobe and shelving. The bathroom has been beautifully refurbished, with details including solid marble tiles, a bath with a rain shower over and further custom-made storage, all concealed by large mirrors.

There is a sunny courtyard garden to the rear of the house which has been designed by Eleanor Trenfield, an experienced landscape architect, and includes a functional shed for bins and bikes and a side access to the passage between the house and neighbouring property.

Carl Trenfield is a rising star of the architectural world and his company, Carl Trenfield Architects, was recently selected by the Architects Journal as one of the country's most exciting young practices.

Canterbury is a beautiful cathedral city in Kent, part of which forms a UNESCO world heritage site. Aside from the notable history of the city, it also benefits from excellent schools, renowned cultural centres and excellent places to eat and shop. Its proximity to the charming seaside town of Whitstable and excellent links to London (journey times to St. Pancras are under an hour) have always made Canterbury an appealing place to live, with its popularity increasing in recent years.

The house can be found on Ivy Lane, an historic street in the centre of Canterbury. The Marlowe Theatre, Curzon Cinema, great cafes, restaurants and pubs are all within short walking distance. St. Augustine's Abbey, one of the country's most notable historic sites, is also very close by, to which residents are entitled free access.

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About

The Modern House is an estate agency that helps people live in more thoughtful and beautiful ways. We believe in design as a powerful force for good. Inspired by the principles of modernism, we represent design-led homes across the UK which celebrate light, space and a truth to materials. Esquire credits The Modern House with “rewriting the rulebook on estate agency” and GQ voted us “one of the best things in the world”.