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Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire

Hebden House

Built in 1973 to the plans of the Canadian architect C J W Haines, this expansive five-bedroom house occupies an exceptional rural location in the heart of the Buckinghamshire countryside. The house is positioned at the edge of the sought-after village of Chalfont St Peter, and central London is reachable from nearby Gerrards Cross by train in under 20 minutes. The house has seen extensive modernisation in recent years, expanding to just under 3,500 sq ft of internal living space spanning two storeys, with half an acre of beautifully landscaped gardens.

The Tour

A private gated driveway separates the house from a quiet country lane, with the primary entrance at the tip of an external staircase. From the entrance hall, the house opens out to present a modern kitchen with wonderful views of the garden. The removal of internal walls has transformed the quality of light and the spatial experience across the upper floor, with strategically placed full-length picture windows framing views of the surrounding countryside and chevron parquet flooring underfoot.

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The dining and living room is organised in an open-plan, L-shaped layout, with sliding glass doors that lead out to the terrace and an open fireplace with a wall of slate surround. On the opposite side of the upper floor are four of the five bedrooms, three of which are en-suite; the main bedroom is en suite and has an attached dressing room and extensive floor-to-ceiling corner glazing.

A solid-oak staircase leads down to the guest-bedroom suite, kitchenette and second living room area on the ground level, which could easily lend itself to a self-contained living space. A bright study or studio is also located on this floor.

Testament to its well-considered design, the layout of the house adapts with ease to the seasons; a solid fuel log-burner creates a wonderfully cosy snug on the lower floor, and in warmer months, the space can be opened out entirely, spilling into the garden.

Outdoor Space

The rear of the house, oriented towards the afternoon sun, offers fabulous upper and lower decked terraces and pockets of seating areas nestled in the split-level garden. The previous owner, a landscape gardener, created deep borders, densely planted with tall grasses surround the lawn, with the neighbouring woodland providing a picturesque backdrop.

The Area

Forming part of 'The Chalfonts', which also includes Chalfont St Giles and Little Chalfont, Chalfont St Peter has long been considered a desirable village for its ease of access to the surrounding countryside, the neighbouring Chiltern hills and Colne Valley Park. Gerrards Cross, less than two miles away, is a characterful town with several supermarkets, several independent eateries and an Everyman Cinema.

The local area is renowned for the highly rated standard of schooling, both state and public, with many highly regarded independent schools for boys and girls. These include Thorpe House, Gayhurst, Davenies and Caldicott for boys and for girls, Maltman's Green, St Mary's, Godstowe, High March and Wycombe Abbey.

Hebden House is perfectly positioned for London commuters. The train station at Gerrards Cross is just an eight-minute drive away, providing a direct and regular service to London Marylebone in approximately 19 minutes. There is also easy access to the M40, M25 and broader motorway network. Both Heathrow and Gatwick airports are also easily reachable.

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