

THE MODERN HOUSE



East Preston, West Sussex
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Sea Lane House

Sea Lane House is renowned for being the only house in Britain to have been wholly designed by the great Bauhaus-trained architect and designer Marcel Breuer. As one of the most distinguished examples of 20th century architecture on the South Coast it has been Grade II listed. It was designed as a 6-bedroom house in 1936, whilst Breuer was working in collaboration with the British architect F.R.S. Yorke. The house has been owned by the same family since the 1940s and remains largely unaltered from the original designs. Many original features remain, however it is now in need of some updating.

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Accommodation at the house includes a bedroom wing raised on concrete columns, a first floor living room with an open fireplace, a dining room with access to a sun terrace and garden, and a ground floor kitchen with a larder and utility room. Breuer and Yorke always intended there to be the possibility of one of the bedrooms being used as a second reception room or study. The house is surrounded by gardens (including a vegetable garden) on a corner plot straddling the prestigious Kingston Gorse and West Kingston Estates. There are two garages and driveways that provide further parking.



Marcel Breuer (1902-1981) is widely recognised as one of the most important Modern architects and designers of the twentieth century. Born in Hungary, he was one of the most successful graduates of the famous Bauhaus in Germany, a radical school for the creative arts that is frequently referred to as the birthplace of Modernism. Breuer left Germany in the 1930s due to the rise of the Nazi party, moving to London for two years (during which time he designed Sea Lane House) then on to the United States, where he spent the rest of life and where he designed such celebrated buildings as the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York. For more information in the history of Sea Lane House and Marcel Breuer see the HISTORY section.



The house is set in a tranquil location approx 50m from the sea on two private estates with no through traffic. The local shops of East Preston are a 15 min walk away. Rustington, three miles away, offers a more extensive range of facilities. Angmering train station is only 2 miles away and runs services to London Victoria and London Bridge. Worthing, Arundel, Chichester and Brighton are within short driving distance of the house. Littlehampton is also close by, which offers facilities for sailing and also the architecturally acclaimed East Beach Café, designed by Thomas Heatherwick. London is approximately 60 miles away by car.

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