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Arlesey Close

Set on a leafy private road in Putney is this excellent three-bedroom house, built as a collaboration between architects Richard Pollock and M. Howard Radley in 1956. Unfolding across two floors, the house is replete with original details, including timber-framed windows and a terrazzo staircase, yet offers tremendous scope for further updates. There is beautiful glazing at the front and rear of the plan, allowing natural light to flood into the ground floor living spaces. A private west-facing garden, home to an abundance of wildflowers, leads from the open-plan kitchen, with views over the treetops beyond.

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The Building

Arlesey Close is a fantastic example of post-war mid-century design, characterised by its clean, simple lines, honest materials (including brick and concrete), and 'box' shape, typical of the era. The close itself comprises 16 low-level houses set within a private driveway with no-through access, bordered by verdant trees and plants. Each house has a front and rear garden, as well as a garage positioned at the end of the close. The building's façade is punctuated with neutral grey panels, creating a striking contrast against the traditional red brick.

The Tour

Entrance is on the ground floor, along a pathway that runs between immaculately landscaped front gardens through to a small lobby area with a separate utility cupboard. The living spaces occupy the entirety of the ground floor, which is largely open-plan, creating a wonderful sense of flow.

The bright, spacious living area is adjacent to the front door and seamlessly leads the way to the large kitchen and dining room. This space is currently arranged with a secondary seating area at the rear, but the layout offers great versatility. Glazed double doors open from here to a charming back garden. The house is orientated from east to west, allowing direct sunlight to flood through the original timber-framed windows throughout the day. There is a separate WC adjacent to the kitchen.

In the centre of the home is a wonderfully preserved original terrazzo spiral staircase with slender balustrades, illuminated by a domed skylight above. Upstairs there are three bedrooms, all of which look out over the beautiful gardens of the estate beyond. The main bedroom has an en suite with a bath and plenty of built-in cupboard space, while the remaining two bedrooms share a separate shower room. The house is largely in original condition and therefore may benefit from some updating.

Outdoor Space

At the rear of the house is a wonderful west-facing paved garden, which is bathed in afternoon and evening sunlight and home to an abundance of beautifully planted wildflowers. Swathes of green foliage hang over the rear wall, which is backed by neighbouring gardens that form a calm, peaceful enclave.

The Area

Arlesey Close is only a short walk to the shops, restaurants and transport facilities of Putney High Street. There are a number of great pubs, bars and cafes in the area including family-owned restaurant Ma Goa, craft beer shop Ghost Whale and The Duke's Head by Putney's idyllic riverside. Wandsworth Park, Putney Heath and King George's Park are all within walking distance, with Richmond and Wimbledon parks slightly further afield.



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Also in proximity is Southside Wandsworth shopping centre and the newly introduced Ram Quarter, along the River Wandle, which hosts events with Backyard Cinema and is home to speciality coffee shop Story Coffee. Barnes 'village' is also close by for a further selection of restaurants, cafes and shops.

East Putney station (District Line) and Putney station (Overground services to London Waterloo and towards the south-east) are around a 10-minute journey on foot. There are also a number of good bus routes and easy driving access to the A3.



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