

THE MODERN HOUSE



*Kemsing, Kent
Sold*

Copperfields

This outstanding Mid Century Modern home forms part of a collection of houses designed in 1964 by the renowned architects Fry, Drew & Partners. The house is favourably located in Kemsing, an attractive village that lies in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty close to the town of Sevenoaks, just twenty miles from central London. Internal living space spans 1,572 sq ft across two storeys, with exceptionally well-retained characterising features such as exposed brickwork, clerestory windows, and timber-clad ceilings.

The primary entrance, set back from the road by means of a private driveway, leads into a light-filled hallway and on to the kitchen which sits directly opposite; picture windows inviting good levels of natural light and a glass timber-framed door providing access to the garden. To the right of the plan is the living room, a characterful room with oak beams, a wall of exposed brickwork framing the original fireplace and several views out to the lush curtilage. A study (or fifth bedroom) and a ground-floor cloakroom are positioned on the opposite side of the plan.

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An original open-tread staircase leads up to the four bedrooms on the first floor. The master bedroom is built of pleasing proportions; the sloping pitched roof providing a sense of height and volume and opportunity for generous in-built storage. A ribbon of glazing spans the length of one wall, effectively framing the treetops. The three additional bedrooms run the length of the first floor, alongside a family bathroom.

Working with the existing landscape was an important consideration in the design of the Kemsing development and as a result, the rear garden has a wonderfully rich collection of specimen trees dispersed throughout, providing privacy and dappled shade in summer months. A paved patio offers an attractive position for outside dining, surrounded by mature shrubs and herbaceous borders. There is also a useful garden store.

Edwin Maxwell Fry (1899 – 1987) and Dame Jane Drew (1911 – 1996) were two of the most important figures in 20th-century British architecture, with many of the schemes that they worked on having been subsequently listed by Historic England (although the houses at Kemsing are not listed). Fry worked alongside Le Corbusier and Walter Gropius and is widely acknowledged as being one of the key figures in introducing Modernism to the UK.

Kemsing is a historic Kent village that lies in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty close to the North Downs. There is a small collection of local shops in the village, as well as a primary school, library and doctor's surgery. The larger town of Sevenoaks is approximately four miles away and provides train services to London in under 30 minutes as well as a broad range of shops, restaurants, and other services. There is a good number of highly-rated schools, both state and private, in the Sevenoaks area.

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