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Farnley Hey, Farnley Tyas

Farnley Hey is one of Britain's most celebrated Modern houses. This four-bedroom home with spectacular views over the Pennines was designed by the architect Peter Womersley in 1954 as a wedding present to his brother. Maintained in remarkably original condition, it is a magnificent example of Mid-Century Modern architecture. It was one of the first post-war buildings to be listed (Grade II), with English Heritage commenting that: "In style Farnley Hey suggests the influence of Le Corbusier and Frank Lloyd Wright, brought to a dramatic site in the Pennines. It typifies the best of the 1950s in its lightness, sense of the picturesque and optimistic stance."

Farnley Hey is much documented in books and journals, with attention drawn to the large floor-to-ceiling windows that bring light flooding into the house as well as giving wonderful far-reaching views. Also much admired is Womersley's exuberant use of materials – from camphorwood and York-stone flags for flooring to the lemon-yellow Formica panels. For more about the architecture of the house, see the History section below.

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Accommodation at Farnley Hey includes four bedrooms (one with en-suite bathrom), a large study, a kitchen / dining room and two reception rooms. One of these latter rooms is perhaps the defining room of the house – known as The Dancefloor thanks to its polished floors, inbuilt audio system and double-height ceiling, it was originally designed for Womersley's energetic parties and even for recording live music. The room also features floor-to-ceiling double-glazed windows.

There is a short driveway and double garage at Farnley Hey. The house sits on approximately 1.2 acres of land, which is partly wooded and partly laid to lawn. The site borders open countryside and can be found within a couple of miles of the villages of Farnley Tyas and Honley.

Farnley Tyas and Honley are popular West Yorkshire villages that offer a good range of services including shops, pubs and primary schools. For a broader range of services, the town of Huddersfield is approximately ten minutes away by car, and Leeds is around 20 minutes away. There is a train station at Honley which runs services to Huddersfield and to Sheffield. Manchester can be reached directly from Huddersfield in under 35 minutes, whilst journeys to London (via Wakefield) take under three hours.

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