

THE MODERN HOUSE



St Albans, Hertfordshire
Sold

Fishpool Street

This exquisite four-bedroom, Grade II-listed home and private landscaped garden can be found nestled in St Albans' most sought-after conservation area, overlooking the green expanse of Verulamium Park and the River Ver. The house has been lovingly restored to create a modernised interior replete with hand-crafted materials and textiles, soft colouring, and a wonderful quality of natural light that streams through every level. Fishpool Street, a handsome red-brick terrace of historic buildings, is just a minutes walk to the city centre and train station, with regular services running directly into London St Pancras in around 18 minutes.

The Tour

The house sits modestly at street level, with little to suggest the scale or character concealed behind the Georgian façade. Quite unique to the city centre, a generous provision of off-street parking is also tucked away in a private car park, positioned adjacently at the foot of the driveway.

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A wonderfully characterful hallway leads in from the main entrance, where solid-oak floorboards run underfoot and thick beams curve overhead. The primary living spaces at the heart of the house are interconnected, creating an easy, natural flow from one room to the next. The interior aesthetic is calm, warm and welcoming, decorated in earthy tones; perfectly in keeping with the impeccably retained details. A deep red-brick open fireplace is flanked by custom-built shelving recessed into the walls. Timber-framed glass doors lead through to the beautifully light drawing room, where a trio of long sash windows frame verdant views onto the garden and an ornate vaulted glass ceiling invites a soft, dappled light to stream in from above.

The hand-crafted kitchen has equal character, with bespoke cabinetry, timber-clad walls, a terracotta-tiled floor and French windows leading out to the upper terrace – a perfect spot for lazy weekend lunches. The original scullery stairwell leads down to a well-organised utility space and laundry room, tucked neatly into the basement and further storage areas. To the front of the house, there is also a study, befitting a quiet reading room or home working space.

Three of the four bedrooms are organised across the first and second floors, each awash with original features – panelled walls, solid-oak floorboards and decorative ceiling mouldings. Two bathrooms serve this level; one with a copper bath and the second, a large shower room with bespoke nickel and porcelain sanitary ware.

Set in the eaves of the house is the main bedroom suite, a beautifully proportioned space with double-height pitched ceilings, solid timber beams and low cabinetry running the length of the room. An en suite bathroom is positioned across the split-level landing, with far-reaching views across the gardens and the rooftops from either side of the fourth storey.

Outdoor Space

The garden has been beautifully landscaped and is well stocked with grasses and herbaceous planting, bordered by topiary box hedging and various dining areas within easy reach of the house.

The Area

St Albans is a highly sought-after Hertfordshire city renowned for its excellent private and state schooling. It is characterised by its historic architecture and many listed buildings, as well as St Albans Cathedral, Roman Verulamium park and the River Ver.

Proximity to London enables easy commuting from St Albans mainline station which is a short, flat walk from Fishpool Street, with regular and direct services from here to St Pancras International in around 18 minutes. The motorway network is also within easy reach, with Junction 6A or the M1 just over five miles away. Luton Airport is a little over 11 miles away and London Heathrow Airport is 27.5 miles.

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