

THE MODERN HOUSE



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Fox Lane

This beautiful house lies on Fox Lane, right at the edge of Keston village green. It was designed by architect Roy Hickman in 1960 and has an elevated position over the village. The house unfolds over two floors and contains four bedrooms, plus a large roof terrace that receives plenty of evening sun. The house is surrounded by a tiered garden, which has been lovingly maintained and carefully planted. Keston Village is a short drive from the centre of Bromley and has good connections to central London. For more information on the design of the house, please see the History section below.

The Tour

A gently sloping driveway ascends to a garage with pale yellow doors. The driveway is framed by mature trees that provide wonderful amounts of privacy and give a real sense of rural retreat. The modernist façade rises high above the trees, forming a striking silhouette above the greenery.

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The ground floor living spaces employ a natural palette of timber and brick. The original period black quarry tiles have been retained, while the walls are a mixture of exposed brick and white-painted brick. This palette allows the house to blend seamlessly into its surroundings, as do the full-height sliding doors that run along the entire front of the house, connecting the space with the verdant garden beyond.

The ground floor kitchen has simple white cabinetry and a pale yellow tiled splashback. There is an adjacent dining area, accessed through an open archway with open shelving overhead and flooded with light through the full-height doors. The dining area in particular is wonderfully versatile and can easily be used as a secondary living space. There is also a utility room and shower room/WC on this floor, as well as access to the large cellar.

A simple staircase ascends to the first floor, where four bedrooms and an expansive living room can be found. The living room is a masterclass in modernism, with its simple, natural palette, architectural details and sense of spaciousness and light. Fenestration encompasses the entire aspect and allows light to stream in throughout the day.

A hallway with built-in bookshelves provides access to the four bedrooms; all brilliantly light, airy spaces that employ the same considered use of timber as elsewhere in the house. There are built-in wardrobes in several of the rooms. There is also a large family bathroom on this floor, clad in various shades of grey tiling and encased by a timber ceiling. From the hallway, a lobby and cloakroom area give access to the rear of the house and the roof terrace, which receives lovely evening sun and is the perfect spot for an aperitif.

Outdoor Space

The garden is accessed via full-height sliding doors that open from the kitchen/living area to a paved, stepped terrace. There are plenty of spots for alfresco dining here, as well as relaxing on the lawn below. Opportunities for gardening are plentiful and there is a large garden shed to store tools.

The Area

Fox Lane lies at the heart of Keston Village, on the edge of the green expanse of Hayes Common; there are plenty of other beautiful woodland walks similarly close at hand. The Greyhound pub is within easy walking distance of the house and there is a good selection of local shops nearby. Keston also has a well regarded primary school.

Keston is around a 10-minute drive from the centre of Bromley. Currently undergoing significant regeneration, the town has a wide range of excellent restaurants, cafes and bars. Bromley North Village has seen the regeneration of the town's historic quarter and a similar scheme is now underway in Bromley South. The new St Mark's Square, a large landscaped public plaza, includes a multiplex cinema, hotel, retail outlets, cafes and numerous restaurants.

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Fox Lane is a five-minute drive from Hayes station, which runs services to London Cannon Street in approximately 30 minutes, and a 10-minute drive from Bromley South, which runs services to London Victoria in approximately 18 minutes.

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