

THE MODERN HOUSE



Bruton, Somerset
Sold

Gilcombe

This enchanting five-bedroom house, with annexe, several outbuildings and a connecting barn, is set within five acres of private gardens close to the sought-after town of Bruton. It occupies an elevated position atop the hamlet of Gilcombe, with panoramic views of the Brue Valley in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Internally, the house extends to almost 5,000 sq ft and has been renovated throughout to a wonderfully refined design by Studio Ashby.

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The house is approached by a driveway culminating in an area with parking for several cars. Entry is through a courtyard garden to a long hallway with original stone flooring. To the left is an expansive open-plan kitchen, dining and living room with wood burner and separate open fire. The kitchen is a tapestry of materials; worktops in marble and slate with a reclaimed slate sink, and exposed copper pipes feeding taps by Vola. Appliances are by Miele and set within a tiled nook is an electric aga. Oak flooring, arranged in oversized chevrons, extends throughout along with sections of painted-brick walls. A series of doors open from both areas onto a sweeping south-facing orangery with mature vines and fig trees. From the kitchen there is also access to a terrace paved in reclaimed bricks.

The ground floor continues through a playroom with wood-burning stove, to a large utility room, separate pantry/store and studio. An external gravel path continues past an open-front loggia to a self-contained annexe with kitchen, sitting room, bedroom and jack-and-jill bathroom.

Staircases either side of the playroom provide access to the upper level. On the first floor there are five bedrooms and three bathrooms, one en suite to the master bedroom, also with its own substantial dressing area.

The gardens have been landscaped by Urquhart & Hunt, renowned for their work on Babington House Spa and Hauser & Wirth, Bruton. The design includes a dry-stone wall reclaimed from one of the three original cottages that stood before, low-maintenance wild-flower banks and the planting of fifty, mostly fruit-bearing, trees.

The house is set in the Brue Valley amongst the rolling hills of South Somerset. Within five minutes' drive is Bruton, a small town of immense character that is well-equipped with local services including quality schools, pleasant pubs and some renowned local restaurants such as At The Chapel and The Roth Bar at the Hauser & Wirth Gallery. There is an excellent farm shop at Gilcombe Farm (approximately five minutes' walk from the house).

Local independent schools include King's School Bruton, Bruton School for Girls and state boarding school Sexey's. Bruton has its own primary school and within easy reach are Millfield, Hazelgrove and All Hallows prep schools. Frome is around 15 minutes by car and has plenty of good state schools including the well-known Steiner Academy.

There is a rail service from Bruton Station to London Paddington with an easy change at Westbury, as well as direct services to Bath and Bristol. Direct services to London Paddington and London

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