#### THE MODERN HOUSE



Kent Sold

# **How Green**

This light-filled four-bedroom property, with garage, workshop and summer house, constitutes the north wing of what was formerly How Green House, an architecturally important example of the Arts and Crafts movement, designed by Robert Weir Schultz. The house rests among private gardens of just under an acre and was extended in the 1970s by architect Norman Engleback to provide overall accommodation exceeding 1,920 sq ft.

Robert Weir Schultz (1860 – 1951) was a Scottish architect and designer, who worked in the offices of Norman Shaw, and whose later designs shunned the limiting orthodoxy of 'block-plan' houses in favour of a more dynamic crescent/ winged plan. This is evident in How Green House which employed a 'Butterfly' principle, the wings being angled to take full advantage of the view over the Eden Valley, while orientated to encourage maximum sunlight within. The design was shown at the Royal Academy in the summer of 1906, and published in The Builder and Country Life in the same year. On the brink of disrepair, the house was converted in the 1960s to create four individual properties each with their own grounds.

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Accessed via a shared driveway which culminates in a forecourt with parking for several cars, this particular house occupies a favourable end position. It is located within what was the billiard/games-room, now a substantial sitting room with inglenook fireplace and Pithers stove, bay windows, oak-panelled walls and parquet flooring, and a separate study. Entry is to the extended ground-floor section from which a foyer leads left to the sitting room, or right past a shower room and separate WC, to a kitchen/breakfast room with sliding glazed doors to the rear garden.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a family bathroom, with two large attic rooms occupying the second floor. The house would benefit from renovation throughout, with further extension possible subject to the relevant planning permission.

Wonderful gardens surround the property, planted with a mass of spring bulbs and secluded by a number of mature trees.

Edenbridge is the closest town and offers a range of schools, shops and dining opportunities. Further facilities can be found in Sevenoaks or Tunbridge Wells (both approximately 20 minutes by car). Trains run from nearby Hever and Edenbridge Town stations to London Bridge in approximately 45 minutes. The M25 (junctions 5 or 6) is less than 10 miles away.

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# **About**

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