

THE MODERN HOUSE



Glebe Road, Cambridge
Sold

La Maison Verre

Although discreetly situated on a quiet residential road, this house is a rare example of truly remarkable design in this sought-after part of the historic city of Cambridge.

Designed in 2009 by the acclaimed architect Tim Poulson, it was named La Maison Verre in honour of the celebrated Parisian house of the same name built by Pierre Chareau in the late 1920s. Poulson says that he learnt from Chareau that “magical interiors can be created by the use of direct, indirect and diffused daylight” as can be seen in this fantastic two-storey house. One of the most appealing features of Poulson’s design is that each space looks out over landscaped grounds, or as Poulson puts it, there is “an intimate integration between the internal spaces and the series of garden courtyards”.

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The house has over 2,700 sq ft of internal space which is entered via a spectacular, light-filled entrance hall with a bedroom wing to the right and large kitchen / dining / family room to the left. The master bedroom features an en suite shower room. There are two further bedrooms and two further shower rooms on this floor.

From the central entrance hall, a set of beautiful stone stairs lead to the lower hall and what is used by the current owners as a library area. To the left of this is a study (which could be used as a bedroom), a room which could be variously used as a cot room, gym or other use. There is also a large bathroom and a utility room. On the other side of the library area is a good-sized sitting room with floor to ceiling glazing overlooking an atrium area.

There is also an integral double garage. The landscaped gardens that surround the house are one of the most appealing features of the property and it was Poulson's strong intention that when inside the house there was always a strong connection with the outdoor spaces.

The quality of fixtures, fittings and materials is noticeably high throughout and careful thought has been given to each aspect of the design and build. The house has numerous energy efficient and sustainable features. For a more complete description of many technical details of the house (such as the underfloor heating) and the materials used (such as Thassos white marble in the bathrooms and broad limed oak in the living room) see the History section.

Tim Poulson is an acclaimed architect who describes his design as having "a particular emphasis on low maintenance structures and sustainable construction". Before forming his own practice, Poulson was a director at one of the UK's most established and admired Modern architecture firms, YRM (Yorke Rosenberg and Mardall).

La Maison Verre is on Glebe Road, just off Hills Road, some 1.5 miles south of the city centre. It is superbly placed for both the train station and Addenbrooke's Hospital, between which it is situated. It is also very well located for some of Cambridge's best schools (education being, of course, for what the city is very well celebrated).

Cambridge is well known across the world not only as a centre of education but as a growing centre for the science and technology industries. It is also a well established cultural centre, with a great range of theatres, art galleries, cinemas and more. Transport links from Cambridge are excellent, with direct train services running to London Kings Cross in just fifty minutes. The M11 is also nearby and London Stansted airport is easily reachable by car or train.

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