

THE MODERN HOUSE



*London E3
Sold*

Medway Road

This beautifully restored three-bedroom house is on Medway Road, an elegant terrace of Victorian townhouses in Bow. Extending to 1,150 sq ft internally, the house includes a cellar and there is a beautifully maintained private garden to the rear. The current owners have skilfully highlighted the historic architectural details while adding modern interventions in a thoughtful colour palette to create a series of charismatic and artistic spaces.

The Tour

Entry is through a door inset with brightly coloured stained glass and a corresponding fan light above, a wonderfully contradictory introduction to a house that otherwise uses a curated palette of soft tones. A clear sightline runs the length of the house from the hallway through to the kitchen and courtyard garden beyond. Original painted floorboards run underfoot across both floors of the original plan in shades of putty and stone, chiming harmoniously with walls and cabinetry painted in similar hues.

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To the right of the hallway is the sitting room, currently used for contemplation and creative endeavours, with the rear part of the space functioning as a studio and library. A guest WC has been thoughtfully tucked away off the hallway, where there is also entry to a large cellar currently used as a utility room and storage space.

The kitchen is newly extended, with polished concrete floors and walls of built-in cabinetry; these are topped with exquisite honey-coloured Breche Violette marble and house integrated appliances. The space is filled with light flooding in from above and through a wall of glass doors that lead out to the sculptural garden.

Upstairs is the main bedroom, positioned at the front of the plan to enjoy a wonderful westerly evening light. The current owners have installed bespoke wardrobe space along one wall. There are two further bedrooms, one of which is currently used as a study, and a family bathroom. Muted colours have been used throughout the rooms, which connects the spaces tonally and creates a palpable sense of peace.

The Area

This part of Bow has a wonderful sense of community and history. Established in 1888, the nearby Roman Road Market survived the influx of covered shopping centres in the 1970s and continues to thrive as an east London tradition. It is one of London's oldest roads and is historically the main entryway to the city from the east, reputedly running along ancient ley lines. New additions such as Mae + Harvey and Whole Fresh sit alongside the traditional street market which runs thrice weekly.

Victoria Park, home to the Pavilion Café and Chisenhale Gallery, is a short walk away. Just the other side of the much-loved green space, Victoria Park Village has a great food and drink scene, featuring the Ginger Pig butchers, Bottle Apostle and Jonathan Norris Fishmongers. This part of town has some excellent pubs, and there are many lovely parks. The Regent's Canal connects Victoria Park to Mile End Park, and further east is the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Liveable Streets Bow is a £5million project being delivered by Tower Hamlets Council and TfL in consultation with The Roman Road Trust. Now in the final phase of consultation, they propose various measures to reduce traffic in Bow, including pedestrianising Roman Road from 10am to 4.30pm every day, while also widening pavements, planting trees and creating more public space.

Mile End and Bow Road stations (Central, District and Hammersmith & City Lines) are a short walk to the south from Medway Road.

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