

THE MODERN HOUSE



*Cheveley, Cambs
Sold*

The Water Tower

This former water tower located in the countryside close to the Cambridgeshire / Suffolk border was originally converted into a wonderful home in the late 1970s by the architect Michael Carapetian. It has subsequently been refurbished to exacting standards by the architect Trevor Jones. The house has over 3,500 sq ft of internal space, arranged across a series of remarkable light-filled spaces, and sits centrally on large, level plot of approximately 1/2 an acre.

The house is entered via an entrance hall leading to a kitchen / dining room that makes up the base of the tower. From this room steps lead down to a beautiful living room with an open fire and a conservatory off it that opens out onto the garden. There is a mezzanine bedroom / study above the living room. Also on the ground floor is a utility room, a library with floor to ceiling glass windows, a small shower room, WC and a further room with steps leading up to the first floor.

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On the first floor is a large room currently used as an artists studio but easily adaptable as a bedroom. The main bedroom and bathroom can be found on the first floor of the tower. The bedroom features the arched windows of the original 1912 tower.

Steps lead up from the first floor to what is perhaps the most impressive and unique room in the house, a square open-plan space over 23 ft by 23ft in size that is currently used as a studio / bedroom but could be put to a variety of uses. This amazing room has high ceilings and excellent views across the local countryside, retaining the original character of the tower. There is a further floor above this that provides an attic space.

The house is approached via a short drive. The house is surrounded by level gardens and borders onto farmland and paddocks. The current owners have worked hard over the past 30 years to establish an attractive, mature but manageable garden that is largely south-facing. The gardens are largely lawn, with a good variety of shrubs, plantings and mature trees.

Michael Carapetian is an acclaimed architect and photographer now based in Venice, Italy. Carapetian's work at The Water Tower, as well as the subsequent work done to the tower by Trevor Jones is, as Jones puts it, "a synthesis of both Modern architecture and conservation architecture". Carapetian's original clients were an American / Iranian couple; Bill Wright, an early Apple software writer and photographer, and his wife Zara, a writer and potter. The following owner, Roseanne Mark, was a noted musician, and she sold it to the current owners, an architect and an artist. All owners have relished the amazing space offered by the building and the tranquil setting.

Cheveley and Cheveley Park make up an attractive village area approximately four miles from the larger town of Newmarket and approximately sixteen miles from Cambridge. Originally part of parkland owned by the Duke of Rutland, the area is now largely given over to paddocks for racehorses. The village has most essential services including a primary school, pub, Post Office, church and recreation ground.

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