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This incredible Grade II-listed manor house, surrounded by beautiful rolling countryside, has been meticulously restored by the current owners to create a wonderful family home filled with original features. Extending over 4,500 sq ft internally, the house comprises seven bedrooms and is set within almost eight acres of expansive paddocks, parkland and gardens, complete with stables and a tennis court. The estate's stone-built former dairy, which had been sold off, has been reunited with the manor unifying the internal courtyard once more; it has planning permission for conversion into a detached three-bedroom house with its own separate driveway. A short drive from the popular Georgian stone market town of Stamford – recently voted one of the UK's best places to live and a place that John Betjeman described as “England's most attractive town” – the house feels rural while being close to a plethora of nationally renowned schools and amenities. It is also within easy commuting distance to Peterborough and Cambridge.

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Setting the Scene

This substantial manor is believed to date partly from the late-17th century, with later additions in the 1800s. The house has a wonderfully classical façade and generously proportioned Georgian windows. The house is found on a no-through road in the pretty village of Careby, which has its roots in a Viking settlement.

The pretty town of Stamford is just over five miles from the house and has been revered historically. Pevsner said, “The climax [of this region] in terms of historical as well as architectural significance, is... the town of Stamford, the English country market town par excellence,” while the celebrated historian W. G. Hoskins said: “If there is a more beautiful town in the whole of England, I have yet to see it.” For more information, please see the History section.



The Grand Tour

The house has undergone a recent and thorough restoration. Special attention has been given to behind-the-scenes improvements of the plumbing and electrics, as well as stonework and chimneys, in tandem with more cosmetic updates. The current owners have considered the building’s origins throughout their renovations, re-liming the walls and restoring many of the original Georgian features. They also made many brilliant discoveries, revealing wall upon wall of Georgian panelling, as well as local stone, marble and slate fireplace surrounds and original flagstones in the cellar.

The main entrance opens into a wide hallway with a staircase. From here, one door leads to the dining room and another leads to the drawing room. The dining room has been painted a sunny Cinnamon by Edward Bulmer, with built-in cabinets in each alcove topped with marble. Flanked by their original shutters, two tall windows allow light to flood the room.

Opposite, the drawing room has traditional manor features, including exposed beams and a hearty local stone fire surround with a wood-burning stove. This bright room has been painted a gentle Jonquil by Edward Bulmer.

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To the rear of the house is the kitchen, comprising an updated kitchen with cabinetry from Neptune, Carrara marble worktops and DeVOL brass taps. Adjacent sits a smart pantry area, with open shelves lining a wall, perfect for displaying crockery, and a second sink sits below a window. From the kitchen, glazed south-facing doors open onto a sun terrace, providing a fantastic connection with the outdoors in the summer. The original entrance to the house opens into this room via a vestibule, where there is also the downstairs WC. Traditional cast-iron radiators have been installed throughout.

Ascending to the first floor, a corridor clad in beautiful original Georgian panelling leads to the bedrooms. The principal bedroom, which enjoys far-reaching views over the garden and acreage through its two tall sash windows, also has its original decorative panelling and a fireplace. The room has a generous walk-in wardrobe and a lovely en suite bathroom with a shower separate from its freestanding cast-iron bath. On this floor, there are two more good-sized panelled bedrooms, one with a second en suite bathroom and a shared family bathroom.

The top floor is home to a further four bedrooms, two useful linen cupboards, and another bathroom, ideal for home-working and guest bedrooms.

The basement is accessed from the main floor and externally from the original courtyard, opening into a corridor with the original larder directly in front. To the left is a lovely and well-lit second sitting room, with the original stone flag floor, pointed stone walls and wooden beams. On the other side is a useful boot room and laundry, an excellent spot to return to from dog walks or muddy rugby games. Beyond is the wine cellar, plant room and workshop space.

Across the gravelled courtyard is the two-storey dairy, which has planning permission to convert into a separate dwelling. The building has recently been repointed with new windows installed, which has helped to freeze the planning permission.

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The Great Outdoors

The manor backs onto an expansive manicured garden arranged around a glorious lime tree, progressing to a newly installed tennis court. In fact, for those who like sports, there is a huge provision since the grounds include a pétanque court, a sheltered lawn perfect for badminton or cricket, an area for football with full-size goals and stabling for four horses with a five-acre fenced paddock supplied with spring water, and all bordered by the West Glen River. There is also plenty of space for camping.

The south-facing garden is also home to a terrace, well-placed for eating outside, and bordered to one side by a series of Victorian walled gardens, including herb, cutting and perennial gardens. The owners have also planted an array of heritage fruit trees in the already-established orchard. Many mature shrubs and trees are within the grounds, including the magnificent 400-year-old lime tree. There is a generous parking provision for large-scale entertaining on both sides of the house and garages. The dairy also has its own driveway and parking.

Out and About

The house is in a terrific position, nestled along this border of Lincolnshire and Rutland, 10 minutes from the desirable Georgian market town of Stamford. Stamford is home to numerous schools, a range of shopping and restaurants, a popular weekly farmers' market, and The George of Stamford, which serves delicious food. There is also an Arts Centre with a cinema. The Burghley Estate hosts many events, from lectures by well-regarded historians to the world's largest horse trials.

Careby has a handsome church, St Stephen's, with a Norman tower. The award-winning restaurant The Olive Branch is nearby, as is the village of Witham-on-the-Hill, which has another good pub, The Six Bells.

Rutland Water is just under nine miles away and is Europe's largest man-made reservoir. It is a stunning backdrop to a great day out, with sailing clubs, an Aqua Park, fishing, a nature reserve and a cycle circuit dotted with good pubs along the way.

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The house is well situated in terms of schools: it is only a couple of minutes to Witham Hall School – an award-winning prep school for boarding and day pupils – and a short drive to national senior schools, including Oundle, Uppingham, Oakham and Stamford schools.

For transport, the house is well placed: nearby Peterborough station provides high-speed service to London King's Cross in just 49 minutes, while it's also close to the A1, which leads straight into the centre of London. Cambridge is under an hour's drive away and has a direct train from Stamford.

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