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The Ford Manor

FORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

£2,000,000 FREEHOLD

Nestled in the lush Gloucestershire countryside is this handsome Grade II-listed Georgian home. Formed by joining three 18th-century cottages, the house was the subject of several renovations and extensions through the years, including several architectural interventions by renowned British furniture designer Gordon Russell, who lived here in the 1940s, and a substantial overhaul carried out by the current owner. Harmoniously proportioned and detailed, internal accommodation unfolds over 3,138 sq ft across three storeys, with generous reception spaces and four bedrooms. Exceptional period features are found throughout, including exposed rafters, inglenook fireplaces, stone mullions and leaded lights. Established gardens wrap around the house and are home to two substantial outbuildings, one of these a self-contained, one-bedroom annexe. Kingham and Moreton-in-Marsh rail stations are approximately 20 minutes' drive away and offer railway services to London Paddington in around one hour and 30 minutes.

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Setting the Scene

Covering nearly 800 square miles across six counties, the Cotswolds National Landscape is one of the largest protected areas in the UK. Renowned for its chocolate-box villages, idyllic landscapes and diverse wildlife, much of the region's character is shaped by the underlying Jurassic limestone, its warm honey and soft grey tones emblematic of Cotswolds architecture.

The rural hamlet of Ford lies within the parish of Temple Guiting, which acquired its prefix in the 12th century, when the manor was governed by the Knights Templar, a military order of Catholic faith. Largely rebuilt in the 16th century, the local Grade I-listed Church of St Mary has retained some original stained-glass windows, however several panels were sold in 1809 to The Met in New York.

The Grand Tour

The house is set back from a country lane, concealed behind the densely planted borders surrounding the grounds. At the front is a gravelled parking with space for several cars.

The entrance gate reveals an elegant stone-paved terrace, softened by well-kept shrubs, rose bushes, and fragrant lavender, setting the tone for what lies beyond. From here, steps ascend to the front of the main wing, where leafy climbers trace their way across the local stone façade, with a rusticated base and traditional ashlar quoins and mullioned window surrounds. Above, the stone-tiled roof is punctuated with three dormer windows.

A Crittall front door opens directly to the main reception, with glazing on three aspects ensuring an abundance of natural light throughout the day. The ground floor follows a traditional Georgian circular flow that unfolds through an enfilade of seamlessly interconnected living spaces.

The period character of the house is immediately evident in a profusion of well-preserved original features, elevated by an understated colour palette and natural textures. A champion of accessible, innovative, and high-quality design, renowned British furniture designer Gordon Russell lived at Ford Manor in the 1940s. It was during this time that he contributed to numerous alterations and additions throughout the house.

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A spectacular inglenook fireplace commands attention at the centre of the living room, amid pale blue walls and exposed timbers. Mullioned windows look out toward the conservatory and the garden beyond it.

Stone flooring continues to a tranquil sitting room, where double timber-and-glass doors open out to the patio. A well-appointed study sits at the front of the plan, with quarry tiles and an inglenook hearth currently used as a desk space, alongside a window seat looking out toward the front garden. In this part of the house there is also a separate WC and a utility room.

An elegant dining room sits at the rear of the plan, finished with white-washed ceiling panelling that enhances the sense of openness. There is an unused inglenook with a deep recess and space for additional furniture. A door opens onto an east-facing conservatory overlooking a courtyard garden, a delightful spot to savour the morning sun, even during the colder months.

Accessed from both the conservatory and the front garden, a sweeping open-plan kitchen occupies the new wing of the house. Here, large stone arches designed by Gordon Russell lend a dramatic impression of volume, while mullioned windows on two aspects invite natural light to pour in while framing views of the pretty landscape surrounding the house.

Blue-painted oak units are arranged around a large island with space for food preparation and casual dining. At the far end is an electric/oil powered Sandyford Sherlock range cooker. There is convenient access to a utility/boot room connected to the garden, for easy maintenance of the outdoor spaces. Parquet flooring in a herringbone pattern continues to the sitting area, anchored by a stunning arched fireplace set against an exposed stone wall.

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From the main reception area, stairs ascend to the first floor, where there are three spacious bedrooms. Private and quiet, the dual-aspect principal bedroom is at the rear, finished in a soft, neutral palette. Mullioned windows frame tranquil views across the treetops, while a staircase provides direct access to the upper-floor dressing room. The en suite bathroom is well appointed with traditional fittings and mosaic tiles by Fired Earth. It has a free-standing roll-top bathtub and a separate shower. A two further bedrooms sit at the front of the plan - one of these the owner's favourite - both beautifully appointed and overlooking the front lawn and pavilion.

Brimming with character, the uppermost floor lies beneath an impressive sweep of exposed rafters, with natural Sisal carpeting underfoot. A generous landing, with a high, pitched ceiling, is fitted with practical built-in storage. This level also offers a bedroom and bathroom, an ideal private retreat for guests.

Once a water pumping station, a self-contained annexe now offers a beautifully converted bedroom complete with a kitchenette and en suite shower room, all with direct access from the garden.

The Great Outdoors

Embracing the house, a series of meticulously landscaped gardens imbues this rural retreat with a serene sense of privacy and escape. Established trees surround the grounds, their leafy canopies providing a colourful backdrop through the seasons.

At the front is an expansive formal lawn, with ample space to accommodate a marquee, ideal for large receptions and gatherings. Tucked at the far end is an elegant pavilion, built to a design by Gordon Russell, dramatically framed by the dense foliage of surrounding trees.

The kitchen opens onto a paved garden with an inviting seating area surrounded by lush, fragrant plantings of scented lavender, roses, leafy climbers, roses and shrubs, creating a beautiful and tranquil backdrop.

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At the rear of the house, the conservatory flows into a secluded paved courtyard, thoughtfully designed with seating areas and sculptural water features, creating a serene space for relaxation and entertaining. From here, a distinctive dovecote is visible above the one-storey wing, crowned by an striking bronze galleon weathervane.

Out and About

Ford is a small hamlet nestled in the parish of Temple Guiting, in the stunning Cotswold National Landscape, providing easy access to an extensive network of bridleways and walking paths on and around the Cotswold Way trail.

The Plough Inn, an award-winning country pub serving earthy dishes and cask ales is near the house; The Halfway inn in Kington is a quintessential 17th-century stone inn serving a refined menu of country classics and a fantastic Sunday roast. Perfect for a family day out, Cotswold Farm Park is five minutes away by car, home to over 50 rare and native breeds of British farm animals and host to a wide range of activities and events.

Guiting Power is home to The Farmers Arms, The Hollow Bottom, a post office and The Cotswold Guy farm shop and takeaway. For a wider range of amenities, the nearby market towns of Stow-on-the-Wold, Bourton-on-the-Water, and Winchcombe provide excellent independent shops, restaurants and cafés. A little further afield, Daylesford and Soho Farmhouse are other local highlights. The market town of Broadway is a 15-minute drive from the house and offers a wide selection of independent boutiques, delis, and restaurants.

The historic spa town of Cheltenham is a 30-minute drive away, its vibrant streets peppered with period houses and an eclectic mix of independent boutiques, art galleries and restaurants. Local favourites include 131; The Ivy, which is located in the Grade I-listed Montpellier Rotunda; Lumiere; Brasserie Blanc; and the Michelin-starred Le Champignon Sauvage. Cheltenham is also renowned for its festivals of literature (the longest running in the world), jazz, film, folk music, comedy and science. It also has a busy racing calendar, including the Gold Cup.

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The area has a good selection of schooling options. Temple Guiting C of E School is recommended by local families, as well as Winchcombe Abbey C of E Primary School. For secondary education, Winchcombe School is close to the house, while Cheltenham offers plenty of excellent options such as Balcarras, Pate's Grammar School, Cheltenham College, Dean Close and Cheltenham Ladies College.

The rail stations of Kingham and Moreton-in-Marsh are approximately 20 minutes' drive away and offer railway services to London Paddington in around one hour and 30 minutes. There is easy access to the A40 and M40, and a useful link via the A46 to the M5. Birmingham Airport can be reached in a little over an hour by car.

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