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Wesley Place

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE

£685,000 FREEHOLD

A former chapel built around 1800, Wesley Place is filled with period charm. It has three bedrooms, along with a generous living space, where several windows welcome in plenty of natural light. From the rear, accessed via a farmhouse-style kitchen, is a sweet garden where a variety of plants grow. The house lies in Deddington, Oxfordshire, a characterful town seven minutes' drive from Soho Farmhouse and in easy reach of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Setting the Scene

A quintessential Oxfordshire village, Deddington is filled with historic architecture and modern amenities. Its history stretches back to the Anglo-Saxon age, although particularly notable are the remains of Deddington Castle, an 11th-century motte-and-bailey castle built for Bishop Odo of Bayeux, half-brother to William the Conqueror. The town retains a palpable sense of history with its handsome houses, many of which are built with local marlstone that, care of its iron oxide content, has a rich brown hue.

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The Grand Tour

Symmetrical brick walls separate the house from the street in front, with a black wrought-iron gate providing passage to the front garden. Predominantly brick-laid, this space has clusters of plantings, including hydrangea, petiolaris, holly, hydrangea and macrophylla.

A steel-blue door - set beneath towering twin windows - provides entry to the living room, a delightful coral-pink room with plenty of natural light. White-painted floorboards ground the space, and a pretty blue and white fire surround frames a cream wood-burning stove. A small stained-glass window, a particularly delightful modern feature, glows in the light.

A door at the rear of the room opens to a short corridor with a neat WC to one side. At the rear is the kitchen, which, like the living room, makes bold and confident use of colour. Here, walls washed in 'Preference Red' by Farrow & Ball are a counterpoint to cream cabinets and range-style oven, and a rustic-style dresser. There is a butler's sink beneath the window, next to a glazed door to the garden.

Stairs ascend to the upper level, where three bedrooms lie. The largest takes a dramatic grey scheme and is open to the roofline; original timbers span overhead, reminding of the home's earliest past. Tiles run underfoot across the room, travelling partway up the wall behind a freestanding bathtub. There is also a beautiful bespoke unit with a Thunderbox loo.

The remaining two bedrooms each have a unique character, though both are set beneath the sloping roofline and have large skylights that usher in natural light. These rooms are served by a brilliant bathroom, with walls lined in brown and white tiles.

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The Great Outdoors

A south-facing walled garden lies to the back of the house, with verdant plants - including petiolaris and macrophylla hydrangeas, roses, buddleia and hollyhock - on either side. There is a handy shed at the rear and plenty of space for a generous dining area. There is also an off-street parking space in front of the house.

Out and About

Deddington is a charming town with several pubs; favourites include The Deddington Arms. There are also plenty of shops, along with deli Eagles and a regular farmers' market.

Opportunities for encountering history are aplenty in the wider area, from nearby Deddington Castle and the Rollright Stones to Blenheim Palace and its remarkable grounds, under 20 minutes' drive from the house. A 40-minute drive away, Oxford and its dreaming spires provide an even greater range of cultural distractions, including the Ashmolean, Britain's first public museum. There are brilliant dining options here too, including Gees - a conservatory-set restaurant with a brilliant atmosphere for special occasions.

Seven minutes' drive away is Soho Farmhouse, with its rooms, places to dine, a health club, indoor / outdoor swimming pool, boating lake, and a Cowshed spa. It sits surrounded by 100 acres of bucolic Oxfordshire countryside and has an impressive art collection with internationally renowned names. The Cotswolds National Landscape is a short drive away and is home to many pretty towns and a near endless offering of cosy, atmospheric pubs. Slightly further afield in the opposite direction, the Chilterns offer additional walking and cycling routes.

There is a state-run primary school in Deddington. Secondary options can be found in Banbury, along with private options, including Tudor Hall School. Banbury railway station is an 18-minute drive away and runs services to London in just over an hour. There are also convenient road connections via the M40.

Council Tax Band: F

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