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Step inside

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This majestic three storey detached residence in the heart of Folkestone's prestigious West End was originally built in 1925 as a weekend and holiday retreat for wealthy Londoners – and could become that again. However it fell into disrepair but was rescued by the current owners about 14 years ago and was completely gutted and renovated from top to bottom including a new roof with 28,000 tiles, new ceilings, plumbing, electrics, insulation, kitchen and bathrooms. At the same time not only did they retain the superb period features but where some features had been destroyed or removed, they were replaced or replicated. So now you have a beautiful period property but designed for modern day living.

It also provides amazingly flexible accommodation to suit a variety of requirements and makes an ideal multi-generational home. If you have adult children or independent teenagers there is a whole floor they can enjoy. If you have elderly relatives who find the stairs difficult or you need a suite of offices, there is a separate area on the ground floor that could easily be adapted to provide a delightful annex and if you enjoy indoor and outdoor entertaining the superb drawing room and stunning gardens offer the ideal ambience.

It is only about a minute's walk from the seafront and the mile long clifftop promenade known as The Leas with its panoramic views across to France as well as a Victorian bandstand, access to the Lower Leas Coastal Park and the Leas Cliff Hall. It is also within easy reach of Sandgate and Folkestone town centre, two mainline stations, the M20 and the Channel Tunnel.

The property is set very far back from the road with a driveway leading to the garage with an inspection pit and a pedestrian gate that opens onto a pathway to the main entrance, flanked by hedges and vast swathes of level lawn, part of which could be adapted for additional off road parking. It is at this stage that you can begin to appreciate the L shaped house's external charm with its high chimneystacks, white walls contrasting with the red roof and multi-pane casement windows. While internally there is the original staircase, original wood floors and fireplaces with open fires, coved ceilings and renovated sash windows at the rear.

The period front door opens into the very spacious reception hall with a cloakroom that includes the original basin and the oak staircase. It is large enough for guests to gather for cocktails before moving down the corridor into the fabulous dual aspect 32.2ft drawing room. This very special room includes a pair of original inset shelving units with patterned glass doors, a large curved bay window and a superb fireplace with a sculptured surround and a beautiful marble inset and hearth as a delightful focal point. There is an adjacent sitting room that also includes a double inset shelving unit with original patterned glass doors, a fireplace with a tiled surround and a door to the rear garden.

Another special place and where the family spend much of their time is the kitchen/dining room with a large bay incorporating a stable door to the rear terrace. This light and bright dual aspect space includes a Belling range cooker and flat fronted glossy white units with Corian worktops, a dishwasher and space for an American fridge freezer as well as a central island/breakfast bar. There is also plenty

of space for a large dining table adjacent to the original fireplace with inset tiles and a sculptured surround.

Beyond the kitchen/dining room is a door to what was originally the butler's domain. This area now includes a scullery, a home office with a charming little fireplace and a good sized family room that used to be the original kitchen and still includes the original kitchen cupboards. There is also a large boiler room, a useful wet room, a utility facility, rear door access to the garage and a back door to the garden. As this is basically a separate area with its own independent external access it could easily be converted into a spacious annexe and even the garage could become part of the accommodation. The beautiful oak staircase with its carved newel posts leads to the galleried corridor on the first floor. Here you will find a family bathroom with a stand-alone oval bath, a separate toilet and three double bedrooms with views over the beautiful rear garden. These include a large dual aspect double with a fireplace, a full height mirror and a seating/study area, another with a fireplace and a third with a deep fitted cupboard. While the stunning main bedroom has a large bay window, a fireplace and a door to a very large dressing room that could always be used as another bedroom or may be partly converted to include ensuite facilities. This floor also includes a good sized study/hobby room that could be used as another bedroom with its adjacent vaulted ceiling storage room that would make an excellent ensuite bathroom.

The staircase to the second floor was built as an exact replica of the original even down to the newel posts. It leads to the spacious second floor with its galleried landing, plenty of eaves storage and a large storage cupboard. There is a bathroom with a spa bath, vanity basin and a wet room style shower, a second wet room and three double bedrooms with Velux windows providing stunning views over the garden and beyond. These include one at the end of a corridor that could be a sitting room as this floor would make a great 'hideaway' for teenagers or adult children looking for a bit of independence and somewhere to entertain their friends.

Beautifully landscaped and secluded rear gardens greet you as your walk outside onto the spacious crazy paved terrace. This is ideal for barbecues and al fresco dining as well as just relaxing in the sunshine enjoying the delightful vista in front of you or looking back at the impressive rear exterior of the house. There are curved steps up to a crazy paved path flanked by delightful shrubs and flower beds and a large fishpond as well as a spacious level lawns interspersed with shrub beds, mature trees and fruit trees with the original brick wall on each side of the garden.















Seller Insight



When we first saw the property, we were not sure about taking on such a renovation project but when we walked into the amazing drawing room, we knew we had to have this very special home. It took 18 months to complete the renovation and we were particularly proud of our achievement and have loved living here ever since. It has been a fantastic family home and we shall keep all the wonderful memories of our time here but we are starting a new chapter in our lives so we hope new owners will be able to take advantage of everything this property has to offer.

The location is very convenient as, apart from being a minute's walk from the Leas, we easily stroll to charming Sandgate with its good primary school, beach, numerous restaurants and gourmet shops including the Sandgate Cove Bakehouse, delicatessens such as Natalina's Deli and the Sandgate Deli, the wonderful Orchard Lane coffee house and the relaxing John Dory wine bar.

*While Folkestone is a delightful seaside town with its plethora of restaurants, individual shops and businesses, including those in the Creative Quarter. There is also the rejuvenated Harbour Arm with its events, food stalls and artworks surrounding the harbour. For sporting enthusiasts there is the Folkestone Sports Club that includes hockey and bowls as well as rugby, football and cricket clubs while golfing aficionados can play at the Henry Cotton designed Sene Valley or Etchinghill golf courses. The town also includes excellent state education facilities including four primary schools and a grammar school rated Outstanding by Ofsted as well as private schools in Dover, Canterbury and Ashford. While for commuters is it only about a 15 minute walk to Folkestone West station where the fast train to St Pancras takes less than an hour.”**

* These comments are the personal views of the current owner and are included as an insight into life at the property. They have not been independently verified, should not be relied on without verification and do not necessarily reflect the views of the agent.















Travel Information

By Road	
Folkestone Central Station	0.6 miles
Folkestone West Station	0.8 miles
Channel Tunnel	4.5 miles
Ashford International	16.3 miles
Dover Docks	10.7 miles
Canterbury	19.4 miles
Gatwick Airport	71.3 miles
Charing Cross	72.3 miles
By Train from Folkestone Central	
High-Speed St. Pancras	56 mins
Charing Cross	1hr 32mins
Victoria	1hr 20 mins
Ashford International	16 mins

Leisure Clubs & Facilities

Three Hills Sports Club	01303 846020
Folkestone Invicta Football Club	01303 221819
Etchinghill Golf Club	01303 862929
Folkestone Rugby Club	01303 316005
Sene Valley Golf Club	01303 268513
Folkestone Bowls Club	01303 210023

Healthcare

Whitehouse Surgery
Sandgate Road Surgery
Manor Road Surgery
Harbour Medical Practice
William Harvey Hospital
Royal Victoria Hospital

Education

Primary Schools:
Hawkinge Primary
St Eanswythe's Primary
St Martin's Primary
Dover College Junior
Ashford School (Prep)

Secondary Schools:
Harvey Grammar for Boys
Folkestone School for Girls
Dover Girls Grammar
Dover Boys Grammar
Dover College
Ashford School

01303 275434
01303 851241
01303 851122
01303 330707
01233 633331
01303 850202

01303 893892
01303 255516
01303 238888
01304 205969
01233 625171

01303 252131
01303 251125
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Entertainment

Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury	01227 787787
Leas Cliff Hall	01303 228600
Marleys	01303 470598
Rocksalt	01303 212070
British Lion	01303 251478
Hotel Imperial	01303 267441
Orchard Lane Coffee House	01303 487742
John Dory Wine Bar	01303 251937

Local Attractions/Landmarks

Hawkinge Battle of Britain Museum
Capel le Ferne Battle of Britain Memorial
Caesar's Camp
Port Lympne Animal Park
Dover and Deal castles
Secret War Tunnels
Canterbury Cathedral
Romney Hythe and District Miniature Railway
The Leas
Folkestone Creative Quarter
Harbour Arms

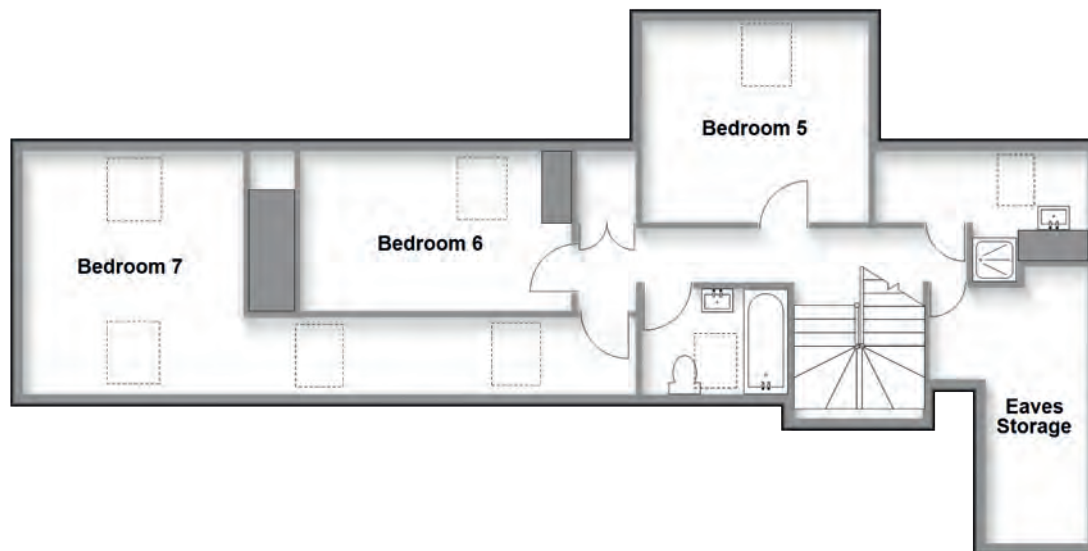
Ground Floor



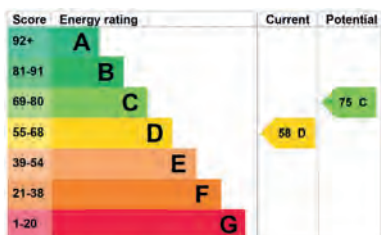
First Floor



Second Floor



Council Tax Band: C
Tenure: Freehold



GROUND FLOOR

Reception Hall	19'10 x 14'4 maximum (6.05m x 4.37m)
Drawing Room	32'2 x 16'11 maximum (9.81m x 5.16m)
Sitting Room	14'8 x 12'3 (4.47m x 3.74m)
Kitchen/Dining Room	19'10 x 17'1 (6.05m x 5.21m)
Scullery	
Home Office	9'0 x 8'1 (2.75m x 2.47m)
Family Room	14'1 x 12'4 (4.30m x 3.76m)
Shower Room	
Boiler Room	
Utility	

FIRST FLOOR

Landing	
Bedroom 2	20'6 x 16'11 (6.25m x 5.16m)
Bedroom 3	16'1 x 12'5 maximum (4.91m x 3.79m)
Main Bedroom	20'7 x 19'10 maximum (6.28m x 6.05m)
Dressing Room	13'11 x 10'6 maximum (4.24m x 3.20m)
Bedroom 4	14'9 x 10'5 (4.50m x 3.18m)
Study/Hobby Room	14'0 x 10'2 (4.27m x 3.10m)
Storage	14'0 x 9'10 (4.27m x 3.00m)
Bathroom	
Separate Toilet	

SECOND FLOOR

Landing	
Bedroom 7	12'10 x 11'8 (3.91m x 3.56m)
Bedroom 6	14'1 x 8'2 (4.30m x 2.49m)
Bedroom 5	12'2 x 11'11 (3.71m x 3.63m)
Bathroom	
Shower Room	
Storage	20'4 x 6'4 (6.20m x 1.93m)

OUTSIDE

Rear Garden	
Front Garden	
Driveway	
Garage	18'4 x 11'0 (5.59m x 3.36m)



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