



Stockbridge Cottage
Slay Lane | Whitwell | Isle of Wight | PO38 2QF

Seller Insight



We have owned Stockbridge Cottage for 39 years and was purchased as a home for our retirement years.

The secluded location has proved ideal, but as we are both in our nineties we really need to downside.

The land has proven ideal for the operation of high performance light aircraft, as well as for equestrian purposes. We have always enjoyed Stockbridge Cottage for its tranquil and peaceful location, but close enough to Whitwell and Niton villages.

It will be a wrench to leave our location, but we need to downsize. We have spent many happy years here, particularly when our nine grandchildren came to stay at various times and often they brought tents to pitch and had lots of fun exploring all the facilities.

Chris has built two light aircraft whilst we have lived here, so I resorted to learning to play golf at Ventnor, and joining in with local walking groups.

*Stockbridge Cottage needs an energetic owner to maintain its many assets.**

* 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.





Step inside

Stockbridge Cottage

Tucked away in a serene countryside setting on the outskirts of the charming village of Whitwell, this delightful four-bedroom cottage offers a rare opportunity to enjoy the best of rural living with a unique twist. Set within approximately 9.37 acres of land, the property combines timeless bucolic charm with practical features and extraordinary aviation facilities, creating a truly distinctive home for those seeking privacy, space, and potential.

The cottage, believed to date back to the mid-1800s, has been lovingly maintained and thoughtfully improved over the past 30 years by its current owner, an engineer with a passion for aviation. At the heart of the home lies a welcoming living room, featuring an impressive inglenook-style fireplace complete with an original bread oven. Light flows through the dual-aspect windows, highlighting the room's warm character. The kitchen, also dual-aspect, is fitted with wooden units and ample space for a breakfast table, leading directly to the courtyard. A formal dining room with exposed brickwork and wooden staircase adds to the home's country charm.

Upstairs, four bedrooms—three doubles and one single—offer versatile accommodation with fitted wardrobes and lovely views over the surrounding countryside. Two separate shower rooms, one with courtyard access, add convenience and flexibility for family living or visiting guests.

The grounds surrounding the cottage are truly impressive, beginning with a private gravelled drive that accommodates up to four vehicles. Mature hedging encircles the home, providing a sense of seclusion and tranquillity. For outdoor leisure, the property features a swimming pool, in need of some upgrading, an array of fruit trees, and expansive green space ideal for gardening or animals. A collection of outbuildings—including two stables, a hay store, and a large workshop with loft and office—offer endless potential for hobbyists, equestrians, or anyone in need of additional storage or workspace.

What sets this property apart is its remarkable aviation potential. A grass landing strip lies within the grounds, positioned advantageously outside controlled airspace and surrounded by an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Adjacent to the airstrip is a T-shaped hangar designed for light aircraft storage, making this an ideal retreat for aviation enthusiasts seeking a home base with unmatched convenience and freedom to fly.

Despite its secluded location, the property remains well-connected. Whitwell, known for its unspoiled charm, is nearby, and the larger village of Niton offers essential amenities including a school, local shops, medical facilities, and access to stunning coastal walks. Miles of footpaths and bridleways branch out from the property, making it perfect for walkers, riders, and nature lovers alike.

Whether you're dreaming of a peaceful country lifestyle, looking for a haven to indulge in equestrian or aviation pursuits, or seeking a property with the space and potential for self-sufficiency, this enchanting home in Whitwell delivers it all. With its blend of history, character, and exceptional amenities, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to acquire a truly unique countryside retreat.







Travel Information

12 miles from Fishbourne to Portsmouth Ferry Terminal
13.1 miles from East Cowes to Southampton Ferry Terminal
16.9 miles from Yarmouth to Lymington Ferry Terminal

Leisure Clubs & Facilities

1Leisure The Heights, Sandown	8.1 miles
Sandown & Shanklin Golf Club, Sandown	8.7 miles
Rookley Country Park Fishing, Rookley	4.5 miles
Newport Cricket Club, Newport	6.6 miles

Healthcare

Doctors Surgeries	
South Wight Medical Practice, Godshill	01983 840625
The Bay Medical Centre, Sandown	01983 409292
The Bay Medical Centre, Shanklin	01983 862000
General Hospitals	
St Mary’s Hospital, Parkhurst Road, Newport	8.9 miles 01983 822099

Education

Primary Schools	
Godshill Primary School, Godshill	01983 840246
Rookley & Chillerton Primary School, Chillerton	01983 721207
Gatten & Lake Primary School, Shanklin	01983 869910
St Blasius C of E Primary School, Shanklin	01983 862444
The Bay School Primary, Sandown	01983 403284
Newchurch Primary School, Newchurch	01983 865210
Secondary Schools/Colleges:	
The Island Free School, Ventnor	01983 857641
The Bay CE School, Sandown	01983 403284
Carisbrooke College, Newport	01983 524651
Christ The King Upper College, Newport	01983 537 070
Medina College, Newport	01983 861 222
Ryde School with Upper Chine School, Ryde	01983 562229
The Island VI Form Campus, Newport	01983 522886
Isle of Wight College, Newport	01982 526631
Learning Assisted Schools:	
Medina House, School Lane, Newport	01983 522 917
St. Georges, Watergate Road, Newport	01983 524 634
St. Catherine’s, Grove Road, Ventnor	01983 852722

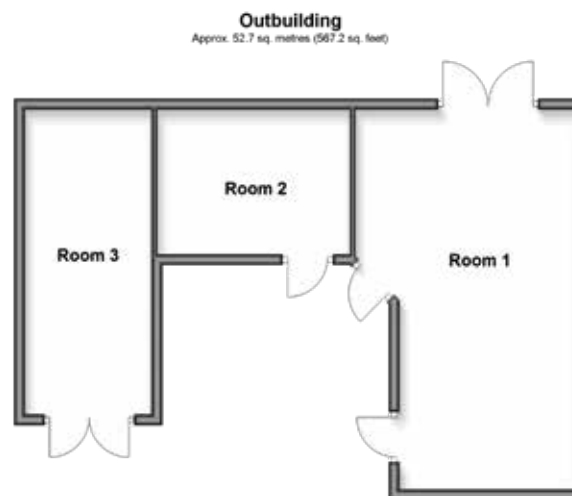
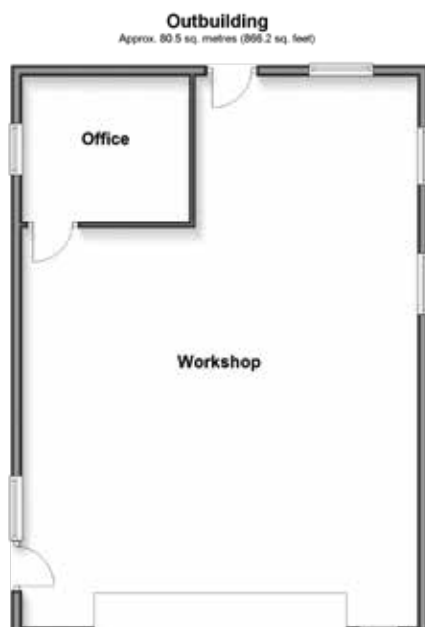
Entertainment

Restaurants / Bars
The Taverners, Godshill
Griffin, Godshill
The Fighting Cocks, Arreton
Chequers Inn, Rookley
The Pointer Inn, Newchurch
The White Horse, Whitwell
The White Lion, Niton
The Budle Inn, Niton
Dairyman’s Daughter, Arreton

These bars and restaurants are available within a 15-minute radius of this home

Local Attractions / Landmarks

Model Village – Godshill
Appuldurcombe House – Wroxall
Bembridge Windmill – Bembridge
Donkey Sanctuary - Wroxall
The Wildheart Animal Sanctuary - Sandown
Garlic Farm - Newchurch
Carisbrooke Castle – Carisbrooke
Monkey Haven Primate Rescue Centre – Newport
Butterfly World – Newport
Amazon World Zoo – Newchurch



GROUND FLOOR

Entrance Porch	
Hallway	
Dining Area	12'1 x 10'10
Kitchen	10'10 x 10'1
Snug	12'1 x 10'10
Sitting Room	10'10 x 10'2
Shower Room	

FIRST FLOOR

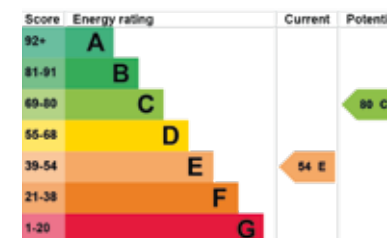
Landing	
Bedroom 1	14'10 x 10'11
Bedroom 2	10'10 x 9'5
Bedroom 3	10'2 x 8'10
Bedroom 4	11'2 x 8'6
Shower Room	
Separate Toilet	

OUTBUILDING

Room 1
Room 2
Room 3

OUTSIDE

Front & Rear Gardens
Driveway Parking
Garage / Workshop
Hangar
Land 9.37 Acres



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