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Shrivenham 4.5 miles • Swindon 7 miles (London Paddington from 60 minutes) • Marlborough 12 miles • Wantage 11 miles
Newbury 21 miles • Cirencester 22 miles • M4 (junction 15) 5 miles

A 'chocolate box cottage' set in an enchanting waterside garden within a delightful village

Sitting/Dining Room • Kitchen • Utility Room • Cloakroom
2 bedrooms • 1 bathroom

Self-Contained Cottage: Hall • Sitting Room • Breakfast Room
Kitchen • Bedroom • Shower Room

Gardens • Kitchen Garden • Workshop/Home Office
Garage with Carport • Private Parking

Description

Bishopstone is a spring line settlement and hence the name, Spring Cottage. Understood to date back to the mid 17th century and Grade II Listed, the property is a picturesque thatched cottage which has been considerably improved by the present owners. Indeed the property is now well presented and yet retains all its original character and features. These include a wealth of exposed timbers, exposed stonework and an impressive inglenook fireplace in the main reception room. At present the property is arranged to provide a self-contained annexe but this part of the cottage can easily be incorporated into the larger part should the cottage be occupied as one. All rooms overlook the stunning waterside garden and are south facing.

The principal part of Spring Cottage includes a charming reception room which is split to provide a separate dining area. The kitchen is well fitted and is adjacent to the utility room with cloakroom. The open tread oak staircase leads to the first floor where there are two comfortable bedrooms and a bathroom. The principal bedroom is dual aspect, includes a bay window and has access to a loft room. The other end of the cottage has its own front door but is interconnecting with the original building. In addition to the sitting room (with fireplace and wood burning stove) there is a breakfast room, kitchen, bedroom and shower room. As such it fulfils a number of different requirements including a guest annexe, letting cottage or use by a dependent relative. Equally it can easily be used as part of the main cottage.

Complementing the cottage is the exquisite and much admired garden. Filled with colourful plants and shrubs, the garden creates a magical setting which is hard to match. The spring fed ponds and stream are criss-crossed with bridges and create a tranquil setting where an abundance of wildlife thrive. Various sitting out areas provide different vistas. Indeed it is hard to imagine a more relaxing garden and one that is so peaceful. Even at night time there is a policy in The City of limited use of artificial lighting and so enhancing the benefits of total darkness



Close to the house is a very useful detached workshop with a side door, WC and French doors opening onto a terrace with a rose covered pergola. This building would be perfect for use as a home office. There is also a garden shed and log store. Summer shade is provided by a mature weeping willow tree which cast dappled light over one of the ponds. There is also an impressive carving of stags which will remain. Further away from the garden is the gravelled parking area with barn style garaging and carport. There is also a kitchen garden with productive vegetable bed and soft fruit trees. A mature beech hedge affords privacy. An uplift clause exists on the parking area should it ever be developed.

Situation

Bishopstone is an unspoilt village which lies at the foot of the Lambourn Downs, overlooking the Vale of the White Horse. As the name implies the history of the village dates back to when the village was occupied by a former monastery, there are still areas owned by the Church Commissioners. The village is now made up of quaint houses and cottages which stand around a central mill pond. It is an active community which helps support a primary school, village hall and an ancient Norman church. There is also a highly regarded pub, The Royal Oak which is associated with Helen Browning's organic farm shop, also in the village. Indeed the village has the character of a traditional English village and is in both a conservation area and an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Shrivenham is located about 4 miles away, and offers a range of everyday stores, including two supermarkets, a chemist, a florist, a popular artisan delicatessen and café, a doctor's surgery as well as public houses and restaurants. The nearby market towns of Faringdon, Wantage and Marlborough are all within 12 miles and provide an excellent selection of independent and high street shops as well as leading supermarkets. Communications are excellent with Swindon offering first class transport links to London and the West, via both road and rail. The A417 dual carriage connects with the M5 at Gloucester.

The Downs and the ancient Ridgeway paths provide wonderful walks from the cottage. There are also cycling and riding routes with spectacular views across the Vale of the White Horse and rolling countryside on the Wessex Downs.

Directions

Leave the M4 at junction 15 and proceed north on the A419. Take the first slip road following the signs for Aldbourne. After passing under the bridge turn left signposted Wanborough and proceed for nearly 4 miles. This will bring you to the duck pond where you will turn right into Oxon Place also signed The City. Continue to the property's garage (directly ahead after a very short distance) where you will park. A footpath leads to Spring Cottage.

Tenure

Freehold.

Services

Mains water, electricity and drainage. Oil Fired Heating Fibre optic broadband.

Local Authority

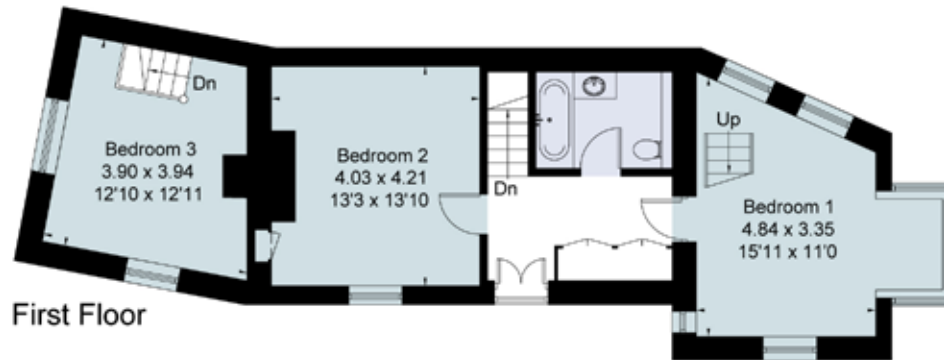
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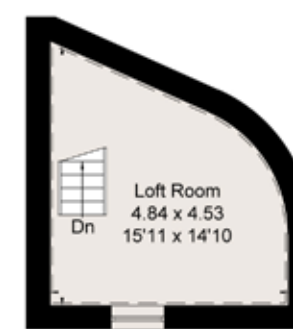
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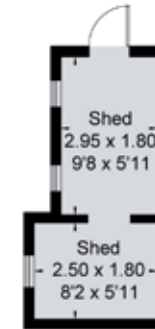
Approximate Area = 179.3 sq m / 1930 sq ft
Including Limited Use Area (17.1 sq m / 184 sq ft)
Garage = 15.9 sq m / 171 sq ft
Outbuilding = 22.6 sq m / 243 sq ft
Total = 217.8 sq m / 2344 sq ft
(Including Loft / Excluding Shed / Carport)
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First Floor



Second Floor

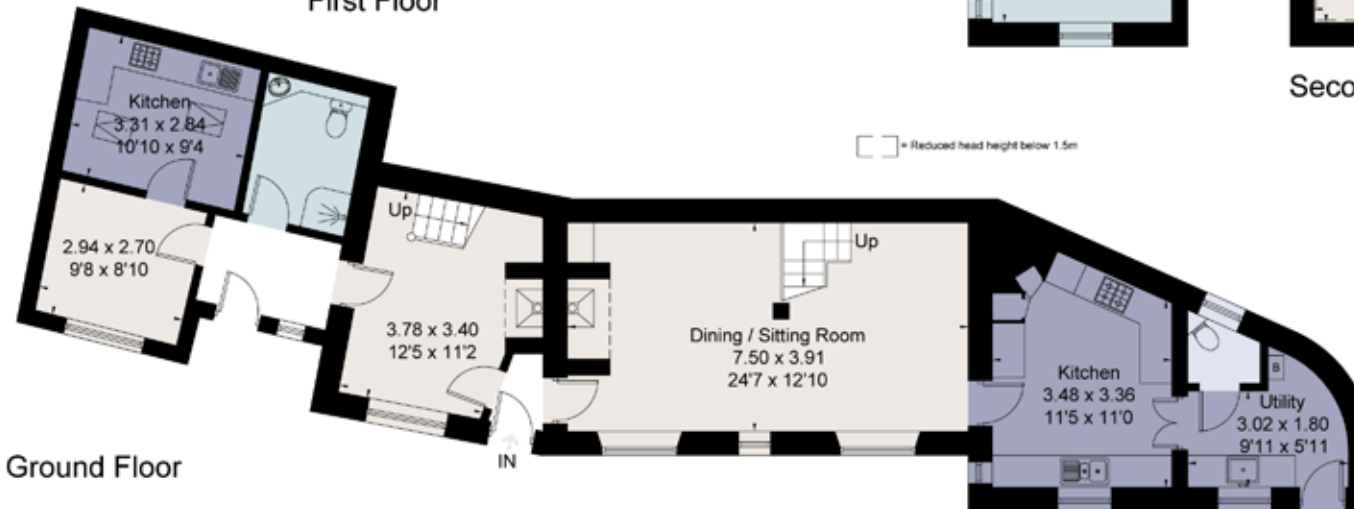


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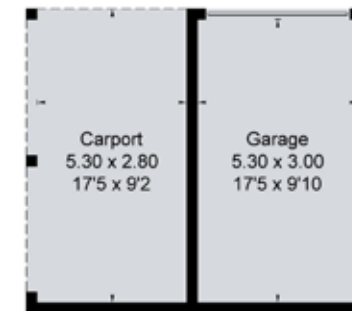


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Ground Floor



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