



# A charming detached cottage

**Finch Hill Cottage, Bishopstone, Wiltshire**

Guide £600,000 Freehold





Entrance Hall • 2 Reception Rooms • Kitchen/Breakfast Room • 2 Bedrooms • 2 Bathrooms (1 en suite) • South facing Garden • Private Parking

### Distances

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 (All mileages and times are approximate)

### 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.

### Description

Finch Hill Cottage is a charming Grade II listed thatched cottage which probably dates back to the early 19th century. It is L shaped and has a very pleasing appearance, there being one eyebrow dormer to each side of the angle. Equally there is an attractive link between the newer and older parts, the former having a clay tiled roof. The current owner has comprehensively upgraded the cottage which is now beautifully presented, exceptionally well appointed and yet full of character. The waterside garden complements the cottage and creates a tranquil setting.







The front door opens into a limestone entrance hall (extends throughout most of the ground floor) and which links the kitchen with the reception space. The kitchen is particularly well fitted and will include the Rangemaster and SMEG fridge/freezer. It is also a light and airy room having double doors which open out on to the garden terrace. From the hall glazed double doors lead into the cosy sitting room. Here there is a beamed ceiling, original flag stones and an inglenook fireplace with a former bread oven, A second door leads into the study which has access to the garden. Beyond is the second bedroom with en suite bathroom. A staircase rises from the sitting room to the first floor which has solid oak flooring. The bedroom incorporates a deep walk-in wardrobe and the separate bathroom includes a free standing roll top bath.

Adjacent to the house is the wide terrace which can be approached from the hall, kitchen and study area. Beyond is the easily managed garden which is mainly lawned and part hedged. At the bottom is a spring fed chalk stream. The outbuildings include a tool shed, log store, kennelling and a very good sized timber workshop.

There is private parking for one car which is located on the other side of The City.

**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 initially park. From here take the footpath that leads between the village hall and the primary school. Finch Hill Cottage is the third house on the right.

**Local Authority**

Swindon Borough Council.

**Services**

Mains water, electricity and drainage. Electric heating. Fibre optic broadband.

**Postcode**

SN6 8PR

**Tenure**

Freehold

**Council Tax**

Band = E

**Viewing**

Strictly by appointment with Savills.

**Details & Photographs**

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**Approximate Area** 103 sq m / 1109 sq ft

**Outbuildings** 11.6 sq m / 125 sq ft

**Total** 114.6 sq m / 1234 sq ft



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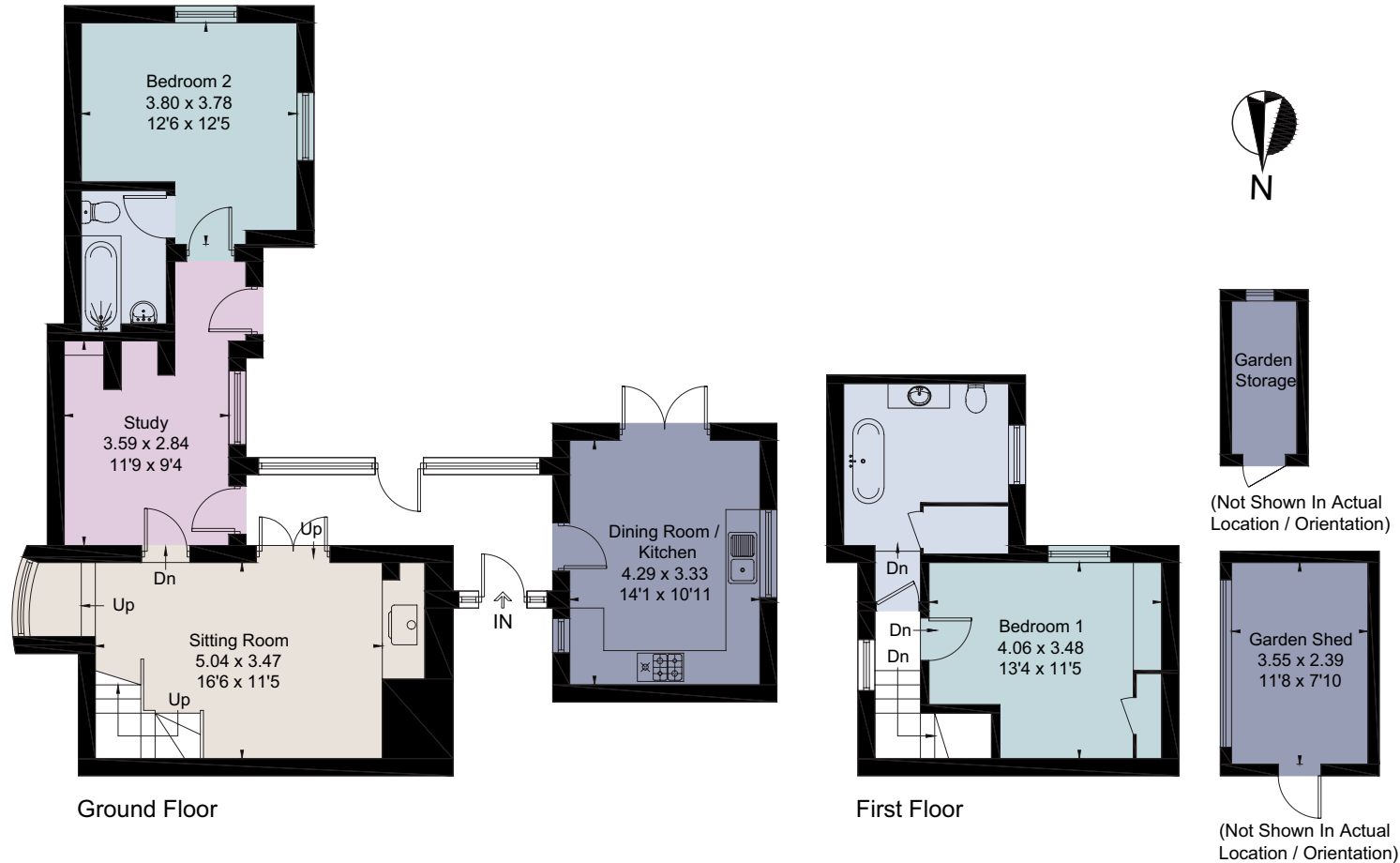
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