



Barrow Court, Barrow Gurney, North Somerset



An iconic Grade II* listed country house set in beautiful gardens and grounds.

Summary of accommodation

Ground floor Entrance Hall | Great Hall | Dining hall
Drawing room | Library | Kitchen

First floor Solar | Principal bedroom | Two dressing rooms
Two further bedrooms | Two bathrooms | Music room
Chapel | Kitchen

Mezzanine Bedroom | Living room | Kitchen | Bathroom

Second floor Long Gallery | Five bedrooms | Two bathrooms
Kitchen | Storage

First basement Wine Cellar | Walk-in safe | Workshop

Second basement Utility room

Outside Communal Gardens which include formal lawns
Arboretum Spinney | Hard tennis court

Parking Garage | Carport | Three additional car parking
spaces | Visitors car parking

In all approximately 4.25 acres

Bristol 6.5 miles | Wells 16 miles | Bath 16 miles

Bristol Temple Meads Station (London/Paddington) 6.5 miles

Chew Valley Lake 9.1 miles | M5 (J19) 7.8 miles

Bristol Airport 6 miles

(All distances and times are approximate)



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Situation

Barrow Court is situated in a rural location on the outskirts of Bristol, 6.5 miles from the city centre.

The house occupies a commanding position at the head of its long, impressive tree lined drive and is surrounded by beautiful open countryside, much of which is still owned by descendants of the Gibbs family.

Barrow Gurney is a charming village with an attractive village green and two pubs. There are also primary, secondary and private schools close by, as well as many farm shops and other amenities in the local villages.

There are excellent transports links with Bristol Temple Meads Station (6.5 miles: London Paddington in 90 minutes) Bristol International Airport (4 miles) and M5 (Junction 19) (7 miles all within close proximity).

History

Originally constructed in the 12th century as a Benedictine Nunnery, the building was believed to have been funded by the Fitzhardinges family, from Berkeley Castle. After the dissolution of the monasteries in 1536, Henry VIII gifted the property to John Drew of Bristol.

In the late 19th century, Barrow Court was sold to Anthony Gibbs, son of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield, who then sold it to his brother Henry Martin Gibbs, High Sherriff of Somerset. He largely rebuilt the Jacobean house and the church into the form you see today.

Gibbs went on to commission the prominent British artist and garden designer Francis Inigo Thomas to layout the much-admired Parterre and formal gardens which featured in the 1902 edition of Country Life.

During the Second World War the property was used as a military hospital and shortly after became a college of education from 1949 to 1976. During this time, it remained in the Gibbs family ownership until they sold the property in 1976. Following this sale, the Barrow Court estate was divided into seven separate dwellings.







The Property

Barrow Court is a handsome Grade II* listed country house where the principal part of the main house has remained one residence since the 1970s. In 1980, the owner carried out a meticulous restoration of the building with an ambition to revive the house to its former glory and reinstate all the notable features.

The house is filled with several exceptional period features and a striking architectural style. These include original decorative friezes, ornate stone and wooden fireplaces, fine ceilings, stone mullion windows, delicate plasterworks of Gothic and Renaissance motifs, a first floor chapel and an impressive Jacobean staircase.

There is a wonderful blend of magnificent entertaining rooms, together with more restrained spaces for family life. One of the key formal rooms is the Great Hall with its spectacular Corinthian pillar fireplace, with Henry Gibbs coat of arms above. Next to The Great Hall is a more intimate panelled drawing room on a raised dais with rich arabesque patterned ceiling and decorative frieze. The first floor panelled Solar is also remarkable in terms of detail and design.

The first floor comprises the principal bedroom, two further bedrooms, two dressing rooms, a music room, sitting room and two bathrooms. On the second floor the Long Gallery, with its beautiful wide oak floorboards, comprises of five bedrooms, two family bathrooms, a kitchen and a number of storerooms.

Within the main house there is a further self-contained apartment and two cellars; a wine cellar, workshop, walk-in safe and a utility room.

Gardens and Grounds

The impressive Grade II listed gardens were designed and laid out by Inigo Thomas in the 1890s and extend to c. 4.25 acres. They are co owned by the residents of the six houses within the main house and immaculately maintained and include a number of terraces, vistas, pavilions and a notable obelisk pillar.

The gardens are on descending levels leading from a broad terrace to a pond encircled by yew hedging and flanked by formal borders on either side. The sculptures are by Alfred Drury and an elegant balustrade borders a large level lawn with vistas to the valley beyond.

Beyond the formal gardens is a magnificent Arboretum, which is home to a wonderful collection of mature trees including Katsura, Cypresses, Judas and Ginkgo. Much of the surrounding farmland at Barrow Court is owned by members of the Gibbs family.

Property information

Local authority: North Somerset Council

Tenure: Leasehold - 954 years remaining

Services: Private drainage, oil central heating, mains electric, private water.

Council Tax: Band H

Service Charge: This includes water, gardening, maintenance, etc for the communal grounds and the formal garden, arboretum and spinney = £1,387.89 per month / £16,654.68 pa

Directions (Postcode BS48 3RP)

What3Words: ///dine.abode.lend

Viewings

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Approximate Gross Internal Floor Area

Main House: 1,093.6 sq m / 11,771 sq ft

Cellars: 102.0 sq m / 1,098 sq ft

Garage & Carport: 15.9 sq m / 171 sq ft

Total Area: 1,211.5 sq m / 13,040 sq ft

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