



Ashley Manor, Atherington, Devon





A fine early Victorian country house set in 3.37 acres of grounds amid beautiful, **unspoilt Devon countryside**.

Summary of accommodation

Open porch | Reception hall | Inner hall | Drawing room | Study | Dining room | Breakfast room | Main kitchen | Secondary kitchen | Pantry
Two cloakrooms | Boot room | Rear hall | Games room | Basement cinema room | Suite of four basement storerooms
Principal bedroom with en suite shower room | Guest bedroom with en suite bathroom | Five further en suite double bedrooms
Parking | Garage | Two stables | Hot tub | Garden | Paddock | Woodland

In all about 3.37 acres (1.36 hectares)

Distances

Atherington 0.5 mile, A377 1.8 miles, Umberleigh station 2.5 miles (Paddington via Exeter 3 hours 20 minutes), High Bickington 3 miles
Barnstaple 7.5 miles, South Molton 8.5 miles, Royal Coast/North Devon Golf Club 16 miles, Tiverton (Blundells) 29.5 miles
Exeter City Centre 34 miles, Junction 27 M5 34 miles, Tiverton Parkway station (Paddington 1 hour 52 minutes) 35 miles
Exeter Airport (London City Airport 1 hour) 45 miles
(All distances and times are approximate)



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Location

Ashley Manor is situated off a little-used country lane in a beautiful, elevated setting set amidst hilly, open countryside. The house is just over a mile from the small village of Atherington, which has a parish church and the neighbouring village of High Bickington has a primary school, two pubs, GP's surgery, post office/community shop and the nearby Libbaton Golf Club.

The property is roughly equidistant between the market town of South Molton and the larger river-port town of Barnstaple. Both have a variety of shops and businesses covering most day to day needs including an excellent butcher in South Molton. Nearby Umberleigh has a railway station on the Tarka Line between Barnstaple and Exeter, with onward, regular connections to Paddington from the latter.

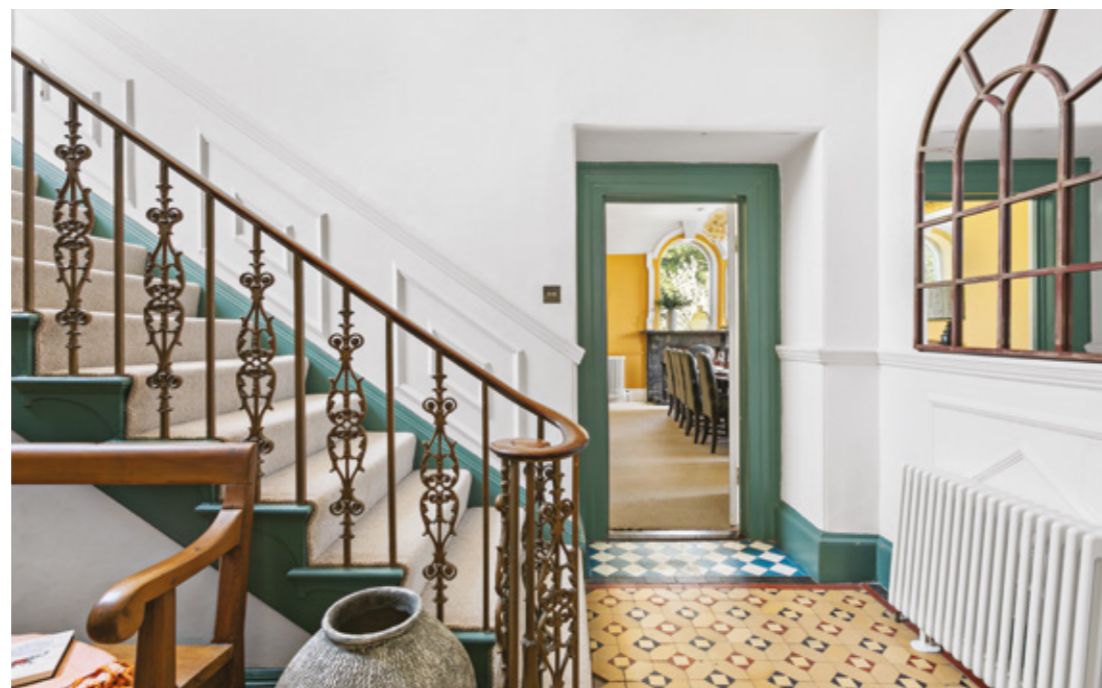
There are also several well respected schools nearby including West Buckland near South Molton and Shebbear and Kingsley, near Bideford.

Just outside Tiverton are Junction 27 on the M5 and Tiverton Parkway station, which has a direct service to Paddington taking about one hour and 52 minutes. For air travel, Exeter Airport is just 45 miles away offering connections to both national and international destinations including a regular, one-hour service to London City Airport.

The property

Positioned on a hillside, Ashley Manor has views out over the Taw river valley below and a lovely, rural setting amidst a swathe of unspoilt Devon countryside. The house has over 6,800 sq ft of living space and is positioned so that its principal reception rooms and bedrooms face either east or south to catch the best of the daylight from early morning until late afternoon.

It is Grade II listed and a lovely example of a country house built in the very early years of the Victorian era, with large, well proportioned rooms with tall ceilings and wide, tall sash windows that allow natural light to flood the interior. It has retained many of its original architectural fittings such as extensive joinery including wainscot panelling and the main staircase to the first floor has a wreathed handrail with decorative cast iron balusters.





The house has been sympathetically and recently renovated to a high standard including the creation of a charming, period-style main kitchen fitted with bespoke painted timber units, Belfast sink, two oven AGA inset in the original range fireplace and a good-sized, adjacent pantry.

The ground floor has five reception rooms, three of which radiate off the centrally positioned reception hall. Of these the drawing room is particularly noteworthy as it has a full height, wide bow window that provides far-reaching views across the garden and out over the surrounding, lush countryside. The house also boasts a newly created breakfast room adjacent to the main kitchen and a fantastic games room. Beneath the ground floor is a suite of five basement rooms, the largest of which now serves as a cinema room.

An elegant staircase leads to a large landing area from where the seven bedrooms are accessed, all of superb proportions and have their own en suite bath/shower rooms. The principal bedroom mirrors part of the drawing room below it and has a similar tall, wide bow window with a sweeping view across the Taw Valley.



**Approximate Gross Internal Floor Area
635.2 sq m, 6838 sq ft excludes outbuilding**

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Outbuildings, garden and grounds

Ashley Manor is approached via an approach road and then a gravelled driveway to a parking area beside the house which has ample space for several cars. The gravel extends around the house providing a broad, fringing promenade, part of which behind the house serves as a perfect outdoor dining area that catches the dying rays of the sun for evening dinner parties in the summer.

As the house has been used as a holiday home for some years the garden and grounds are designed to be easily maintained and the garden consists of a wide lawn flanked by mature trees and shrubs with privacy provided by mature hedging and a belt of mature broadleaf woodland that screens a further parking area and a range of outbuildings comprising a garage and stabling with potential. Also within the grounds is a secluded hot tub.

Beyond the woodland is a paddock enclosed by post and rail fencing. In all the garden and grounds extend to about 3.37 acres (1.36 hectares).

Services

Mains water and electricity and gas. Private drainage. Gas central heating and AGA. New treatment plant, new fire alarm system and a pressurised water system. The internet speed typically runs at around 35 mbps. The house is fully set up as a wifi network with repeaters to ensure full coverage.



Agents note

Currently the drive is shared with the two properties behind Ashley Manor.

Directions (Postcode EX37 9HW)

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From the A377 as it passes through the village of Umberleigh, turn off by The Rising Sun Hotel onto Rock Hill. At the top of the hill at the T-junction turn left onto the B3227. Continue for a mile to Atherington. In the village take the first turn on the right after the post office. After about 80 yards turn slightly left onto a narrow lane. Continue for half a mile to a sharp left-hand bend. Go straight ahead off the point of the bend and the entrance to the driveway to the property will be found on the right after about 75 yards.

Property information

Tenure: Freehold

Local Authority: North Devon Council (www.northdevon.gov.uk)

Council Tax: Band G

EPC Rating: Exempt

Offers in excess of: £1,350,000



Fixtures and fittings: A list of the fitted carpets, curtains, light fittings and other items fixed to the property which are included in the sale (or may be available by separate negotiation) will be provided by the Seller's Solicitors.

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