



Debnershe, Shalford, Surrey







One of the finest and most **historically important** private houses in Shalford.

Summary of accommodation

Six bedrooms | Four bathrooms (two en suites)

Four/five reception rooms | Stunning kitchen/breakfast room | Utility room | Cloakroom | Study | Cellar

Air-conditioning to all bedrooms and study | Underfloor heating to ground floor and bathrooms

Detached double garage with adjoining garden store | Wood store

Electric gated entrance | Stunning gardens, river and grounds | Formal walled garden

In all approximately 2.5 acres



Distances

Shalford Village 0.5 miles, Shalford Station 0.5 miles, Guildford High Street 1 miles,

Guildford Station 1.2 miles (from 37 minutes to London Waterloo), A3 (Guildford) 3.3 miles, M25 (Junction 10) 11.6 miles,

Heathrow Airport 22.7 miles, Gatwick Airport 26.1 miles, Central London 33.1 miles (All distances and times are approximate)



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The property

Debnershe is an attractive Grade II listed, Queen Anne style home believed to have been built in the early-mid 18th century. Its impressive red brick façade under a clay tiled roof is well known as one of the iconic village houses within Shalford which is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and lies approximately one mile outside main town Guildford.

The river Tillingbourne that flows through the gardens of Debnershe with the Chantries Woods behind setting a beautiful backdrop of this impressive home.

It's simple yet elegant elevations are punctuated with tall sash windows that afford its spacious, well-proportioned rooms with plenty of light. Internally it exudes the period features characteristic of its age; high ceilings, deep cornices, decorative architraves, floor to ceiling panelled rooms, oak and marble flooring.













Situation

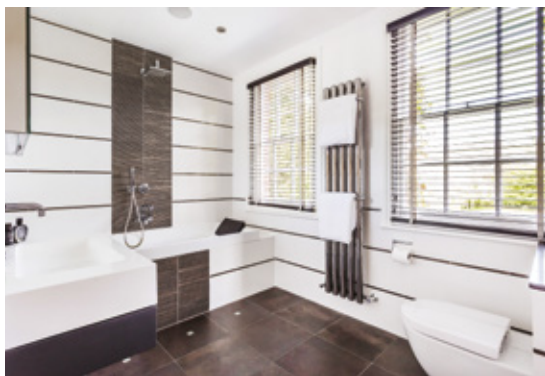
Schools

Tormead	Guildford County School
Guildford High School	Pewley Down Infant School
George Abbott School	Boxgrove Primary School
Lanesborough Preparatory School	Holy Trinity Junior School
Royal Grammar School	St Catherine's
St Peters Catholic School	Charterhouse
St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic School	Aldro

Amenities

G Live	Bramley Golf Club
Yvonne Arnoud Theatre	West Surrey Golf Club
Pit Farm Tennis Club	Guildford Golf Club
Merrow Tennis Club	Worplesdon Golf Course
Surrey Sports Park	
Spectrum Leisure Centre	







Approximate Gross Internal Floor Area

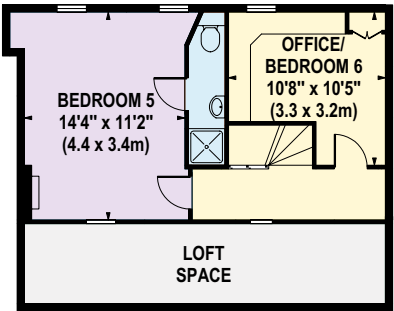
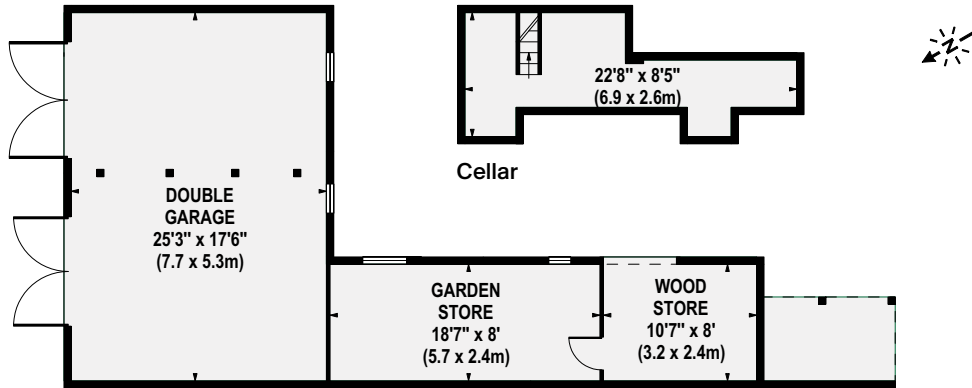
Main House: 4180 sq ft / 388 sq m (including cellar) (excluding loft space)

Outbuildings: 720 sq ft / 67 sq m

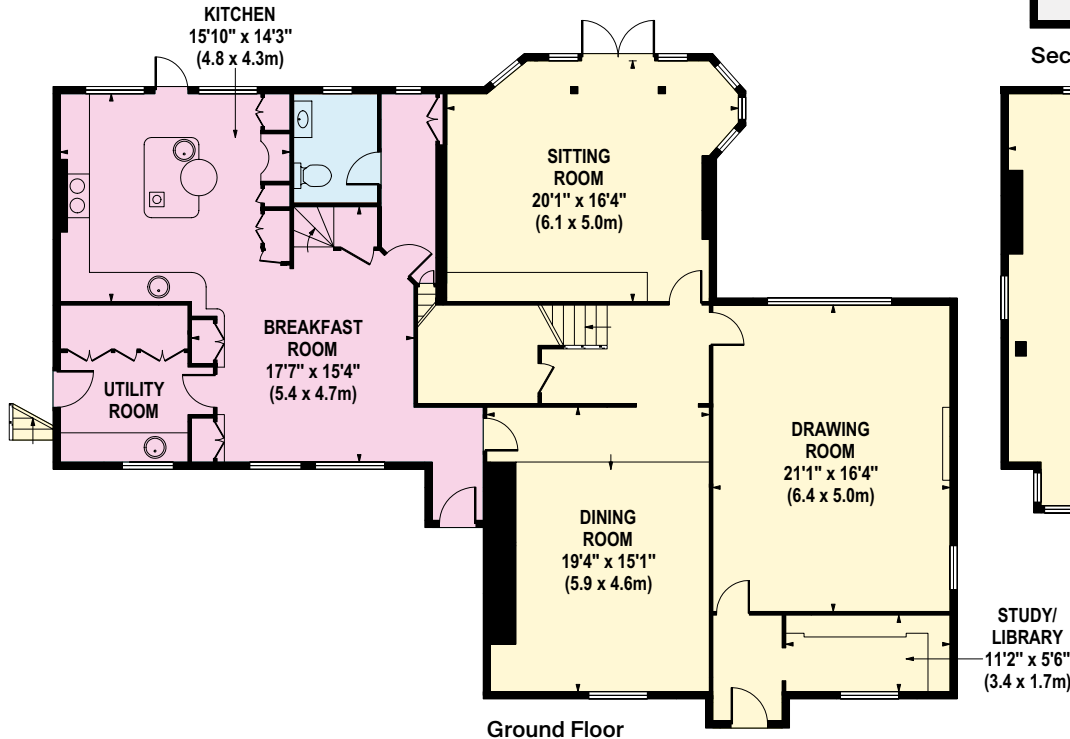
Total: 4900 sq ft / 455 sq m

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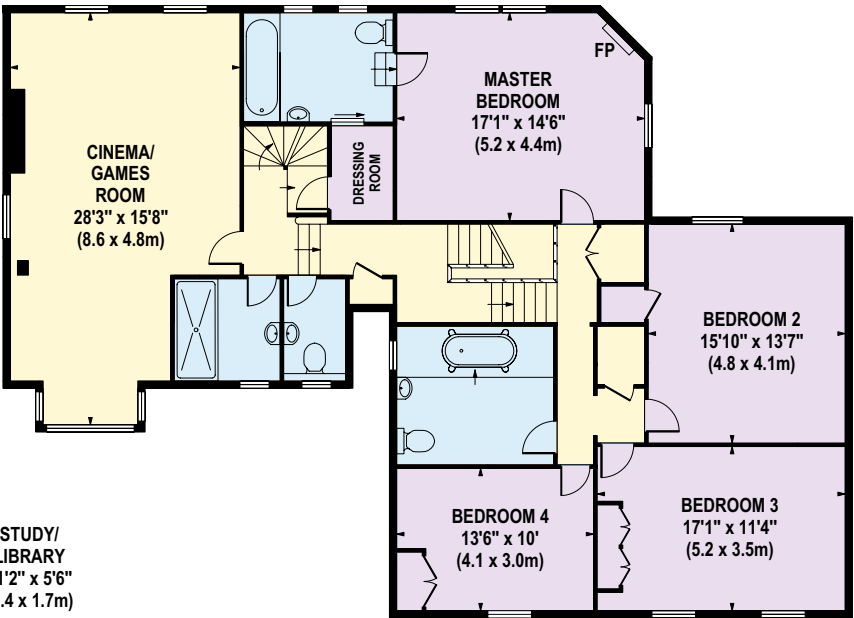
- Reception
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Kitchen/Utility
- Storage
- Outside



Second Floor

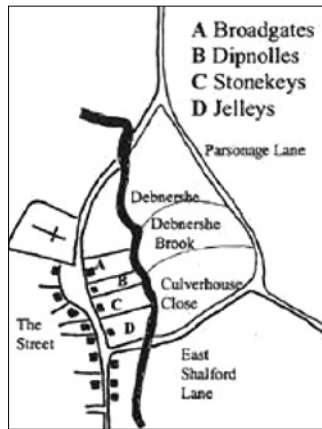


Ground Floor



First Floor

A little history of Debnershe ...



Sketch from an early 17 century map in Godwin-Austen collection. The Duncumbe's land was bounded by Parsonage Lane (now closed), East Shalford Lane and The Street

Debnershe's curious name originally belonged to a field on the other side of the Tillingbourne and was given to the house in the early nineteenth century.

There was a house here long before the present one was built. Its predecessor was called Broadgates which was bought from George Duncumbe in 1608 along with an adjoining property and three fields on the far side of the Tillingbourne. Mr Duncumbe was a lawyer who had made a fortune from property transactions and lending money for mortgages.

In 1646 the house was passed down to his second son George. Neighbours of the Duncumbe's in Shalford were the Austen's, whose new Parsonage House was built behind the church in 1608. The Duncumbe's were of equal social status and would hardly have wanted an inferior house. Whilst no pictures of Broadgates survive but it seems that the Duncumbe's redeveloped it during the seventeen century into a property to match their social position. Before his death in 1674 George Duncumbe was finally able to acquire a neighbour's house and land at the corner of East Shalford Lane which lay next to the gardens of Broadgates. Broadgates and the Duncumbe's may have all but disappeared, but the wall of this garden bisected by the Tillingbourne still exists on East Shalford Lane.

After George Duncumbe's widow Charity died in 1677 their grandsons Stint and then his brother George lived at the house. George was almost certainly responsible for replacing Broadgates with the house we see now. George with his wife Martha, are commemorated in the north aisle of the St Mary the Virgin Church with lies opposite Debnershe.

It then passed via the entail to John Duncumbe. With the remaining Duncumbe lands in Shalford, all 95 acres it was eventually sold to Robert Austen of Shalford Park in 1754. This little pocket of ancient Shalford has largely escaped twentieth century development and together with Debnershe it is a reminder of the Duncumbe family's contribution to the village scene.

Shalford's links with the sea

From 1786 to 1796 Captain William Hollamby of the Royal Navy was the tenant of the 'great house and land' now Debnershe in Shalford Street. He arrived a Shalford hero after sailing with Captain Cook on his epic third voyage around the Pacific, and there afterwards surviving battles and shipwreck in Indian Ocean. William and Hannah Hollamby celebrated his return with a new daughter, Elizabeth born in Shalford in 1786. Hollamby's arrival in Shalford followed the publication in 1784 of an illustrated account of Captain Cook's third expedition. This was eagerly read by all literate classes from royalty down to gentry. A 'South Seas fever' swept the country and Hollamby's new neighbours no doubt eagerly sought the company of someone who has been part of the epic voyage.

The rent of 'the great house' in Shalford, £35 per year was expensive for a commander who like other officers had no private wealth of his own. The outbreak of the French Revolutionary wars in 1793 meant a return to the navy where he died in the West Indies, probably of the yellow fever raging there, on 16 March 1795. Hannah Hollamby returned to London in 1796.

Sources: *Scenes of Shalford Past* by Margaret Dierden



Debnershe is the house on the far left of this view of the street in 1837



Debnershe is where William Hollamby lived in The Street, Shalford



East Shalford Lane, the wall of George Duncumbe's garden



Gardens and grounds

The house is approached from Shalford Street through electric gates into a lit gravel driveway that leads round to the large circular driveway, double garage and outbuildings. The spectacular gardens are an impressive feature of the property to provide peaceful parkland grounds, as well as an expansive flat lawn, and many different courtyards, pergola, a bridge and summer house from which to fully enjoy this fine home.

Services

We are advised by our clients that the property has mains water, electricity and drainage. Gas fired central heating. Part air conditioning and part underfloor heating.

Local authority

Guildford Borough Council: 01483 505050

Viewings

Strictly by appointment with agent.









Directions (GU4 8BT)

From the bottom of Guildford High Street heading south on Millbrook with Debenhams on your right, continue for exactly 1 mile where you will see the electric gates of Debnershe. If you are by foot the pedestrian entrance is 50 yards further ahead in front of the house.



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