

A four bedroom thatched period cottage with grounds of over half an acre situated in a rural location within the parish of Laxfield.

Guide Price £575,000 Freehold Ref: P7449/C

White Horse Cottage Cake Street Laxfield Suffolk **IP13 8EH** 



Reception hall/snug, shower room, kitchen/breakfast room, larder, utility room, rear hall/boot room, dining room and sitting room. Four first floor bedrooms and bathroom.

Attic space.

Off road parking.

Double garage with studio above. Mature grounds of approximately 0.6 acres.

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# Location

The property enjoys a pleasant rural setting approximately 1.25 miles to the west of the village of Laxfield. The village itself has a good range of local facilities including two public houses, a well regarded primary school and pre-school, a Co-op village shop, museum and garage. There is also a cricket team, bowls and football clubs and a well supported village hall hosting numerous functions and clubs.

The historic market town of Framlingham, 4.5 miles, and best known for its historic castle, offers an excellent range of shopping and recreational facilities as well as further good schools in both the state and private sectors. The Heritage Coast, with the popular centres of Southwold, Dunwich and Walberswick, lies about 12 miles to the east. The county towns of Ipswich and Norwich are both within about 25 miles. Diss, 14 miles, benefits from a mainline station with direct rail services to London's Liverpool Street station as well as further excellent shopping and recreational facilities.

# Description

White Horse Cottage is understood to date from the 16th Century. It is Grade II Listed and of timber framed construction with rendered elevations under a predominantly thatched roof. This is of Norfolk Reed with a straw ridge. It is understood to have been re-thatched in circa 2009. As the name would suggest, the house was previously a pub and the listing specifically refers to the 18th Century or 19th Century corner bar that still stands in the sitting room along with a tie beam on the first floor which has been painted with the words Cheese Room. There are a number of other attractive period features such as exposed timbers and fluted beams as well as inglenook fireplaces.

Whilst the house is generally approached from the rear hallway, a front door provides access to a reception hall or snug. This has a window to the front and brick fireplace. Doors lead off to the kitchen/breakfast room and dining room. A further door opens to a shower room with WC, hand wash basin and shower. The kitchen has exposed timbers and is fitted with a stylish range of bespoke high and low level wall units with timber and granite work surfaces. There is a two oven, cream Aga and a double butler sink. In addition is space and plumbing for an American style fridge freezer and a dishwasher. There is also an integrated electric oven. Within the kitchen is an inglenook fireplace with a bressummer beam above. A corridor leads to the dining room, the rear hallway/boot room and there is a blocked secondary staircase which led to the first floor landing. Also off the kitchen/breakfast room is larder/utility room with fitted shelving, space and plumbing for a washing machine and a modern hot water cylinder.

To the rear of the house is a useful boot room/hall which is triple aspect and has a vaulted ceiling. This has fitted storage cupboards and an oak stable style door to the exterior. The dining room displays a number of period features that include a fireplace with fluted bressummer beam above, which is home to a wood burning stove. In addition is a mullion window to the rear and a further window to the front of the cottage. Stairs lead to the first floor landing and a door leads into the sitting room. This is triple aspect and has French doors leading to the rear garden. Here there is also the bar that is referred to within the listing. In addition is a brick fireplace.

On the first floor landing there are windows to the rear of the property, a built–in cupboard (the blocked secondary staircase) and stairs that lead to the attic space that is predominantly boarded. In addition are doors leading to the four bedrooms. All can be used as doubles. There is a bathroom with WC, hand wash basin, bath and built-in cupboard. The bathroom and each bedroom has windows overlooking the gardens.

# Outside

There is pedestrian access to the front garden, but the property is generally approached from two driveways from the rear, being Cake Street. There is a gravel driveway providing off-road parking that leads to the garage. On the ground floor is a pair of double doors, which open to the garage space which measures approximately  $19'10 \times 17'10$ . Power is connected. To the side of the garage is an external staircase to the first floor studio room, which measures  $19'9 \times 14'2$ . This has scope to be used as an office, playroom or potential annexe (subject to the necessary consents). There is also a small room partitioned off.

The main gardens surround the house and are predominantly laid to lawn. Here there is a secondary driveway off Cake Street. The grounds include a pond and trees, including an Plum, Apple, Damson and also a Walnut. Abutting the cottage is a patio area and there is also a boiler room which houses the oil fired boiler that serves the central heating and hot water system. In all, the grounds extend to approximately 0.6 acres.







































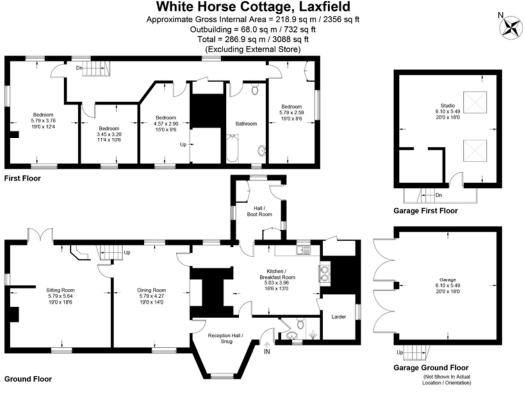












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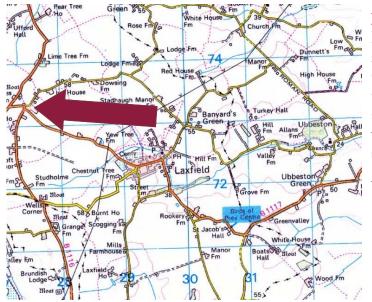
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- 6. Part of one of the rear driveways is not currently registered to the property and the sellers are in the process of providing a Statement of Truth or alike to confirm that they have always used it and believe it to be theirs. The neighbouring cottage, The Forge, has a right of way over the drive to access their rear garden.





# **Directions**

Heading north from Dennington on the B1116, ignore the first right hand turning to Laxfield. Continue passed the second turning to Laxfield but thereafter turn immediately right onto Cake Street and the vehicular entrance to White Horse Cottage will be found after about 100 yards on the right hand side.

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