

2 Rettery Cottages, Eye

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No2 Rettery Cottages forms part of an historic collection of buildings with an additional area of garden to the rear. Well planned and versatile living space includes many character features, sitting room, separate dining room, three first floor rooms, first floor shower room and a good outlook to the front.

- 3 Bedrooms
- First floor bathroom

- Dining room
- Character features

- Additional garden space
- Rural outlook

#### Location

The historic town of Eye is blessed with an array of shops and businesses enabling residents to be essentially self sufficient. With schools, both Nursery, Primary and High, a Health Centre and varied social and recreational opportunities, all age groups are catered for. The town includes an impressive mix of architecture and interesting buildings especially when one considers the impressive properties towards the fine, historic Church. With a tower of 101feet, the renowned Nicklaus Pevsner in The Buildings of England (Suffolk) describes it as "one of the wonders of Suffolk". The house is a short distance from the town and commercial centre and can be approached by a lovely walk cutting through the Churchyard into Church Street which winds around the remains of the motte & bailey castle, passing the 16th century Guildhall along the way. It should be noted however, the kerbed footpath ends at Abbey Bridge. The excellent shops include for example the friendly 'institution' The Handyman Stores, butchers, bakers, a fine deli, two supermarkets and chemist, complementing those found at neighbouring Diss (approximately 5 miles). Diss offers among other things an 18 Hole Golf Course and importantly a well used commuter rail service which runs between the Cathedral City of Norwich to the north and London's Liverpool Street Station.

# **Description**

Rettery Cottages were built in 1862 by local landowner and benefactor Sir Edward Kerrison as a result of his Flax Works, situated on land between the current Fire Station and the river, being destroyed by fire. As a large producer of flax on surrounding land Sir Edward urgently required replacement buildings to continue the process of retting the flax and to produce the various by products. The new buildings only lasted to 1874 when the market for flax products declined. The consequent conversion of the buildings created character cottages of which No 2 forms a central part. Furthermore, in addition to the 'front' garden, No 2 as with the neighbours, has a sizeable additional piece of land along the footpath at the rear. This delightful and imaginatively converted cottage provides good living space, character structural details and great style. On an everyday basis the property is approached from the far side, along a gravel driveway and grassy path, allowing the garden to the front to be regarded as the 'back' garden benefitting from a sunny southerly aspect and a view across meadows beyond the road. Internally, the cottage is fortunate to have both a long main reception room plus separate dining room in addition to a first floor shower room, formerly a bathroom. The first floor is especially interesting due to the vaulted structure of the roof along with the split landing and stairs. The current owner, having purchased the property via Harrison Edge in 2014 has rebuilt the Conservatory/Rear Porch in addition to a number of other enhancements.

## Sitting Room 6.78m x 3.05m (22'3 x 10')

Running the depth of the cottage, this main reception room has twin exposed red brick chimney breasts including one working fireplace complete with flat topped wood burning stove set on a slate hearth. A fabulous solid woodblock floor extends throughout and natural light is provided through a PVCu double glazed window to the front elevation and a further window to the rear conservatory. A pine topped window seat sits beneath the front window. Furthermore, open stud work has been created between the sitting room and kitchen and a fine reclamation pitch pine door complete with ornate brass and porcelain handle, to the inner hall and stairwell. A stable type door opens to the garden and terrace, being a most appealing, sheltered al fresco dining space. Electric panel heater. Three wall light points plus pendant fitting.

# Dining Room 3.99m x 2.06m (13'1 x 6'9)

Double, partly glazed reclamation doors lead from the kitchen to a good sized second reception room featuring the aforementioned woodblock floor, tongue & groove panelling to dado height along with a cottage casement window to the rear. An interesting feature is the detail of brickwork at ceiling height.

# Kitchen 3.18m x 2.57m (10'5 x 8'5)

Fitted with units around two walls incorporating worktops across base cupboard and drawer storage options including pan drawers, stainless steel sink unit with mixer tap, plumbing for washing machine and space for a second appliance such as a dishwasher. Electric cooker point, Double wall cupboard. Deep

understairs storage cupboard. Continuation of woodblock flooring. A PVCu double glazed window provides an outlook to the garden at the front (or rear depending on how one considers it). Mosaic tiled splashbacks.

# Conservatory/Rear Porch 6.25m x 1.27m widens to 1.91m (20'6 x 4'2 widens to 6'3)

Of reclaimed red brick construction with PVCu upper framework and polycarbonate roof and outer door serving as a versatile space and acts as the 'everyday' entrance.

#### **Inner Hall & Stairwell**

Separated from the main living space, stairs rise to an initial half landing thereafter continuing in two directions. The tall vaulted roof illustrates a number of structural timbers and a ground floor window provides natural light along with a velux.

# **First Floor Landings**

Latch doors lead off to...

# Bedroom 1 3.73m x 0.25m (12'3 x 10)

Featuring a dormer PVCu window to the front elevation with a view across the garden to the meadows beyond the road. Exposed structural timbers, built in cupboards including airing cupboard with hot water storage tank with immersion heater. Chimney breast. Access to loft space. Telephone point.

# Bedroom 2/Dressing Room 3.10m x 2.59m Max $(10^{\circ}2 \times 8^{\circ}6 \text{ Max})$

With PVCu dormer window to the front elevation with corresponding view. Telephone point. Exposed structural timbers and door connecting with...

#### Bedroom 3 4.04m x 2.06m (13'3 x 6'9)

Complete with built in wardrobe and velux window at the rear.

## **Shower Room (formerly Bathroom)**

A good shape and size (the current owner able to accommodate a chair and cupboard furniture). Formerly with a bath, the current owner switched to a shower enclosure fitted with Bristan shower unit. Low level wc and pedestal wash basin to match. Dimplex fan heater, velux window and exposed timbers.

#### Outside

One of the many beauties of this property is that not only is there an extremely likeable garden with the living space but also an additional piece of land to the rear where one can tuck oneself away. The 'cottage' garden enjoys a south easterly aspect and a view across meadows lying beyond the Hoxne Road. A brick terrace is laid to the front enabling al fresco dining and sheltered sun spot. The garden extends away to the front boundary and a garden shed. The pathway at the rear, serving No.2 and neighbouring properties, leads up to an additional area of land used as garden and which is a delightful oasis of calm. Comes complete with Summer House, Greenhouse and further shed.

#### Services

The vendor has confirmed that the property benefits from mains water, electricity and private drainage.

# **Wayleaves & Easements**

The property is sold subject to and with all the benefit of all wayleaves, covenants, easements and rights of way whether or not disclosed in these particulars.

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#### **Postal Address**

2 Rettery Cottages, Hoxne Road, Eye, IP23 7NJ

#### **Local Authority**

Mid Suffolk District Council, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich IP1 2BX. Telephone:+44 (0) 300 123 4000

#### **Council Tax**

The property has been placed in Tax Band C.

#### **Tenure & Possession**

The property is for sale freehold with vacant possession upon completion.

## **Fixtures & Fittings**

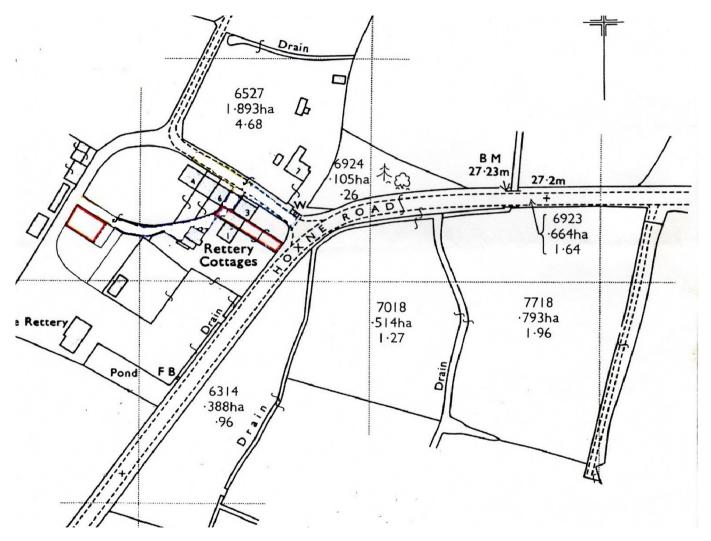
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# Viewing

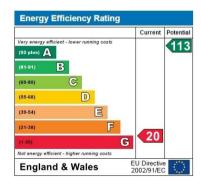
By prior telephone appointment with the vendors' agent Harrison Edge T: +44 (0)1379 871 563

#### **Directions**

From Eye town centre pass the Church on the left and cross Abbey Bridge heading towards Stradbroke on the B1117. After the bridge 2 Rettery Cottages will be found on the left. Turn off the road onto the track and park on the left hand side.



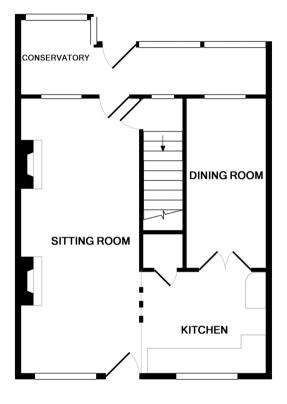


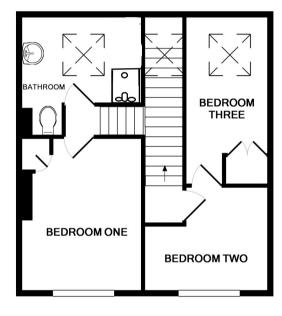












GROUND FLOOR APPROX. FLOOR AREA 537 SQ.FT. (49.9 SQ.M.) 1ST FLOOR APPROX. FLOOR AREA 435 SQ.FT. (40.4 SQ.M.)

TOTAL APPROX. FLOOR AREA 972 SQ.FT. (90.3 SQ.M.)

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# **Energy performance certificate (EPC)**

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Howne Road
EYE
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Energy rating

Certificate
number:

Mid-terrace house

Total floor area

#### Rules on letting this property



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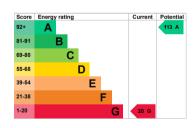
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Properties can be let if they have an energy rating from A to E. You could make changes to improve this property's energy rating.

#### **Energy rating and score**

This property's energy rating is G. It has the potential to be A.

See how to improve this property's energy efficiency.



The graph shows this property's current and potential energy rating.

Properties get a rating from A (best) to G (worst) and a score. The better the rating and score, the lower your energy bills are likely to be.

For properties in England and Wales:

the average energy rating is D the average energy score is 60



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