

Church Lane, Thwaite, Eye





This picture postcard Grade II Listed cottage sits within immaculate gardens extending to approximately 0.36 Acres (0.147 Hectares) at the end of a No Through Lane. Outstanding three bedroom interior beautifully finished and maintained in addition to garden 'Pavilion' guest accommodation.

- Grade II Listed
- 3 Bedrooms & Dressing Room

### Location

Rose Cottage sits at the end of Church Lane which is a No Through Road containing a sparse mix of period and more recent homes surrounded by farmland just west of the Norwich Ipswich road, the A140. The main road features the historic thatch and timbered village pub now known as The Walnut Tree and which has a good reputation for its vegertarian menu. By turning off the main road into the core of the village one will find the delightful country church and former school building now the Village Hall. Church Lane leads off to the left whilst heading straight on will lead into a lovely network of Suffolk lanes. The area is well worth exploring and has little in the way of traffic. Locals will either tend to use Eye for shopping and everyday needs or as an alternative, Mendlesham both of which are within easy reach by car. Both locations have Health Centres and schooling. The house itself sits on a North South axis getting sun all around the thatch throughout the day. Compare this with thatch buildings which face North South: the thatch will tend to suffer on north facing elevations. This lovely position has light and air with plenty of sky.

# Description

Rose Cottage is a Grade II Listed former farmhouse believed to date from the first half of the 16th Century along with similar but 18th Century addition to the left hand side. A later still pantiled and brick addition can be

- Bath & Shower Rooms
- Separate Guest Accommodation

seen to the right. Set back from the lane and approached via a beautifully kept driveway, this quintessential English country cottage sits in similarly beautifully kept gardens extending to approximately 0.36 Acres (0.147Hectares).

In addition to the main accommodation the grounds contain a fabulous self-contained 'Pavillion' kitted out with shower room, kitchenette, bedroom and living space. Suitable for guest accommodation or even AirBnB the space proved invaluable when in April 2021 the building suffered fire damage and the owners were forced to decamp to the garden living quarters. After extensive renovation Rose Cottage is now as close to a 'Brand New' home as one is going to get with a Grade II Listed property. The cottage has been rebuilt from roof plate level and upstairs one can enjoy the oak timbered roof and the saved Crown post. The Listing Record suggests this property was much admired and still retains many period and original features including inglenook fireplaces, interesting boarded doors, exposed timbers etc. Both the interior and exterior have been sensitively attended to including new traditional styled double or secondary glazed windows, replastered in lime on traditional lathes, internal wiring (to include USB & C sockets and dimmable LED downlighters throughout), plumbing, heating, kitchen and bathroom fittings etc along with all the appropriate finishing touches such as luxury vinyl tiled and carpeted floors. The rethatched

- Good 'outdoor' storage
- Approximately 0.36 Acres (0.147 Hectares)

roof now features modern day protection to include two layers of FirePro Plus PU28 membranes offering 3 hours protection along with a further waterproof membrane. These measures negate the need for sensors. The stylish kitchen is set off by quartz worktop and bathroom and shower fittings are all in a fresh white and chrome style. Collectively, the internal space extends to a tad under 2300 Sq Ft. Outside, the immaculate gardens are a gardeners dream with various areas of lawn all set off by wonderful borders and linked by equally immaculate pathways. The garage has been sacrificed to the gardener and is a base camp to the Kitchen Garden formed from well used raised beds. Do come and view.

**Dining Hall**: *14'7" x 8'3" Min (4.45m x 2.51m Min)* A fascinating room with inglenook fireplace complete with period fire grate and adjacent 'copper' with original copper in situ and lighting. The former domed brick oven is also intact and sits adjacent. A ledged boarded door leads outside and a three section cottage style casement window provides an outlook to the front along with a smaller window to the rear by stairs which rise to one of the bedroom options. Cast style radiator with thermostatic radiator valve. A brick floor extends throughout complemented by exposed timbers and a ceiling height of approximately 6'10. One walks through to the Sitting Room alongside the chimneybreast

## **Sitting Room**: *16'9'' x 16'7'' (5.1m x 5.05m)*

A lovely timbered room showing wall and ceiling timbers and a headroom of approximately 6'4. A particularly wide inglenook fireplace (8'7 or 2.62m wide) with brick hearth accommodates a flat topped woodburning stove newly installed and shown off by display lighting. Classic cottage style windows provide views to gardens at both front and rear. Two cast style radiators each with thermostatic radiator valves plus vertical radiator. Television and telephone points etc. Exposed studwork suggests a cross passage entry the front elevation retaining an oak ledged outer door Newell stairs rise to the first floor.

## **Kitchen**: *16'8" x 11'1" (5.08m x 3.38m)*

Stylish, fresh and well appointed with units providing cupboard and drawer storage options including pan drawers, waste/recycling, swing-out shelving and pull-out racking. A matching island unit incorporates a breakfast bar along with additional storage. These are all topped off with quartz worktop which has a discreet 'undercounter' ceramic sink and finished with oak upstands. Appliances include an Aga electric range type cooker set within a further inglenook fireplace complete with Elica extractor hood set within. Space for American fridge freezer. Windows to both front and rear elevations. Plinth lighting. Sockets including USB & C.. Double radiator with thermostatic radiator valve. An early ledged door leads through to...

Utility Room:  $8'9''(2.67) \times 5'(1.52)$  Min 7'7''(2.3) Max Fitted out to match the kitchen complete with further quartz worktop above twin appliance space and integrated Belfast sink along with a water softener. Window to the front elevation. A door leads through to... Shower Room: Well appointed with suite comprising low level wc, vanity wash basin both set within bespoke cabinet work incorporating storage. Stylish shower enclosure created with "Showerwall" (https://showerwall.co.uk). Gadgetry includes USB chargeable shaving mirror. Stainless steel vertical railed radiator. An oak ledged door leads outside making this ideal for the Gardener in the family.

**First Floor Landing**: Stairs having risen from the main reception room lead to timbered landing and stairwell with small window providing natural light from the front elevation. Doors at either side lead off...

**Bedroom 1**: *16'2" x 16'1" (4.93m x 4.9m)* 

A stunning cathedral like room of full height (12'6) and showing a full complement of oak rafters in addition to the original Crown post and braces. Windows at both front and rear elevations provide a view of the gardens. An original mullion window is glazed and provides additional natural light and acknowledges the buildings heritage. Cast style radiators with thermostatic radiator valves. This and each of the bedroom spaces include wireless light switches - genius!

**Dressing Room**: *10'6'' x 9'6'' (3.2m x 2.9m)* 

With stairs to the 2nd floor bedroom at one side complete with integrated storage below. Window to the rear elevation. Double radiator with thermostatic radiator valve. A door leads to...

**Bathroom**: Stylish, fresh and new along with the rest of the property and fitted with Showerwall and a suite comprising panelled bath with shower over, vanity wash basin with drawers under and LED lit mirror above. Low level wc. Stainless steel vertical railed radiator. **2nd Floor Bedroom 3**: 10'7" (3.23) x 6'6" (1.98) purlin to purlin width

Set within the roof line of the property and with gable window providing natural light. Combined with the Dressing Room below and bathroom this space makes a cosy Master Bedroom Suite of great character. Two double radiators each with thermostatic radiator valves. Exposed timbers. 3-pin lamp circuit sockets complete with wireless switch.

**1st Floor Bedroom 2**: *11'6'' (3.5) x 8' (2.44) purlin to purlin and chimney* 

Approached via the Dining Hall stairs and again a character space set within the roofline of this part of the property believed to be an early 18th Century addition. Alongside the chimney and set back is built-in storage. Vertical railed radiator with thermostatic valve. Exposed timbers. 3-pin lamp circuit sockets with wireless switch. A gable window provides an outlook north across the Kitchen Garden area.

**The Pavilion**: 18'8" x 12'11" twice (5.7m x 3.94m twice) A well considered and executed garden building providing self-contained living space ideal for guests. Formed from two conjoined timber cabins, this impressive garden building includes a main living space with kitchenette along with bedroom and en suite shower room. Double glazed and electric heated along with a sizeable STORE ROOM and covered area across the rear. **Gardens & Grounds**: Rose Cottage sits within a plot of approximately 0.36 Acres (0.147 Hectares) (Source: Goview/Promap). Set within hedged and 'fedged' boundaries this historic home has farmland behind and to the side. A good length of drive, complete with driveway lighting scheme, leads off the lane through a five bar

gated access culminating in a parking area tucked to one side. This left hand side focuses on Kitchen Garden production with a series of raised beds currently well stocked and moving towards harvest. A Garden Tool Shed sits to one side in addition to a former timber GARAGE (19' x 11'9) (5.79m x 3.59m) now given over to storage and workshop use but with double outer doors and side door. A WOOD STORE extends alongside with a large quantity of prepared timber in situ and with light and power to hand. The keen gardeners who view this property will be impressed to see a shelving system for storage of pots along with a Belfast sink serving as a Pot Washing Station. A further garden building serves as a POTTING SHED. A series of Cold Frames and Cloche will remain along with Water Butts plus a good GREENHOUSE. Three further sheds include the original privy plus a secondary woodshed. Sheds and buildings all have power and light. A screened 2500Lt bunded oil storage tank sits discreetly to one side. Well screened by hedging, towards the far right hand corner is an equally well laid out COMPOST/UTILITY AREA with a series of compost bins.

Also, to the left of the drive is a finger of water part of which is believed to go with Rose Cottage and along which a planted area and pathway has become established. The remainder of the garden sits to the front, rear and right hand side of the property each immaculately maintained and linked by similarly maintained pathways including a jasmine/wisteria clad archway. Lawns, hedges, deep well stocked borders, specimen shrubs and trees including an orchard combine to create a picture postcard cottage garden.

Finally, at the rear of the cottage behind the left hand side sits a Garden Office  $(10'1 \times 6'2) (3.07m \times 1.88m)$  with

power and light connected. Close by, sit carefully created relaxation areas ideal for sitting out along with a pergola at the right hand side for al fresco entertaining and dining. In all, the owners have totted up seven created seating areas each taking advantage of a particular aspect of the garden views.

**Services**: The vendor has confirmed that the property benefits from mains water and electricity. Private septic tank drainage with soakaway.

Agents Note 1: Aerial photographs courtesy of Kelly Thatching www.kellythatching.co.uk Agents Note 2: Certain furniture may be available to purchase subject to separate negotiation.

**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**: Rose Cottage, Church Lane, Thwaite, IP23 7EJ

**Local Authority**: Mid Suffolk District Council, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich IP1 2BX. Telephone: 0300 123 4000

**Council Tax**: The property has been placed in Tax Band D.

**Tenure & Possession**: The property is for sale freehold with vacant possession upon completion.

**Fixtures & Fittings**: All items normally designated as fixtures & fittings are specifically excluded from the sale unless mentioned in these particulars.

**Viewing**: By prior telephone appointment with the vendors agent Harrison Edge T: +44 (0)1379 871 563

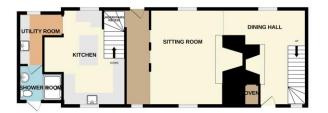


2ND FLOOR 182 sq.ft. (16.9 sq.m.) approx.



BATHROM STARS SON BEDROOM DRESSING ROOM

> GROUND FLOOR 1454 sq.ft. (135.0 sq.m.) approx.

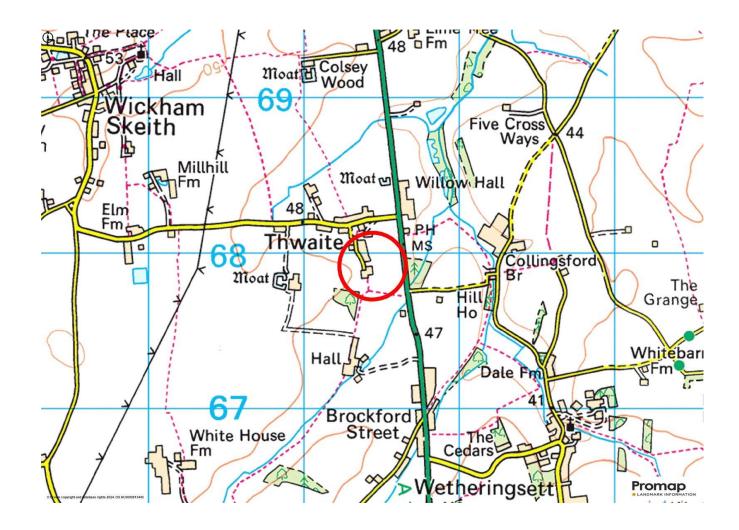


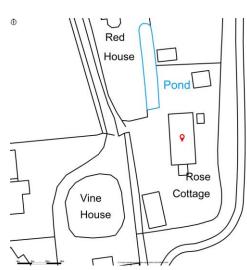


TOTAL FLOOR AREA : 2294 sq.ft. (213.1 sq.m.) approx. Whilst every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of the floorplan contained here, measurements of doors, windows, comes and any other letems are approximate and no responsibility is taken for any error, omission or mis-statement. This plan is for illustrative purposes only and should be used as such by any prospective purchase. The services, systems and appliances shown have not been tested and no guarantee as to their operability or efficiency can be given.









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