

Elgin 9 miles Forres 1½ miles

# SHERSTON HOUSE

HILLHEAD, FORRES

An exceptional, four bedroom, stone built family home set within a large mature garden adjacent to the A96, just east of Forres.

Offers in excess of £360,000

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Travelling east from Forres along the A96, the property is approximately 0.4 miles after the roundabout to the Forres Enterprise Park, on the right.

Travelling west from Elgin, continue on the A96 past the village of Alves for approximately 4 miles and the property is on your left.

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#### **AMENITIES**

Set in the Moray countryside, renowned for its dry warm climate, Sherston House enjoys stunning views towards Findhorn Bay and beyond to the Moray Firth with its attractive beaches. The area offers an abundance of outdoor activities including rural walks, beaches, golf courses, tennis and cycling routes.

The town of Forres benefits from a good array of shops and supermarkets, primary and secondary schools, leisure facilities, a GP surgery and road and rail links to Inverness and Aberdeen.

Elgin, the regional centre, offers a wider range of amenities including a number of supermarkets, hotels, leisure facilities and a hospital.

Inverness Airport is 22 miles west at Dalcross.

# **GENERAL OVERVIEW**

Built around 1930 and retaining many original features, Sherston House offers an exceptionally well-presented, four bedroom family home, located on the southern side of the A96 just east of Forres.

The grounds of the property include a large gravel parking area to the northern side and an extensive lawn area with mature trees, shrubs and hedgerow surrounding three sides to the south. There are also two large garden sheds, paved seating areas and a car port.

## **POSTCODE**

The postcode for the property is IV36 2QT.

#### **ACCESS**

Access is taken directly from the A96 to a large private gravel parking area.

#### **BOUNDARIES**

The boundaries are shown approximately on the plan included within these particulars.

### **COUNCIL TAX**

The property is within Band F.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

The accommodation comprises:-

• Entrance Vestibule (2.90m x 2.80m)

Octagonal entrance vestibule with attractive original tiled

flooring, pitch pine skirting boards, windows on either side of the entrance doorway and a pitch pine half-glazed etched door to the hallway, fitted coat hooks, radiator.

Hallway

L-shaped hallway with doors to the kitchen, lounge, dining room, WC, storage cupboards and stairs to the first floor, one single and one double radiator.

• Family Kitchen (6.41m x 4.23m x 2.84m x 2.35m)

A substantial L-shaped dining/kitchen/family room with a good range of wall and floor units, a gas fired Aga, separate gas hob, electric oven, sink with side drainer, TV and telephone points, plumbing for a dishwasher, north facing windows with views towards Findhorn and Findhorn Bay, radiator.

• Rear Hallway (1.74m x 0.89m)

uPVC door leading from outside, doors to the kitchen, utility room and a shelved storage cupboard  $(0.90m \times 0.62m)$ , radiator.

• Utility Room (2.51m x 2.05m)

Wall and base units, sink with side drainer, central heating boiler, plumbing for washing machine, front and side facing windows.

• Dining Room (4.47m x 3.94m)

A well proportioned dining room with large south facing windows and an attractive marble fireplace with pitch pine surround and a gas stove, ornate ceiling cornice and dado rail below, radiator.

• Lounge (4.47m x 3.95m)

A well-sized family lounge with large windows overlooking the garden. Shelf and open press with TV point, telephone point, attractive marble fireplace with pitch pine surround and a gas stove inset, ornate ceiling cornice and dado rail below, radiator.

Downstairs WC (2.30m x 1.21m (widest point))
 Checkered tile flooring, side facing window, white wash hand basin with mixer tap, WC and radiator.

First Floor Landing

Stairs to first floor with a large window and light fitting giving access to the first floor landing with doors to the first floor showeroom, the four bedrooms and a shelved linen cupboard, radiator.

- Bedroom I (3.95m x 3.62m)
   Large double bedroom overlooking rear garden with ornate ceiling cornice and picture rail below, TV point, shelved and hanging storage cupboard, radiator.
- En-suite to Bedroom I (2.35m x 0.75m, widening to 1.21m)
   Wet wall panelling to all sides, shower cubicle with a glazed door and a Mira thermostatic mixer, white WC and wash hand basin with mirror, shelved cupboard below sink, shaver point and extractor fan.
- Bedroom 2 (Master) (4.47m x 3.96m)
   A good sized double room with ornate ceiling cornice and picture rail below, large sash and case windows overlooking the rear garden, TV point, telephone point, shelved cupboard, radiator.
- En-suite to Master Bedroom (2.54m x 1.12m (widest point))
   Shower with a glazed door and Mira thermostatic mixer, white WC and wash hand basin, glazed shelf, wall-mounted cabinet, extractor fan and radiator.
- Bedroom 3 (3.05m x 2.62m)
   Double room with a wash hand basin with mirror and lighting above, cupboard space below, hatch to loft space, TV point, radiator.
- Bedroom 4 (3.56m x 3.25m)
   Double front facing room with ornate ceiling cornice and picture rail below, TV point, radiator.
- En-suite to Bedroom 4 (2.26m x 0.85m)
   Shower with a glazed door and Mira thermostatic mixer, wet wall panelling on all sides, white WC and wash hand basin, shaver point, glazed shelf and extractor fan.
- First Floor Shower-room (3.29m x 2.01m)
   Shower with glazed sides and Mira thermostatic mixer, white WC and wash hand basin with mirror and lights above, shaver point, extractor fan, window with built-in cupboards below, radiator.

Curtains, blinds, and white goods are available by separate negotiation. Carpets and floor coverings are included throughout.

NB: all measurements are approximate and en-suite measurements include showers.

#### **FORMER USE**

It is noted that the property was previously operated by the sellers as a successful B&B business. Whilst it has not been operated as a B&B for several years, three out of four bedrooms have en-suite facilities and with the house location and parking area, it would lend itself well to such use, subject to any necessary statutory and local authority permission being obtained.

#### **GARDEN**

Extending to  $1,770 \text{m}^2$  (0.434 acres) in total, the substantial grounds include a large gravel parking area to the north side (accessed directly from the A96 trunk road) with a grass lawn area to its west.

To the south of the property lies a further large lawn area with paving adjoining the house. There are a number of mature trees, shrubs and plants throughout the garden, as well as a mature beech hedge around three sides providing a very attractive setting for the property.

To the east of the house lie two good sized garden storage buildings, a further paved seating area, car port and a covered area over the rear doorway with tiled flooring which provides a sheltered outdoor space  $(8.24m \times 2.68m)$ .



• Building I (4.57m x 3.40m internally)

Timber construction with box profile roof, double entrance doors, worktop with shelving below to one side and wall mounted shelves, sink with side drainer, plumbing for washing machine, electricity and lights. The building is insulated and benefits from a shelved storage cupboard to the rear with heating below.

Building 2
 Timber construction

Timber construction storage building with timber flooring in two parts, the front main section extending to 4.21m  $\times$  2.98m internally and the rear 2.98m  $\times$  2.09m.



#### **LOCAL AUTHORITY**

The Moray Council Council Offices High Street Elgin IV30 IBX

Tel: 01343 543451 www.moray.gov.uk

#### **SERVICES**

The property is served by mains electricity, gas and water.

Drainage is via a shared private septic tank and soakaway system situated to the opposite side of the A96 trunk road for which there are servitude rights in place.

## **ENERGY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR**

The property has an EPC Band of D(57).

#### **VIEWING**

Interested parties may view the property by prior arrangement with the sole selling agents Bowlts Chartered Surveyors, Barnhill, Pluscarden, by Elgin, Moray, IV30 8TZ. Tel: (01343) 890400. Fax: (01343) 890222. Email: properties@bowlts.com.

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### **ENTRY**

Early entry with vacant possession is available following legal settlement and payment of the purchase price.

#### **OFFERS**

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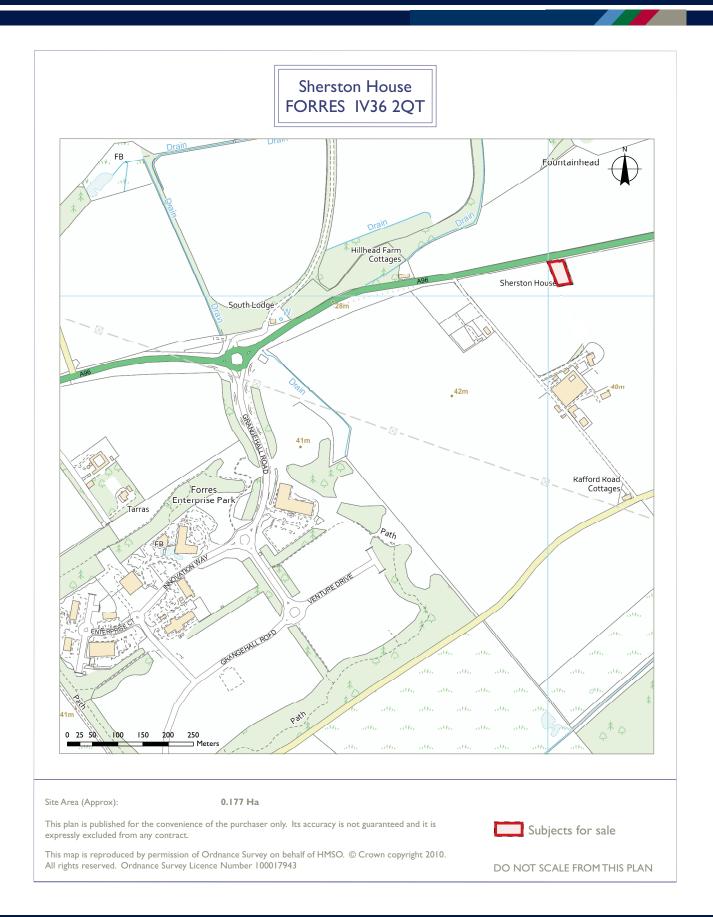
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