

THE MODERN HOUSE



Chesham, Buckinghamshire
Sold

Barnes Avenue

Set on a quiet leafy road in Chesham is this three-bedroom terraced house designed in 1959 by Wells, Hickman and Partners. The home unfolds over two floors and is laid out to a split-level plan, sympathetically exploiting its sloping site. Light pours into the ground and first floor spaces through expansive glazed openings, and the elevated position affords distant views over the town and the nearby verdant Chilterns AONB. There are front and rear gardens and a large roof terrace over the garage. Chesham has direct underground links to central London in approximately 50 minutes, and train links run to the capital from nearby Berkhamsted and Amersham in about 45 minutes.

For more information on the design of the house, please see the History section below.

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The Tour

A short flight of steps descends from tree-lined Barnes Avenue to a modernist façade characterised by clean, simple lines. Red-brick walls flank panels of red tiles and white boarding, punctuated by long ribbons of horizontal windows. The house has been lovingly curated to create a light-filled, sociable, modern home that blends original mid-century features with a refined palette of contemporary colours and materials.

The front entrance opens to an airy hall and lofty stairway. Sitting a half-level below is the exceptionally bright living/dining area with generous space to relax, dine and play. Original herringbone parquet flooring with cork borders runs underfoot, and internal doors are panelled with reeded glass. The house orientates east to west, allowing light to be drawn in throughout the day.

Glazed floor-to-ceiling panels stretching the width of the west wall open directly onto an inviting patio. A newly fitted kitchen sits adjacent, replete with simple white cabinetry and glorious views of the treetops, town and hills beyond. There is also a handy utility room and WC on this floor.

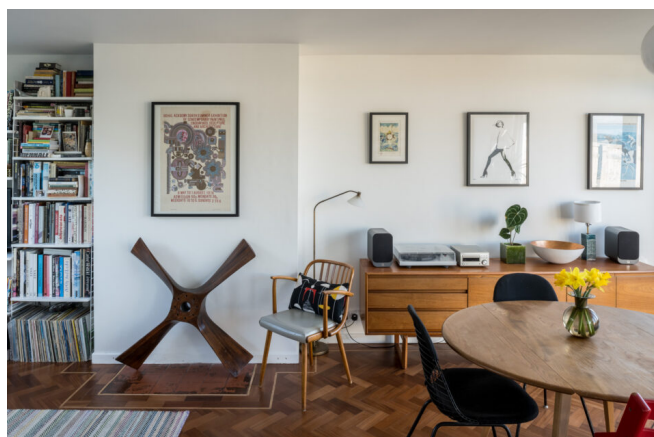
A split-flight staircase ascends to the first floor, which has two double bedrooms and one generous single bedroom; the current owners use the single as a home office with day bed. The front bedroom is filled with dappled light from the mature greenery outside, while both back bedrooms have wonderful far-reaching views from the full-width windows. Both double bedrooms offer generous built-in storage and the first floor landing allows access to a fully boarded loft space through a loft hatch. The family bathroom is a thoughtful display of clean lines and further storage.

Outdoor Space

The pretty front entranceway is formed by an attractive grassy-banked garden. Edged with bushes and perennial planting, it captures the morning light perfectly.

To the rear, fringed in timber fencing, is a west-facing area of cobbled paving, lawn and borders, home to colourful shrubs and herbaceous flowers. Beyond, in a slightly raised position and sitting atop the garage, is the large dining terrace bathed in sun in the afternoons and evenings, making the space perfect for alfresco dining and watching sunsets.

A flight of stairs abuts the garage wall and connects the garden to the street below, Broadlands Avenue. The entrance to the generous double garage, with electricity connection, lies at this level.



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The Area

Barnes Avenue is only a five-minute walk from the heart of Chesham yet sits on the edge of the green expanses of Chesham Moor, Lowndes Park and Chesham Bois Woods. There are plenty of countryside walks and playgrounds close at hand.

While Chesham is home to major retailers and supermarkets, it also retains the feel of a traditional town with many independent outlets. It has a bi-weekly food market and a monthly farmers' market. Chapter Two second-hand book shop hosts weekly readings, and The Refill Project promotes zero-waste shopping. Eating and dining options are numerous and varied. Enjoy a restorative coffee and cake at Roots, delicious sourdough pizza at Pizzeria Liri and relaxed tapas dining at The Junction. The Elgiva theatre and cinema runs a complete programme of music, comedy, drama, and films. Chesham Leisure Centre offers a 25m swimming pool and a full array of gym facilities and fitness classes.

Chesham has many well-regarded primary schools, including Newtown Infants School and Brushwood Junior School, for which Barnes Avenue lies within the catchment area. It also lies within the catchment area of the local selective grammar schools, the co-ed Chesham Grammar and Dr Challoner's Grammar Schools for Boys/Girls, as well as Chiltern Hills Academy.

Chesham lies at the end of the Metropolitan line, with underground services running to Baker Street in 48 minutes and then onwards to Aldgate. Amersham station, three miles south and Berkhamsted station, five miles north, run services into central London in approximately 45 minutes. The M1 is 12 miles east and the M25 eight miles south-east. Luton Airport is 15 miles away and Heathrow 22 miles.

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