

THE MODERN HOUSE



*Wiltshire
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Berwick St. James

Long Barn is a fantastic example of exciting, innovative architecture in a rural setting. Originally designed in 2001 as a home and studio by the Swiss-born architect Hans Klaentschi and his wife, Paula Klaentschi, the house stands on a secluded plot of approximately 1.4 acres in the centre of the attractive Wiltshire village of Berwick St. James.

The house is currently configured as a live/ work, two-bedroom home with an open-plan, double-height kitchen / dining room, a reception room, study, plus two more potential bedrooms (subject to the necessary planning consents). There is a large internal open-plan (B1) space at the rear of the house that is currently used to house the owners collection of classic cars. The building was constructed with a Swedish timber frame, clad internally with Russian wall ply. The way that the house has been designed and constructed means that altering the internal spaces is simply done. Walls can be easily moved to create alternative configurations of living or work space if needed.

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The architecture maximises light, open spaces and echoes the shape of local barns. "As a generic type the barn is a very beautiful thing," Klaentschi has said (quoted in *Barns* by Dominic Bradbury). "The desire to live in these things is partly to do with the fact that they are not like houses... They have a promise of scale and space far beyond an idiotic terraced house." *Long Barn* has been widely published in design and architecture books and journals.

The house is approached via a gate and gravel drive and has plenty of parking space at the front. The gardens stretch beyond the house and are mainly lawn with a small area of woodland. The land borders on farmland and has wonderful views of the surrounding countryside. There is also a 900 sq ft outbuilding at the property.

Berwick St. James is a tranquil and picturesque Wiltshire village, close to Stonehenge. It is a few miles from the A303, a road that leads directly onto the M3 into London (the M25 can be reached in approximately 60 minutes). The cathedral city of Salisbury is nine miles away, which offers a wide range of shopping and dining opportunities. There is also a train station at Salisbury that runs service into London Waterloo (journey time approximately 80 minutes). The area is well served by schools, including The Godolphin School, Chafyn Grove School and Dauntsey's School.

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