

THE MODERN HOUSE



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Maidencombe

This award-winning four-bedroom house designed by the celebrated architect Stan Bolt sits on a magnificent plot of just under 1.5 acres that has sweeping rural views towards Dartmoor on one side and coastal views towards Portland Bill on the other.

The eminent architecture critic Hugh Pearman has described the house as being “as good as any to be found in Britain”. Pearman points out in his article on Bolt published in the Sunday Times that, although Bolt was given “a gift of a site”, he has enhanced it with “architecture of a high order”.

The house is located close to the villages of Maidencombe and Stokeinteignhead, on a quiet rural lane. Although there are residences on either side of it, the property offers a great deal of privacy.

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A short driveway leads off the lane to a parking area and a double car port and studio building designed by Bolt. This area is screened by planting from the large, level garden at the front of the house, ensuring that cars cannot be seen from the house. The front garden is largely lawn, with a pathway around it and well-stocked beds that are full of colour in the spring and summer.

The rear garden extends beyond a large decked area at the back of the house into the country valley below. It takes in areas of vegetable plots, herb garden, potting sheds, greenhouses, a treehouse, orchard (including plum and apple trees), chicken run and a pasture that could be used as a pony paddock. The outlook from the rear garden is particularly pleasing, giving fine, far-reaching panoramic views of the rolling Devon countryside.

The house itself is set some way back from the lane and is entered via an impressive pivoting door that leads into a slate-floored hallway. This takes you to a magnificent double-height dining area that is largely glazed on one side, maximising the amazing outlook. A small study area sits to one side of the dining room and the kitchen is located just off it. The kitchen can be screened off with a sliding door or kept open plan with the living area. A utility room and WC are located off the kitchen, both of which are easily accessible from a side door that leads out to the gardens.

The ground floor also incorporates three bedrooms (one of which is currently in use as a home office) and a bathroom. An impressive staircase, with skylight overhead, leads up to the first floor and in to the main living room.

This is perhaps the most attractive of all the spaces in the house, with views of the sea to the front and across the countryside at the rear. There are numerous windows on all sides of the room creating a light and spacious room that also has the benefit of an open fire. One of the most notable architectural features designed by Bolt is the bridge that leads from the living room, over the dining room below it, and to the first floor balcony. This wide balcony is a wonderful place to sit and enjoy the views. The master bedroom suite occupies almost one half of the top floor. It has a recently refurbished shower room as well as a freestanding bath in the bedroom.

The house is largely heated with under-floor heating and powered via solar panels on the roof.

Nearby Stokeinteignhead can be reached by foot on attractive paths and is well-known as one of Devon's most attractive and lively villages. It has a well-regarded village school, a church, a community-run shop and the Old Church House Inn, a renowned pub. For a wider range of local shops St Marychurch is close by and the larger town of Torquay is 3.5 miles away. Newton Abbot, which has direct rail services to London Paddington, is approximately 6 miles away and the popular town of Totnes is approximately 12 miles.

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The area is well known for its natural beauty and outstanding beaches. Attractive villages such as nearby Shaldon offer excellent opportunities for dining, local walks, seaside activities including sailing and fishing as well as horse-riding and other pursuits.



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