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Parkleys, London TW10

Shelley Court

This light-filled two-bedroom apartment in Shelley Court forms part of Grade II-listed Parkleys, built by renowned development architects Span in the 1950s. Parkleys was the first development by Span co-founders Eric Lyons and Geoff Townsend and is one of London's finest residential modernist estates. It is set among beautiful communal gardens planted with flowering trees, and expansive stretches of lawn that are much-loved by residents. The estate is located in leafy Ham, a pretty suburb with a lovely high street, which sits between Richmond Park and the River Thames in south London.

The Architect

Span are perhaps the most celebrated of all 20th-century residential developers. Many of the developments that they worked on throughout the south of England are now listed, and they are renowned for their outstanding, yet simple, modern architectural style and their considered landscaping.

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The Tour

This apartment is located on the bright second floor of Shelley Court, and enjoys views through picture windows to the blossom-laden treetops. The communal landings and areas are of particular note in this estate, set with decorative brick, glass and lovingly maintained bespoke Span details. Each apartment has a private external store, and there are communal drying and bike storage rooms.

Entry is to a neat hallway, which opens into the large openplan living room and kitchen. This dual aspect space is oriented east-west, allowing light to pour in throughout the day. The current owner has concertedly and carefully restored the apartment, introducing a new bespoke kitchen in ply and cork, plus beautiful green cabinetry that reflects the estate's external colour scheme.

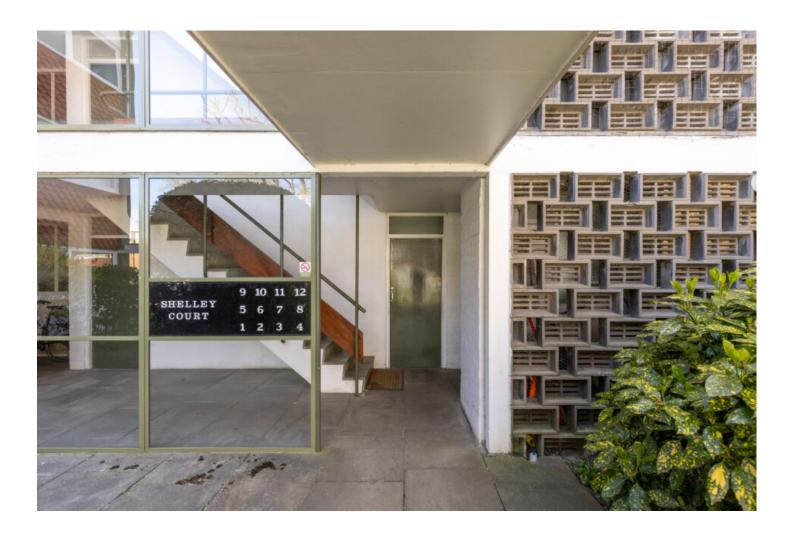
There are two bedrooms, both with views over the gardens and inbuilt wardrobes. One is currently used as a home office/music room. The spaces have been carefully and lovingly maintained by the current owner and exemplify an exceptional level of attention to detail. The bathroom has cork floors, echoing those of the kitchen, and white sanitaryware that enhances the sense of brightness and space found throughout the apartment.

The Area

Ham is a picturesque district in southwest London located between Richmond upon Thames and Kingston upon Thames. It unfurls around a large, open common and is renowned for the quality of its period architecture, the most notable example of which is Ham House, described by the National Trust as "the most complete survival of 17th-century fashion and power". There is a parade of shops in Ham, including a monthly farmers' market. Richmond and Kingston both have fast train connections into central London, and wider shopping and dining opportunities.

Tenure: Share of Freehold Lease Length: approx. 960 years remaining Service Charge: approx. £2,400 per annum Parking: There is unallocated residents parking in the estate Council Tax Band: D

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About

The Modern House is an estate agency that helps people live in more thoughtful and beautiful ways. We believe in design as a powerful force for good. Inspired by the principles of modernism, we represent design-led homes across the UK which celebrate light, space and a truth to materials. Esquire credits The Modern House with "rewriting the rulebook on estate agency" and GQ voted us "one of the best things in the world".