

THE MODERN HOUSE



Cambridgeshire
Sold

Stapleford

This exceptional example of a single-storey, architect-designed house was designed by Professor Matthew Aitken Clark, OBE for himself and his family in 1979. It sits on a $\frac{1}{4}$ acre plot (approx.) in a beautiful village setting backing onto open countryside in Stapleford, just four miles south of the city of Cambridge.

Accommodation includes three double bedrooms, a wonderfully light living room with a vaulted timber ceiling, a dining area, kitchen, bathroom and shower room. Ladder steps lead to a mezzanine study area and loft room.

The gardens, which surround the house on three sides, are a particular feature of this property. Being a former orchard there are numerous productive fruit trees. The rear garden, which has a projecting deck, is particularly attractive thanks to its outlook over open fields.

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The house has been dynamically designed with an L-shaped form and a mono pitch roof. The facades that form the 'inside' of the L are almost entirely glazed, allowing light to flood into the interior and giving the majority of spaces in the house fantastic views across the gardens. The facades that form the 'outside' of the L are blank, sheer brick walls that create a thrilling contrast to the openness of the other glazed aspects.

Professor Matthew Aitken Clark, OBE (1936-2010) was a highly respected architect, planner and theorist who worked across the world. His early career was spent working on buildings with such notable architects as Sir Leslie Martin and Powell & Moya, whilst in his later career he focused on planning and academia, spending much time at universities in the U.S.

Stapleford is an attractive, thriving village lying just 4 miles south of Cambridge. It has a range of facilities including a small number of shops, pubs and other services. There is a village school and the larger Sawston Village College is approximately 3 miles away. It is surrounded by countryside, including the Gog Magog Hills, over which this property looks.

Shelford mainline station which runs services to both London and Cambridge is within about 1 ½ miles. The village has easy access to the M11 (Junctions 10 or 11) and Stansted Airport.

It is one of the most popular of the villages outlying Cambridge. Although a city that is relatively intimate in scale, Cambridge's international reputation ensures that it offers some of the country's best shops, dining opportunities and cultural events. World-renowned for centuries for its University and the quality of its historic architecture, it is increasingly being recognised as an international business hub, thanks to its growing technology and science industries.

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