Stoke Hill, Lower Henlade, Taunton, TA3 5NB





- Stunning Georgian Country House Hotel
- Recently extensively renovated
- Excellent location a short distance from junction 25 of the M5
- Close to the centre of Taunton
- Opportunity for multiple uses and development potential STPP.

£2,750,000 - Freehold

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#### Introduction

The Mount was originally known as Henlade House and was constructed as a private home in 1805 – 1815 by an unidentified Italian Architect, who designed it with large windows, high ceilings and a sweeping spiral staircase. The Hotel is a quintessential English Regency mansion. The property was renamed The Mount Somerset when acquired by its previous owner in 2011. The vendor acquired the property as a project in 2021.

Subsequently the roof and exterior of the property have been comprehensively renovated, setting the building up well for the next chapter in its history. The ground floor has been tastefully reconfigured and refurnished to the highest of standard and the commercial kitchen has been elevated to a level most chefs can only dream of.

The bedrooms have been stripped back and are ready for a new owner to decorate and refurbish, the perfect opportunity to put their own stamp on the property.

This was our clients' first investment in the hospitality sector, whilst they have enjoyed the project, they now wish to pass the property onto new custodians in order to focus on their core businesses.

#### Location

The property is ideally positioned just five

minutes from Junction 25 of the M5, placing it within easy driving distance of Bristol, Exeter, and the wider SouthWest while retaining a peaceful, elevated rural setting.

Taunton, a vibrant commercial town with a population of over 64,000, is minutes away and provides direct mainline rail links to London Paddington in under two hours. Bristol Airport, Exeter Airport, and even Heathrow are all within practical reachmaking the property highly accessible for both national and international guests.

This rare combination of rural seclusion and transport convenience makes the property an ideal central hub for the South West and nationally - well suited to a wide range of future uses, including corporate events, weddings, boutique hospitality, wellness retreats, private members' clubs, or luxury retirement living (subject to planning). The location uniquely blends tranquillity with accessibility, offering the best of both worlds.

### **The Property**

The property is set at the end of a sweeping drive in a quiet elevated position in approximately 4 acres of its own grounds.

The building itself is an imposing, grade II listed, Georgian property with many notable period features. The hallway in particular is unusual due to its octagonal shape with a sweeping stone staircase rising up to the letting accommodation beyond.







### **Trading Areas**

The vendors have lavished investment on the ground floor trading areas. These need to be viewed to be truly appreciated but briefly comprises:

Bar – a beautifully lit room with parquet flooring and comfortable furnishings for 40, corner bar servery and French doors opening onto a patio to the rear of the building.

Restaurant – beautiful oak flooring upholstered bench and loose seating that can be arranged in any manner for up to 40 covers. The room has real presence with high ceiling and feature cornicing, not to mention views over the gardens and grounds.

Orangery – an ideal space for private dining, parquet flooring and space for up to 15 covers.

Dining room two/Ballroom – feature parquet flooring, central fireplace and can be arranged for up to 35 covers.

Dining room three/Meeting room, often used for meetings and private functions for up to 30 covers.

#### Outside

The grounds are a feature of the property, an ideal space for wedding photos or simply to relax. A wooden Wendy house is concealed within the grounds as are a number of other features with potential for development.

There is ample car parking and space for additional accommodation in the form of glamping pods or shepherd huts subject to the necessary consents.

### **Letting Bedrooms**

The letting rooms are accessed from the stunning central hallway with its stunning cantilevered stone staircase.

The rooms have been stripped back and are ready for refitting and re decoration. Formerly the letting accommodation was arranged to provide 19 en suite letting bedrooms.

#### Service Areas

The commercial kitchen has been totally refitted under the vendors' ownership, the quality of the fittings is second to none. Central extraction canopy, high quality appliances, prep station, walk in fridge etc.

Ample cellarage and stores.

#### Services

Mains water, electricity and drainage. LPG central heating (4 x tanks on site).

#### Licenses

Both a wedding and premises license were held but we are informed these licenses have now expired. Interested parties will need to satisfy themselves that these licenses can be re granted.





#### **Alternative Use Potential**

This imposing estate offers significant redevelopment and repositioning opportunities (subject to Planning Permission), including:

Boutique spa or holistic wellness retreat

Luxury retirement living or specialist care facility

Premium event and wedding venue

Private residence or residential apartments

Corporate training centre or exclusive members' club

Holiday lets or glamping in the grounds





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#### Price

£2,750,000 is sought for the freehold property. The trade contents (subject to inventory) but excluding personal items is available via separate negotiation. Stock at valuation in addition.

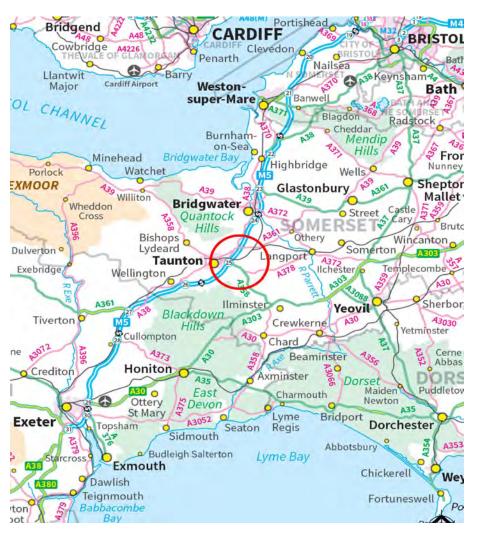
### **Finance**

Colliers is able to assist prospective purchasers by introducing sources of finance if required. Whilst we do not charge the buyer for this service, we may receive an introductory commission from the lender of broker involved.









#### To View

All appointments to view MUST be made through the vendors' agents who are acting with sole selling rights.

### **Identity Checks**

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