Lord Harlech's former Llangollen country house for sale at £650,000

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A country house in the historic Welsh border town of Llangollen that was once part of an estate owned by Lord Harlech has been put up for sale with agents Halls.

Llandyn Hall, Llangollen Road, Llangollen, which has an asking price of £650,000, was renovated extensively in 2011 by the current owners, Huw and Amanda Thomas, who have created a beautiful home for themselves and their three children.

Part of the house originates from late 1600s with many later additions including one whole section from 1897. Lord Harlech sold the property in the 1940s and Huw has researched the history of Llandyn Hall in detail at the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth.

Sitting in 1.2 acres of mature gardens with stunning, panoramic views of the Vale of Llangollen, this period country residence offers characterful and homely accommodation. The ground floor has a reception hall, cloakroom, superb fitted dining kitchen with a six-hob Professional+ Rangemaster oven, formal lounge, sitting room, family room and utility/store/ garage on the ground floor. Cellar rooms are accessed externally but could be linked back into the main house.

The formal lounge is separated into a music room/library and a sitting area with space for a wood burning stove, exposed beams and French doors leading to the stunning front patio. The first floor has an en-suite master bedroom, four further double bedrooms, a family bathroom and inner hallway with staircase to the kitchen.

To the front of the property is an extensive, south facing slate patio, which provides a superb outside sitting and dining area, taking advantage of the glorious country views.

There's also a stable block, comprising four stables and a tackroom, which has full planning permission for conversion to a two-bedroomed holiday let. Outbuildings include a covered log store and a coal shed or garden store.

Having spent seven months gutting and completely renovating Llandyn Hall and five-and-a-half years living there, Amanda admits it's going to be heartbreaking to leave.

“It genuinely feels as if we have been on holiday here, even though we have been totally involved in our work and the local community,” she said. “We feel so lucky to have lived in an incredible property with a lovely lifestyle, lots of space to bring up the children and peacefulness after living in London.

“Now it's about doing the right thing for us as a family. We have always wanted to live by the sea, so we are moving to Penarth and if we can recreate a fraction of what we have here in our new home, I will be delighted.”

Speaking about Llandyn Hall, which was previously a farmhouse, Amanda said the possibilities for prospective buyers were huge, particularly for those interested in developing a holiday business.

“Whoever buys Llandyn Hall can turn up on the first day, light a fire and relax knowing that there is nothing to do apart from enjoy, because all the work has been done,” she added. “In terms of the local community, there are hundreds of fabulous groups and societies to join and the schools have been wonderful for our young children.”

Approached from a lane running over Llangollen Canal, the house has a sweeping drive, parking forecourt and additional parking bays to the side and rear of the property. The gardens comprise a variety of plants, shrubs, bushes and trees with a lawn, various sitting areas, a productive orchard and well planted soft fruit patch.

The house is less than a mile from Llangollen on what is known locally as Sunbank, the sunny side of the valley. A sought-after location, Llangollen is a market town nestled beneath the Berwyns with historic cultural interests. Llandyn Hall is located within walking distance of Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

“From our garden gate, you can walk to Dinas Bran Castle and enjoy some stunning views down the valley or just gently stroll along the canal path into town to enjoy an ice cream or a well deserved beer,” added Amanda.

Stephen Murgatroyd, manager of Halls' Oswestry office, said: “Llandyn Hall will appeal to a wide range of purchasers and offers scope to those seeking a substantial family home, those wishing to develop a holiday letting business or those seeking annexe accommodation. This property must be viewed to be appreciated.”

Viewing is by appointment with Halls' Oswestry office on Tel: 01691 670320.

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