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A handsome and substantial Grade B listed, Georgian House which offers characterful and generously proportioned living accommodation with fine period features sitting in an elevated position with fantastic views over the Firth of Forth.

Accommodation:

Lower Ground Floor: Study, Two Double Bedrooms, Shower Room, Utility Room, Boiler Room.

Ground Floor: Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Kitchen, Dining Room, Drawing Room, Cloakroom, WC

First Floor: Principal Bedroom, two further Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom.

Exterior: Established garden of notable colour and diversity. Separate walled garden with substantial patio terrace and a variety of fruit trees.

Stabling, Double Garage, Log Store, Garden Outbuildings and BBQ hut.

Substantial driveway with ample parking and turning area.

Approx. 1.8 Acres







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SITUATION

Blackness House is situated in the delightful seaside village of Blackness, a small village on the banks of the River Forth which originally served as a port for nearby Linlithgow and is surrounded by beautiful open countryside. Attractions include a boating club with bar and the historic Blackness Castle.

Some 5 miles to the South, the well-regarded town of Linlithgow with its famous Palace and Loch offers a wide range of amenities including an eclectic array of independent stores, several supermarkets and all of the professional and banking services typically associated with town life. It also benefits from a railway station providing excellent commuter services to Edinburgh (circa 20 mins), Falkirk, Stirling and Glasgow.

This seam of West Lothian is enviably positioned for access to central Scotland arterial road network via the M9, which connects to the M8, A90 and the Edinburgh City bypass. Edinburgh International Airport is reachable within 20 mins, in reasonable traffic, and offers flights to a wide range of domestic and international destinations.

The surrounding countryside is steeped in history and there is a plethora of sites to visit within a short distance, including Linlithgow Palace and Loch and House of the Binns. There is also a wealth of outdoor pursuits, including cycling and walking at Beecraigs Country Park. The John Muir Way runs close by, through the village of Blackness.

There is a primary school within Blackness and a secondary school in nearby Bo'ness. Edinburgh's leading independent schools are also easily reachable.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Blackness House is a Category B Listed Georgian, three storey house, believed to have originally been built as a Dower House it is of significant architectural merit with a piended slate roof, projecting central bay which is flanked by one storey bay windows. The property is surrounded by a range of mature trees with an open outlook to the Firth of Forth and the Ochil Hills to the north and west. The house has been diligently renovated by the current owners to provide comfortable and tastefully presented modern living in a delightful setting

Blackness House is set back from the road and has a pillared gated entrance which provides access to the drive with ample room for car parking and turning. A solid storm door with fanlight above provides a welcoming entrance to the house. The half-timber glazed inner door opens into the Entrance Hall which is a welcoming space. An astragal sash window provides a wonderful outlook over the Firth of Forth and Fife beyond. There are two deep cupboards and period detail is retained through cornicing, ceiling rose, arches and natural timber flooring.







Accessed off the Hall is the Sitting Room which benefits from a southerly and westerly outlook with original decorative cornicing. The log burner with stone mantle provides a heartening focal point. There are shelved recesses and working shutters on both windows.

Double doors open through to the kitchen/breakfast room which is north facing with views over the Firth of Forth and beyond. A particular feature is the blue gas fired 3 door Aga with tiled splash back and pan shelf above. There is a range of floor and wall mounted units with natural timber work surface including built in fridge, microwave, Meile dishwasher and a dresser incorporating display shelves over quarry tiled flooring.

Across the Hall is the Dining Room with feature wall paneling which lends itself to opulent formal entertaining and is exceptionally well proportioned. The Dining Room is a handsome formal reception space with a dual aspect. Neighbouring is the Drawing Room with ornate cornicing and log burner with stone mantle and surround. The dual aspect provides a charming outlook over the garden grounds.

Completing the Ground Floor accommodation is the cloakroom incorporating separate WC with pedestal wash hand basin and heated towel rail.

From the Hall, a concealed stair rises to the first floor with natural light emanating via an astragal sash window providing views over the Firth of Forth to the north.

The Principal Bedroom which is sumptuously proportioned, is east and south facing with working shutters, shelved press cupboard and plain cornicing. There are two further Double Bedrooms at this level and a Family Bathroom which incorporates a large standalone bath with separate handheld shower attachment, pedestal wash hand basin with vanity mirror above, WC and heated towel rail.

A second stair descends from the entrance hall to the Lower Ground Floor where there are two generous Double Bedrooms, a Study and a Shower Room. The Study with dual aspect and timber flooring could be utilised as a further Bedroom. The Shower Room has a walk-in shower cabinet, integrated wash hand basin with vanity mirror and spotlights above, WC and heated towel rail.

There is a large utility room incorporating a range of floor units with stainless steel sink and drainer as well as space for washing machine and tumble dryer. The adjacent boiler room houses the Worcester oil fired boiler as well as providing useful storage. Completing this floor is the walk-in pantry cupboard which shelving.

Blackness House extends to about 3440 Sq Ft. The accommodation is spacious and wellappointed throughout and clever use has been made of large windows and astragal windows all maximising natural light and views overlooking the garden grounds and the Firth of Forth beyond.

The property has a number of delightful period features including decorative cornicing, ceiling roses, fireplaces, and window shutters. The accommodation is generous and thoughtfully laid out with entertaining and family living in mind.

Exterior

The garden is a particular asset of the property, surrounding the house attractively. Sheltered by mature trees and burgeoning shrubbery, it is something of a protected haven providing a sense of privacy and seclusion.

The garden at Blackness House is exquisite and real care and attention has been paid over the past 10 years of ownership. The garden is mostly enclosed by an array of specimen trees and mature shrubs with generous areas of lawn with meandering paths and walkways running amongst established borders and beds with numerous spring bulbs, which provide year-round colour and interest. The garden offers different areas for seating to capture the sun and provide different aspects of the garden. There are a variety of mature trees including ash, chestnut, oak, sycamore and yew to name a few.



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There is a sheltered terrace to the rear of the house which offers an ideal space for alfresco dining in the warmer months.

Adjacent to the house is a fabulous walled garden enclosed by a brick-lined wall and holly hedging with a small kitchen garden with raised vegetable beds and 2 greenhouses. There is a range of bushes and shrubs including laurel, rhododendron and roses which all provide a country garden ambiance. There are a variety of fruit trees such as plum, apple, pear and cherry. A pedestrian gate provides access to a wooded area beyond.

There is a substantial patio terrace with pizza oven and adjacent is a Sauna/Spa Room with patio doors and separate sheltered decking area with jacuzzi.

There is a Double Garage with electric light and power and adjoining Log Store.

Stone built Outhouse/ Garden Store.

Stable block with two large loose boxes.

Large Garden Store/Workshop providing ample storage for garden machinery.

GENERAL REMARKS AND INFORMATION

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Satellite Navigation For those with the benefit of Satellite Navigation the property's postcode is EH49 7NE.

Fixtures and Fittings

Only items specifically mentioned in the sales particulars are included in the sale.

Local Authority

Falkirk Council Municipal Buildings West Bridge Street Falkirk FK1 5RS Tel: 01324 506070

Burdens Council Tax Band H

EPC Rating

Band E

Services

Mains water and electricity. Oil fired central heating. LPG heated Aga. Drainage to septic tank.

Offers

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