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Haddington 2.5 miles • Edinburgh City Centre 21 miles • Edinburgh Airport 29 miles

A stunning historic Country House  
totally *refurbished to the highest standard*  
set in 15.85 Acres of beautiful gardens and parkland



Stevenson House is an *exceptional* country house enjoying a wonderful position...

### *Stevenson House*

A superb Country House dating from circa 1560 with later additions surrounded by beautiful gardens and policies. Three Grand Reception Rooms, Three Informal Reception Rooms, Games Room spacious open-plan Kitchen with Dining area, Laundry, Boot Room Domestic Offices, Lift to all floors, Master Bedroom Suite, Four En-Suite Bedrooms, 3 Further Bedrooms and 2 Bathrooms.

### *Garden*

Stunning formal Gardens featuring mature specimen trees. Wild garden leading to riverside walk.

### *Outbuildings*

Double Garage and Stores.

### *Paddock, Parkland and Stabling*

Grass paddock and parkland enclosed by wrought iron and post and rail fencing. Field Shelter and Courtyard Stable complex

### *Amenity*

Parkland setting, Beautiful gardens, specimen mature trees and River Tyne.

**About 15.85 Acres (6.41 hectares) in total.**

**For sale as a whole by Private Treaty**



### *Introduction*

Stevenson House borders the River Tyne in a prime position in East Lothian surrounded by rolling farmland in a private yet highly accessible location about 2.5 from the county town of Haddington.

Stevenson House is an immaculate private country house in wonderful condition set in 15.85 acres of beautiful policies and gardens, all within a short drive of the coastline that East Lothian is famous for and Edinburgh city centre.





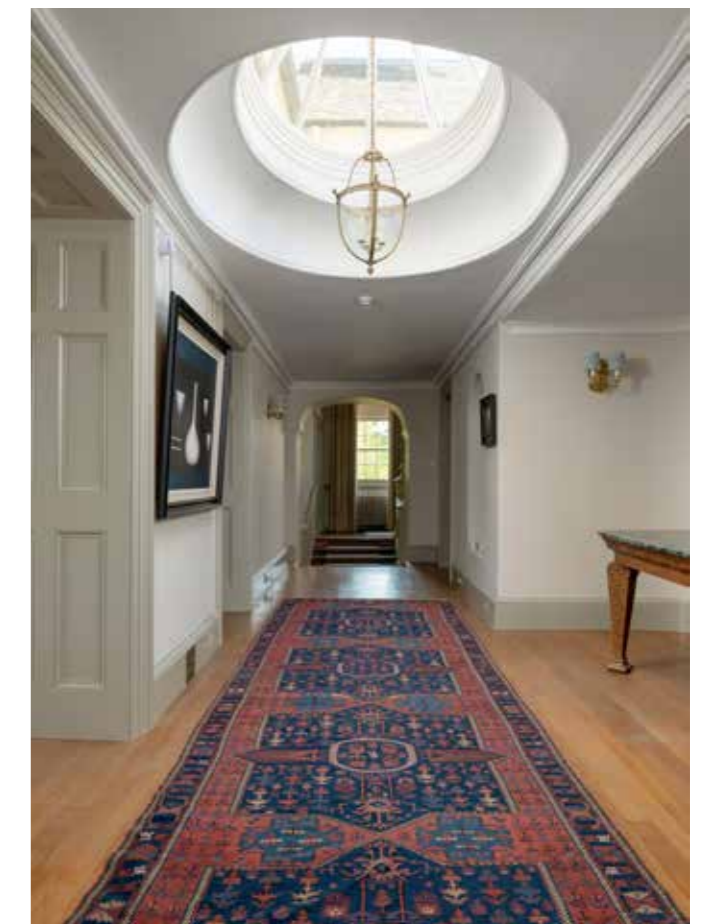


**Situation**

Stevenson House is beautifully situated on the south bank of the River Tyne within the undulating landscape that is typical of East Lothian yet within a short drive of the A1 providing quick access to Edinburgh city centre, the airport, Scotland's major cities and the motorway network. Edinburgh city centre is within a 30-minute drive via the A1 and offers a comprehensive range of services and facilities expected of a capital city, with an abundance of retail, leisure and cultural opportunities.

Haddington is a vibrant market town and offers a wide range of local services, including independent shops, supermarkets, leisure facilities, restaurants, cafes and primary and secondary schooling. The private Compass School in Haddington and Belhaven Prep School at Dunbar (11 miles) have excellent reputations, and Loretto Junior and Senior Schools are also convenient, at Musselburgh (13 miles). Edinburgh has a wider range of private schools, and is extremely accessible, either by car, or train from the commuter station at Drem (6 miles) and there is also a bus service that runs to the centre of Edinburgh. Edinburgh airport is approximately 29 miles away and provides an increasing number of both domestic and international flights.

There are several renowned golf courses in the county with the Open Championship links course at Muirfield, complimented by the courses at Gullane, Luffness and North Berwick in addition to numerous local clubs. In addition for the outdoor enthusiast there is sailing in the Forth, walking in the Lammermuir Hills or on the beautiful beaches of East Lothian, riding and field sports including fishing on your own stretch of the River Tyne to enjoy.





### History

Stevenson House has a fascinating history and various articles and pamphlets have been written on the property. The house as seen today dates from circa 1560 and replaced an earlier house that is understood to have been burnt to the ground during Hartford's invasion of Scotland in 1544. The house is a rare example of a "grange plan" house meaning it was built in a square shape around a central courtyard 3 storeys high with a turnpike staircase at each of the 4 corners. There is no detailed record of the ownership of Stevenson House until 1624 when it was bought by John Sinclair and it remained in the Sinclair family until the death of Sir Robert Sinclair in 1899. The major changes to the house during that time were in the late 17th century when the south facing reception rooms were enlarged and made grander with the ceilings on the first floor raised, the rooms being panelled and decorated in the classical style of the period. At the same time the south-west turnpike staircase was removed and the grand square staircase to the first floor added. In the early nineteenth century the Bay windows on the southern façade were constructed to improve the entertaining space within the house. In 1931 Stevenson was bought by William Dunlop who surprisingly never moved in and when he died in 1946 the property was in a poor state and his son John spent the next 10 years carrying out an extensive restoration of the house and grounds. This included creating the Library on the second floor and panelling it with cedar and mahogany salvaged from the break up of a liner in 1934. The salvaged timbers were also used to create bookshelves and panelling in some of the halls. On the death of John Dunlop's widow in 2000 Stevenson was bought by the previous owners who undertook an 18 month project using a team of experts to restore and remodel the house and buildings to create a wonderful country house suitable for 21st century living. The current owners have continued updating and upgrading the house over the last four years.



### General Description

Stevenson House is surrounded by beautiful gardens and parkland and is approached by a tarred tree lined drive which passes through parkland before arriving at a large gravel sweep at the front door. The drive splits before the gravel and continues round to the rear courtyard where there is a large double garage.

The house has a wonderful position overlooking its spacious lawns and parkland to the south, east and west and the River Tyne to the north. The house is built of stone, partially harled, under a predominantly slated roof, and has been completely refurbished over the last 25 years to provide an enchanting and elegant family home fit for the 21st century.

Stevenson House is a property that really needs to be viewed in person as it is only once you cross the threshold that you fully appreciate the quality of workmanship that has gone into the refurbishment and conservation of the house.

The front door to the house is at the western facade of the property and opens to a large porch and beyond to the vestibule and staircase hall. Beyond is an inner hall which flows around the central courtyard and is replicated on the first floor providing access to all the principal rooms. The courtyard provides a perfect connection to all the rooms and throws light into the centre of the house.

### Accommodation

#### Ground Floor

Porch, Vestibule, Reception Hall, Main staircase Hall, Family Room, Dining Kitchen, Pantry, Playroom, Cloakroom, Laundry, Boot Room, WC, Wine Cellar, Domestic Stores and Plant Room.

#### First Floor

Galleried Landing, Staircase Hall, Magnificent Drawing Room and Dining Room with Bay windows, Sitting Room (Withdrawing Room), Games Room, Bedroom Suite with Dressing Room and en-suite Bathroom, two further Bedrooms with en-suite Bathrooms, Bedroom, Bathroom, Linen store and Cloakroom

#### Second Floor

Landing, Stunning Master Bedroom Suite comprising Bedroom and Dressing Room with bay windows, a large walk in wardrobe and an en-suite Bathroom. Bedroom with en-suite Bathroom, two further Bedrooms, Cloakroom, Panelled Library and Office/bedroom.

The house has a wealth of period detail throughout from the magnificent panelling, cornicing, fireplaces, stone staircases, hardwood and stone flooring and astragal windows with working shutters and really has to be viewed in person to be appreciated.





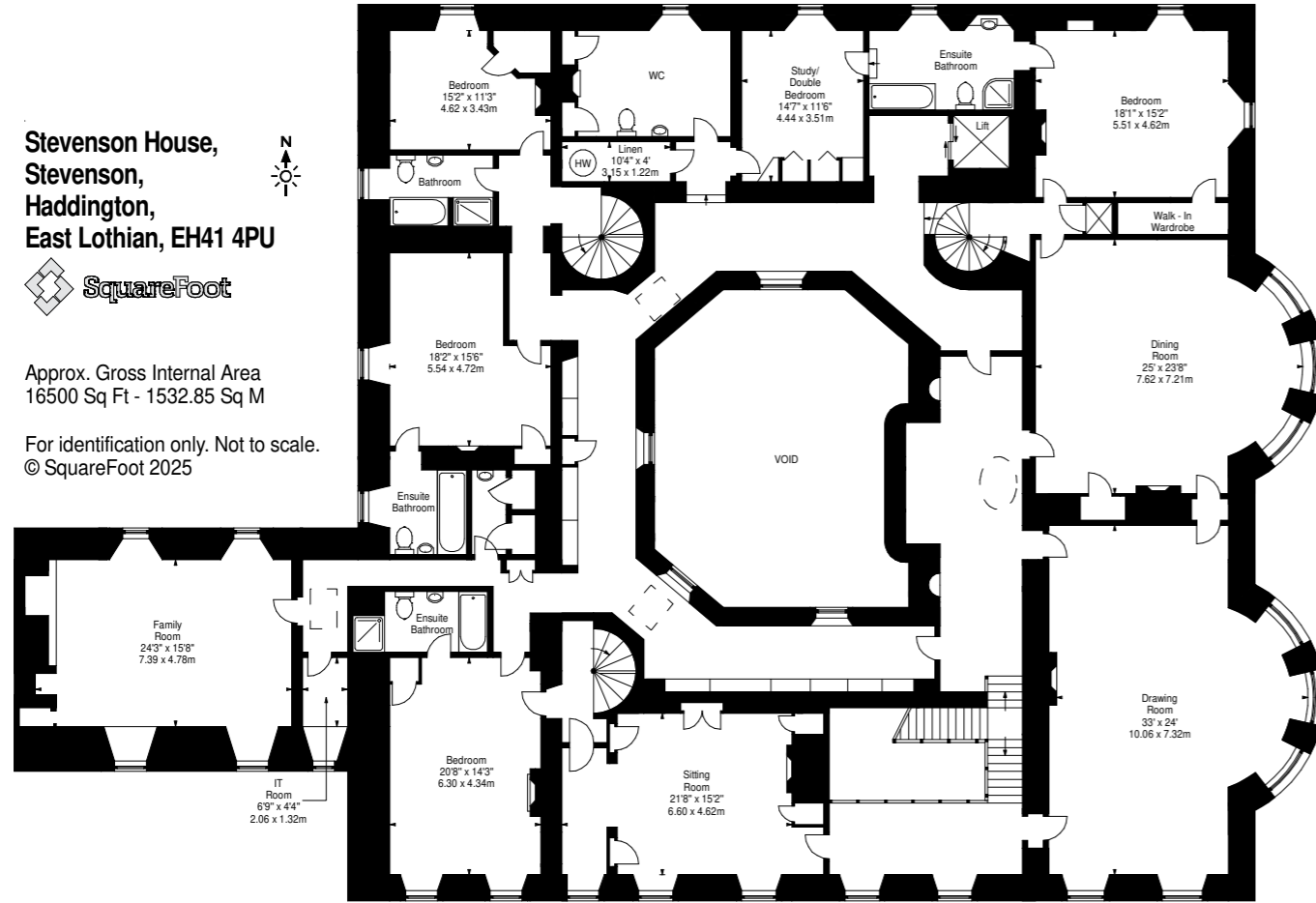


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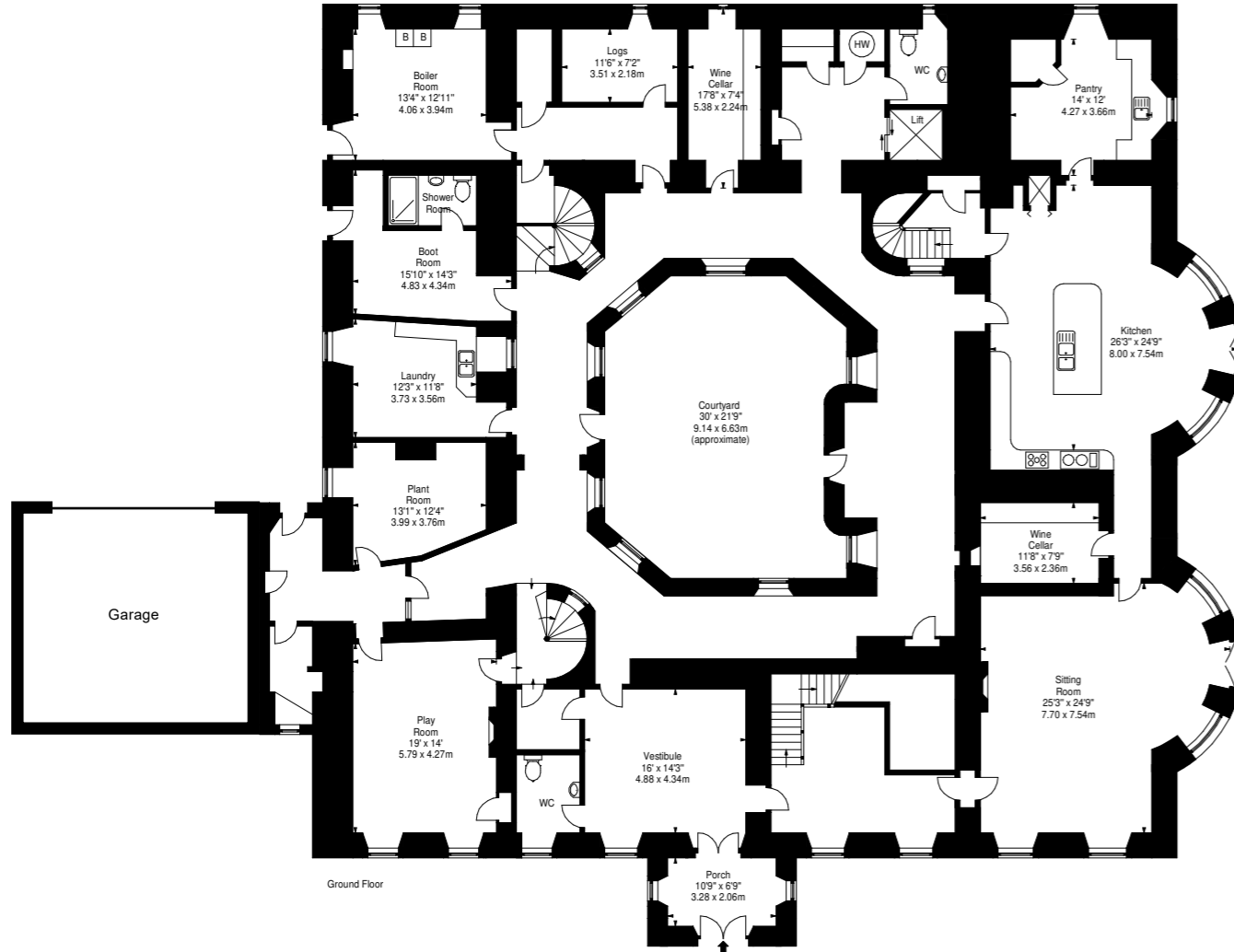


Approx. Gross Internal Area  
16500 Sq Ft - 1532.85 Sq M

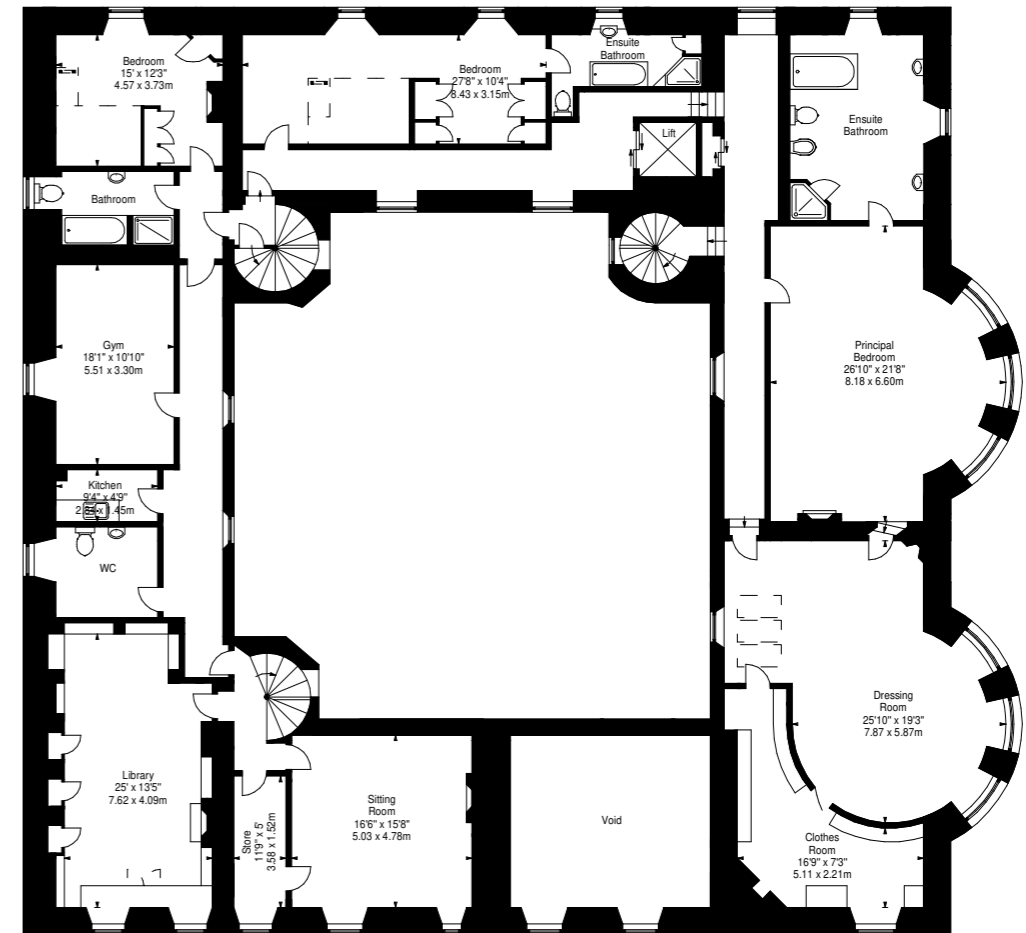
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First Floor



Ground Floor



Second Floor



### Garage

To the north of Stevenson House a courtyard provides access to a large double garage adjoining the house.

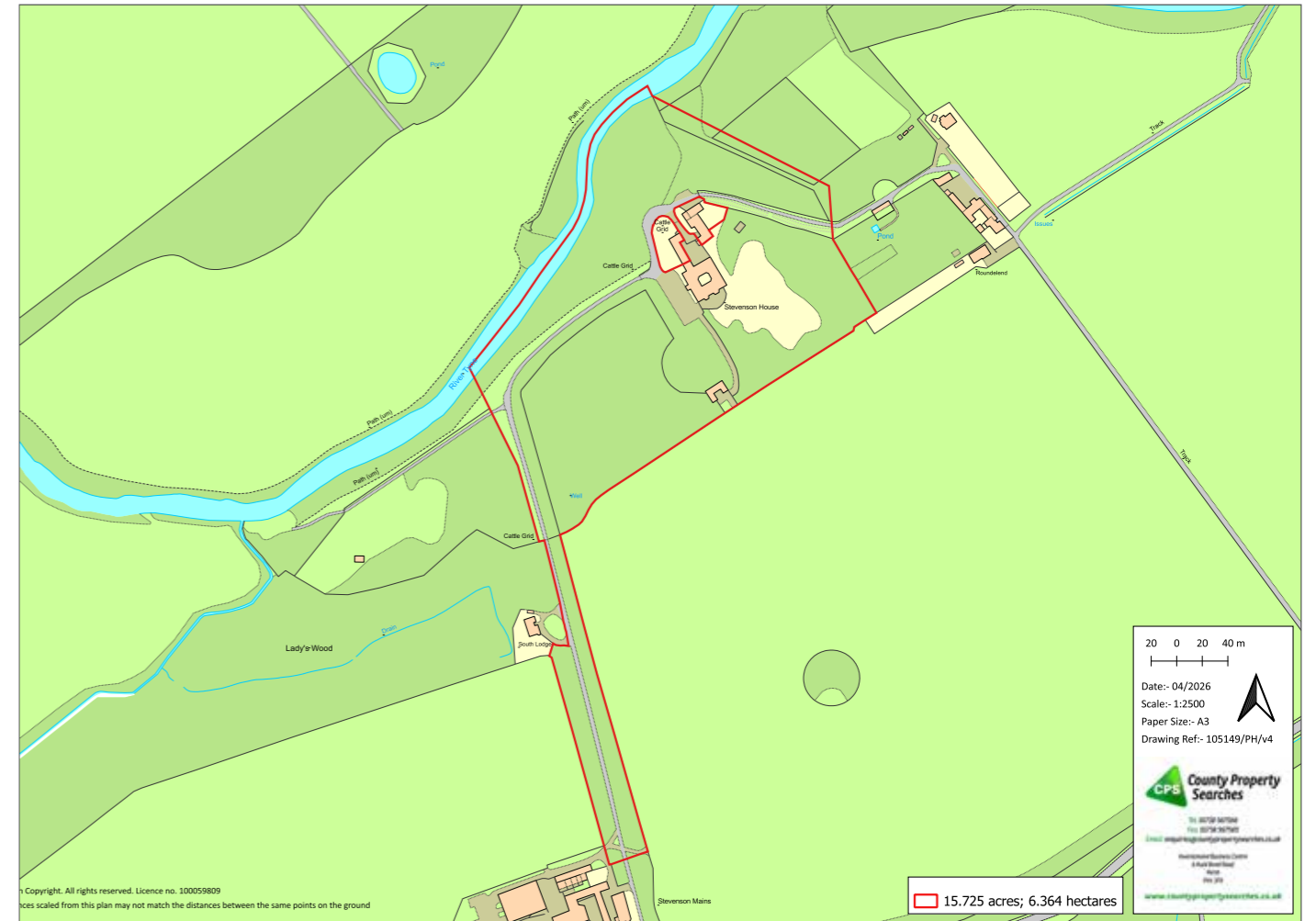
### Gardens

The surrounding gardens have been carefully landscaped to provide an open outlook from the house across the parkland to the surrounding countryside. The current owners have planted numerous specimen trees to enhance the magnificent lime, beech oak, willow, birch and copper beech trees that along with rhododendrons frame the garden and line the principal drive. The formal garden principally lies to the south and east of the house where a large stone terrace flanked by herbaceous borders is perfect for alfresco dining having double doors from both the kitchen and Family Room. Beyond the terrace expansive lawns with a beautiful Yew tree are interspersed with Flower beds, herbaceous and shrub borders including a circular rose garden divide in to 5 sections by box hedging. The garden has been carefully designed and planted to provide colour throughout the spring and summer months while being a place to sit and enjoy the lifestyle it offers. A hidden octagonal summer house in the south eastern corner of the garden is the perfect spot to enjoy the views to Traprain Law and the Lammermuir Hills.

To the north of the house the less formal gardens are long grasses with an abundance of spring flowers through which paths are mown and along with a path along the river bank. There are a series of benches and seats along the paths to sit and enjoy the views or shade on a sunny day.

### Parkland Policies and Stable Complex

To the west of the house is a grass paddock enclosed by wrought iron estate fencing and post and rail fencing with direct access to a purpose built courtyard stable complex cleverly hidden from the house by a bank of rhododendrons and trees. The "U" shaped stable complex is of traditional build with a slate roof and comprises a tack room 3 loose boxes and an open sided field shelter and has a concrete courtyard.



## GENERAL REMARKS AND INFORMATION

### Viewing

Viewing is strictly by appointment with the selling agents, Rettie & Co, Edinburgh. Tel: 0131 220 4160 or Ellisons Tel: 0131 357 1989.

### Directions

From Edinburgh head south on the A1 signposted Berwick Upon Tweed. On reaching Haddington take the second slip road (Abbots View Junction) and at the roundabout take the second exit signposted East Linton A199. After about 0.8 miles turn right signposted Stevenson and at the T junction turn left. The entrance to Stevenson House is on the left after 0.5 miles.

### Household Contents, Machinery and Equipment

The fitted carpets and curtains in Stevenson House, together with many of the light fittings, are available for sale.

The buyer will have the option to purchase a selection of the contents of Stevenson House, the garden machinery and equipment and a selection of tools and implements.

### Local Authorities

East Lothian Council, John Muir House, Brewery Park, Haddington, East Lothian EH41 3PA Tel: 01620 8278827

### Designations

Stevenson House, garden statuary and gates are Category A Listed (LB10821)

### Additional Properties

Little Stevenson, The Coach House and South Lodge are available by separate negotiation in addition to Stevenson House.

### Services

Stevenson House is connected to mains electricity, mains water and private drainage and has modern gas fired boilers.

### Council Tax Bands

Stevenson House Band H

### Entry and Vacant Possession

Entry and vacant possession will be by mutual agreement and arrangement.

### Offers

Offers should be submitted in Scottish Legal Form to the selling agents Rettie & Co at 11 Wemyss Place, Edinburgh, EH3 6DH or Ellisons.

### Servitude Rights, Burdens & Wayleaves

The property is sold subject to and with the benefit of all servitude rights, burdens, reservations and wayleaves including rights of access and rights of way, whether public or private, light, support, drainage, water and wayleaves for masts, pylons, stays, cable, drains and water, gas and other pipes whether contained in the title deeds or informally constituted and whether or not referred to above.

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