

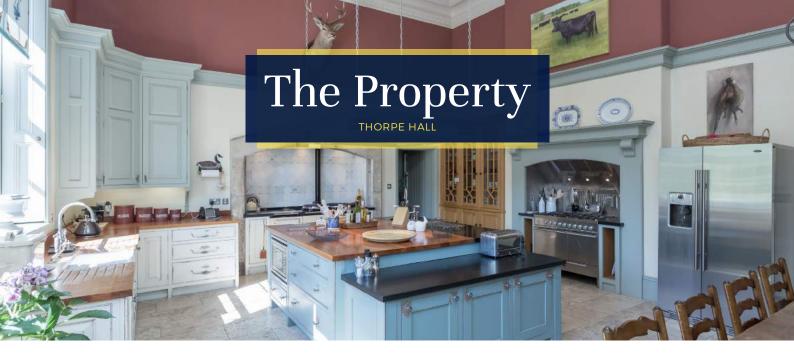
## Welcome To Thorpe Hall

An historical small country estate with an impeccable pedigree. Restored and beautifully decorated under the direct supervision of the current owners with the assistance of Interior Designer Mark Gillette, the result is a handsome, modern country house where 21st century craftsmanship is a match for the original 18th century work. The gardens were landscaped under the direction of leading garden designer Arne Maynard and the total estate extends to approximately 45 acres.

The origins of Thorpe Hall go back to the 13th Century where a peel tower was erected by the Wycliffes, from which the current house evolved. The Georgian front was built in about 1740 and is typical of the Palladian architecture that was popular in the area at the time.

The interiors have been remodelled and notably the inner has been transformed to an impressive reception room with a lantern light, neoclassical Adamesque plasterwork, a delicate wrought-iron balustrade and a fireplace framed in marble with a carved mantel.





### Classical Georgian Palladian Architecture

The principal rooms were returned to their original purpose, namely the drawing room, dining room and library, offering excellent space for entertaining and family life. In addition there is a smaller family dining room and pretty sitting room, with exceptional original features including fine Georgian cornicing and panelling.

The 18th century kitchen has been brought back to its original role, but with a keen eye on modern family life with a large dining table to one side. The works have been principally carried out by local craftsmen, notably the decorative plaster work by Steads of Bradford, joinery by Houghtons of York and wrought iron work by Brian Russell of Little Newton Forge.

The bedrooms are all individually decorated to a wonderful standard using appropriate colour and design. The owners have worked with the original rooms avoiding any partition walls compromising the original proportions.

The Master bedroom suite is impressive, overlooking the gardens onto traditional farmland. There is a dressing room that leads to the en suite bathroom. Adjacent is the gentleman's dressing room beautifully fitted with mahogany cupboards and shelves which leads to a shower room.

### Gardens & Grounds

The beautifully designed gardens have been laid out by the world-renowned Arne Maynard. By creating a series of rooms, the gardens give interest throughout the year. Furthermore the formal gardens can be appreciated and enjoyed from either a window in the house or from a stroll among the parterres and avenues. Terracing around the house has created excellent spaces for summer entertaining. The kitchen garden has been designed to offer an abundance of produce throughout the year and also benefits from a large greenhouse. The park like grounds protect the house and lend privacy and security to this wonderful home.

As befits an estate of this standard, there are numerous outbuildings, cottages and garaging. Close to the house are three cottages and a studio flat that would work well for staff and or dependants. Further land (approximately 38 acres) and cottages (two) are available by separate negotiation. There is significant garaging and kennels along with an office suite where there is a meeting room, office, kitchen and WC. Separate gym with shower and cloakroom.









# Convivial And Functional Layout

The accommodation extends to over 22,000 sq ft but crucially it flows brilliantly so that elegant entertaining rooms are complimented by family orientated spaces as well as comfortable bedrooms and bathrooms.

Services
Oil fired central heating
Mains water & electricity
Private drainage
Listings: Thorpe Hall is Grade II \*
Local Authority: Durham District Council



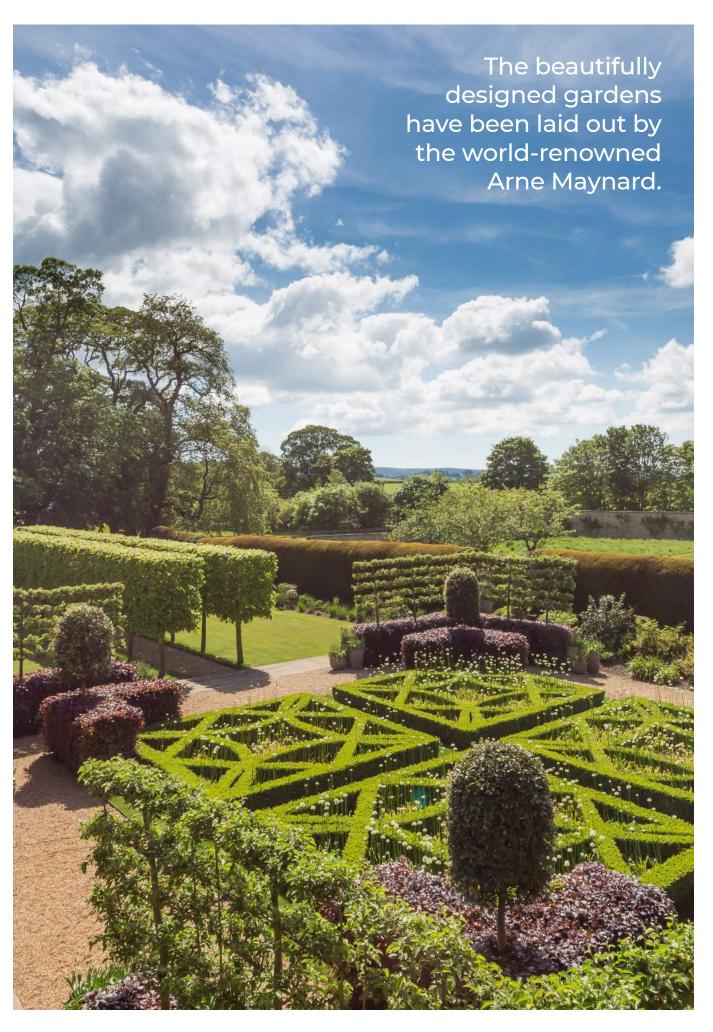
#### THORPE HALL

Approximate Gross Internal Area : 2244.91 sq m / 24164.01 sq ft Garage : 22.89 sq m / 246.38 sq ft
Outbuildings : 106.60 sq m / 1147.43 sq ft
Total : 2374.40 sq m / 25557.83 sq ft











## Come And Explore The South Bank Of The River Tees

Thorpe Hall sits on the border between two historic counties, once Yorkshire and now Co Durham, on the south bank of the River Tees.

It is close (approximately 5 miles away) to Barnard Castle an historic market town, named after the 12th Century castle around which it grew up. The renowned Bowes Museum (a jewel in the heart of beautiful Teesdale) is approximately 5 miles away and is home to internationally significant collections of fine and decorative arts.

Neighbouring villages harbour the Oak Tree pub in Hutton Magna, the Bridgewater Arms in Winston and the Michelin starred \*\* restaurant The Raby Hunt Inn is ten miles away.

Darlington (mainline East Coast direct to London) is approximately 14 miles

Newcastle International Airport (connections to direct worldwide flights) is approximately 50 miles York (approx.50 miles)

### **Independent Schools**

Barnard Castle Independent Co-educational Interdenominational Day and boarding 4 yrs – 18 yrs

Sedbergh (approximately 40 miles) Co-educational independent boarding Sedbergh LA10 5HG

Aysgarth (approximately 20 miles) Boys only prep school Ampleforth College (approx. 50 miles) International co-educational Catholic York, YO62 4ER

#### **Sporting Opportunity**

The current owners have enjoyed shooting let from the neighbouring Rokeby Estate. The Rokeby Estate also owns the fishing rights for the local section of the River Tees, and it may be possible to take "a rod", subject to availability. Some of the most spectacular grouse moors are nearby on the North Pennines (9 miles) and Yorkshire Dale National Park (10.5 miles). There is a racecourse at Catterick (15.5 miles) with over 28 meetings for 2018, both National Hunt and Flat.













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