



The Old Coastguard Station

Derkmore-Dromard, County Sligo, Ireland

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“A superb opportunity to acquire this once in a lifetime residence”

This World class Waterfront Period Property located at the mouth of Ballisadare bay provides dynamic and truly breathtaking views across Sligo Bay. It comes with 900ft of waterside frontage including the original boathouse and a slipway leading down to a small sandy beach with two moorings.

The area, famous for its intense natural beauty, would make an ideal home for both busy and creative people. Where it is possible to switch off or just unwind and from the Watchtower with a glass of wine or cup of coffee reflect on life, whilst watching the resident seals at play, catching sight of the occas, the occasional pod of dolphins pushing mackerel up the bay or just keeping a lazy eye on the local lobster fishermen working the shorelines.

History

The Coastguard Station was built in 1873 by the Office of Public Works (OPW). It was originally constructed to accommodate four boatmen and one officer with their families. With the officer's accommodation and offices at one end the watchtower at the other. It was purposely positioned at a strategic location at the entrance of Ballisadare Bay.

It was built primarily as a military establishment and with thick walls was designed to be able to be turned into a defensible structure in times of trouble with gun loops and murder holes cut into the masonry to protect the flanks of the building. Its particular location was chosen because of a naturally occurring strip of beach which allowed easy access into the bay for launching and retrieval of the stations cutter (boat) from the boathouse and slipway.

In its time it was considered to be a substantial government building at this rural setting where in addition to their coastguard duties of patrolling and protecting the entrance to Ballisadare bay the officer and his boatmen would be available to the local Magistrate as an armed and trained military force should they be needed.

The 1901 censuses recorded the coastguard men their wives and fourteen children, a total of 24 souls living at the station but by the 1911 censuses it was empty, the men having been called away to other duties in the British Empire and the station was left empty.

The building was then for a while partially occupied by the postal service until one night in 1919 when the IRA attacked the station along with the local Garda Police station at Skreen and set them both on fire.

The Coastguard station was then left as a ruin with only the stone walls and masonry surviving until the sixties when it was bought from the government by an Irish American architect who restored both the watchtower and the officers' accommodation at either end of the building. In the eighties the building was then fully restored throughout into one home by a German hotelier who used the property as a holiday home.

The present owners acquired the property five years ago and have extended and modernized the house and out-buildings throughout to its present exceptional standard.







Description

This entirely unique property has been delightfully refurbished with all internal woodwork in solid light oak. It now offers bright and most comfortably arranged spacious accommodation with outstanding views across the bay to the mountains beyond. The accommodation is spread over two levels and consists of 3 reception rooms, the study, an office and a library together with five bedrooms, five bathrooms, kitchen, utility room, shell room, pantry and boot room. Four of the bedrooms have en-suite bathrooms.

The main house and watchtower stand as a large classic Period Stone Structure in the centre of outstanding coastal site extending to about 7 acres. The main feature of the front façade is the striking period gothic head windows and front door. The front gardens are laid out as two lawns with a central pathway and steps leading from the upper to the lower front lawn. The front gardens are enclosed by stone walls and native shrubbery to provide protection. To the rear of the house there is a secure and sheltered paved 300m² courtyard which houses the original stone freshwater well and useful outbuildings which have all been modernised. These outbuildings consist of 5 original coastguard station buildings; two recently built garages and a green house.

The property's water supply comes from both the local supply and a deep drilled private well. There is also a deepwater mooring at Portavard 900M away and the property is serviced with broadband, landline and CCTV (world wide web based).

Location and Amenities

The Old Coastguard Station is located on the south-western shores of the Ballisadare Bay just as it joins Sligo Bay. The property is about 5 minutes from the village of Beltra, 11 minutes from Ballisadare and 18 minutes from Sligo Town (A Gateway City). The cities of Dublin and Belfast with their respective International Airports are both about 2hrs 30 minutes away. The Sligo Airport at Strandhill is 30 minutes distant and has daily flights to Dublin. Knock International Airport, a very busy Airport, flies throughout Europe and it is 45 minutes in distant. The local main train line provides eight Dublin trains a day.

The region has a number of excellent golf courses including the internationally known links courses at Rosses Point and Enniscrone, which are within 30 minutes drive. The area is renowned for both sea and river fishing. The famous Moy River and Ballisadare River are well stocked with both Trout and Salmon.

Sligo is the home to both W B Yeats the world renowned poet laureate who is buried at Drumcliffe and The Countess Markievicz, the renowned Irish freedom fighter who lived at Lissadell House.

If you are a competitive sailor one can join the well known Sligo Yacht Club situated at Rosses Point or you can walk the beach at low tide and find oysters at Drumcliffe and razor clams at Portavard.

To really get away from it all, the present owner enjoys taking his fast boat across the bay (20Min's) to Coney Island for a pint or two at the only pub on the Island.

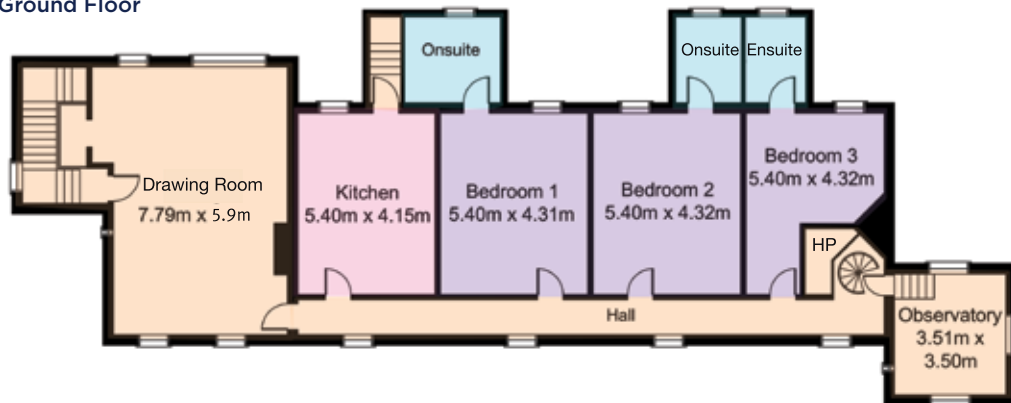






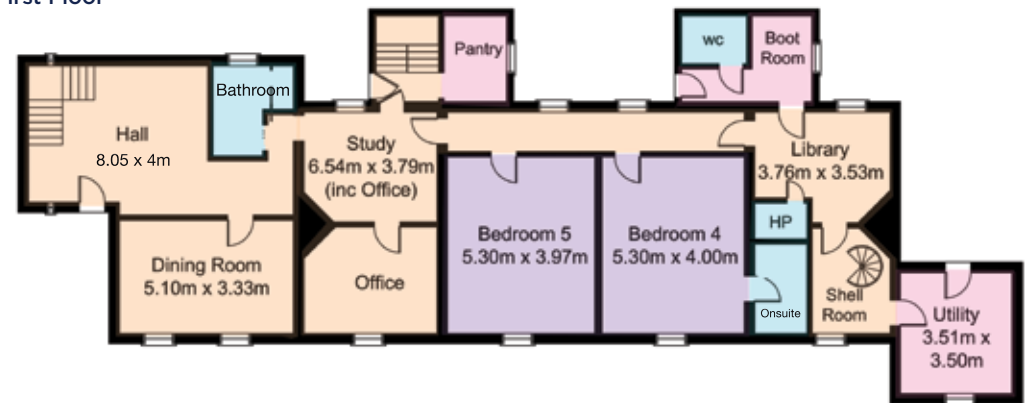
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 Total Approximate Area c. 410 sq.m (4,470 sq.ft)

Ground Floor



- Reception Rooms / Living and Circulation Areas
- Kitchens/ Utility
- Bedrooms
- Bathrooms
- Storage

First Floor



Not to Scale
 This plan is for illustration purposes only

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Services

- Biocycle system
- Alarm system
- ESB
- Well Water
- CCTV (web based)
- Broadband
- Phone

Title

Freehold

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