

# Fox Covert, Westfield Road

Oakley, Bedfordshire MK43 7SU



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## Special Country Home, With Remarkable Gardens, Pool and Separate Flat Over Extensive Garaging

An outstanding village home of nigh on 5000 square feet, surrounded by fields and around 2.5 acres of its own beautiful gardens, with 4 bedrooms in the main house and one in a lovely guest flat above a 4-car garage. Approached via a no through, tree-lined lane in the historic, Bedfordshire, riverside village of Oakley, and along its private, gated drive through one of the most delightful front gardens you're ever likely to see, Fox Covert not only has a heated, outdoor pool, but a wonderful, walled pond, too. It's little wonder that the same family has lived here for over four decades.

Despite living in such a beautiful rural environment, you're less than four miles from the county market town of Bedford, with its world-renowned Harpur Trust private schools and fast trains to London in 40 minutes. You're spared the traffic noise, but you can be on the A6 in a couple of minutes, and at Luton Airport, only 25 miles away, in less than 40. Moreover, Oakley is roughly 15 miles equidistant of Milton Keynes and Rushden Lakes Shopping Centres. A choice of supermarkets, as well as the Brewpoint Brewery, Taproom & Beer Garden, are just 3 miles away.

For a small village, however, Oakley has a remarkable number of facilities of its own. How lovely to be able to walk with the children to schools for all ages, from kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> Form, rated 'Good' or 'Outstanding' in all areas; to pop along the lane to the Bedford Arms, a highly thought of 18<sup>th</sup> century inn and restaurant; and to the shop and post office. How delightful to wander to Sunday service at St Mary's, to know that there's always something going on at the village hall, and for children to meet up with friends at the scout hut or the playing fields.

Play golf and pick up the Sunday joint from the farm in the adjoining village of Pavenham. Bromham surgery is just five minutes away. The Ouse Valley cycle route is on your doorstep, and your dog will love to take you along the River Great Ouse beyond Oakley's historic twin bridges. Fox Covert is quite something.



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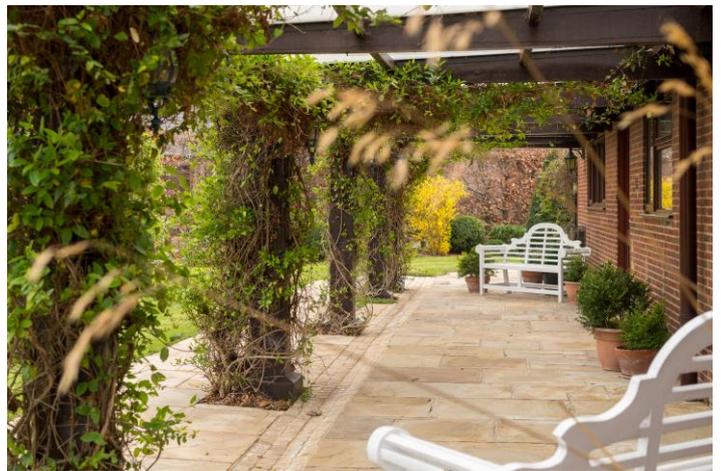
AT A GLANCE – 5 double bedrooms, including 1-bed flat / 4812 sq. ft. / 2.4 acres

- **Separate Guest Flat** (above garaging); Double bedroom, bathroom and sitting room
- House: **Main bedroom suite**, with fitted dressing area and shower room / **3 further bedrooms in house**, all with washstands, one with fitted wardrobes
- Galleried landing (access to part-boarded roof space, with light and ladder), with deep storage cupboard / **Wet room shower** / **Separate bathroom**, with freestanding bath
- Entrance Hall, with **Cloakroom**
- **Sitting room**, with open fire and door to rose garden and arch to **Dining room**, with French doors to terrace
- **Kitchen/Breakfast room** – appliances: sink with waste disposal; Miele integrated dishwasher; integrated tall refrigerator; AEG double oven, ceramic hob and canopy hood – door to terrace / **Utility room**, with sink, freestanding washer and dryer; tall wine cooler; space for freezer; floor-standing boiler
- **Day room** (through arch from kitchen), with gas fire (could be open fire) / **Study**, with Mark Wilkinson fitted furniture and desk – door to outside coffee area
- Outside **heated pool**, with **Pool house** and plant room / **Summerhouse**
- Mains gas central heating – floor-standing boiler for house and Vaillant wall boiler for flat / Septic tank / Double-glazing / Security system (**11-camera cctv**)
- **Surrounding gardens**, with 2 sheds, extensive composting area, and **large duck pond** / Outside lights, power and taps supplied by 120' deep borehole / **4-car garage**, with electric doors / **Gated driveway parking**



## FURTHER FACTS & FIGURES

- Full fibre broadband availability / Council tax band: H / EPC rating: D
- Bedford Railway Station: 3.9 miles – fast trains to London in 40 minutes / Supermarkets: 3 miles / Farm Shop and Golf club in adjoining Pavenham
- Within village: Lincroft Academy, Oakley Primary and Oakley Kindergarten / Village stores, newsagent & Post Office / C18th village pub
- Private schools in Bedford / **No onward chain**





Many a person might have wandered down the quiet no through lane and cast an envious glance towards Fox Covert through its iron gates at the end of its long, granite sett and pink sorrel-lined, winding drive; at the sea of daffodils, bluebells and Glory-of-the snow, punctuated by wonderfully shaped and maintained roses, beneath magnificent bird-filled oak, sycamore, cedar and weeping silver birch trees.

Indeed, many children have been lucky enough to have been invited into its delightful fairy garden at the front, or even to exercise their imagination in 'Ivy Cottage' at the back. Passing a fox eyeing hens, all in topiary form, they've spotted wild ducks paddling across the pond and koi swimming languidly beneath the lilies, the waterfalls, fed in their sustainable way by rain from the roofs, cascading like the beautiful willow ever downwards.

These magical gardens, watered from their own borehole, are a joy for children, yet they're designed for entertaining, too. Fox Covert has hosted many a function, with gazebos set up and guests wandering glass in hand past multiple, shaped box and yew, around the formal rose garden to the side and the parterre at the back, and beneath the beautiful, 100-foot-long, rose-clad pergola promenade towards the giant silver urn.

Pool parties, lit up at night, sheltered by surrounding glass that doesn't hide the pretty roses, are enjoyed by adults and children alike, who change either in the stone and thatched pool house, or in the summerhouse - where there's even a useful loo.

And if all that wasn't enough, the house and gardens are surrounded by fields, an ever-changing landscape, sometimes of sheep, cows and horses, sometimes of gold, always wonderfully peaceful. Guests of any age love to come to Fox Covert. But what a place to live.









With such uplifting, joyful surroundings, and numerous peaceful arbours to enjoy them from, you'd be forgiven for missing quite how attractive your new house is, with its decorative tile detail and plunging roof lines, and roses climbing its lovely red brick walls.

Separate garaging, built in keeping of course, houses not one but four cars behind electric doors, while the lovely, vaulted-ceilinged flat above accommodates guests. It could even earn an income, and if you prefer it to be fully self-contained, there's plenty of space for a kitchen. It would make a great office, too, or entertainment space - or both. It's your choice how you use it.

You have plenty of versatile space in the main house, too. Your oak-floored sitting room stretches the entire depth of the home, natural light pouring through windows on three sides slung with expensively gorgeous silk drapes, its lovely, curved corner looking out over the rose garden and fields. In wintertime, swap the candles, perhaps, for logs and slump on the sofa in front of a roaring open fire.

Through an open arch, the dining table seats at least ten, the room extending through French doors onto the sandstone terrace, undercover and bedecked with pretty clematis. Whatever the weather, whatever the time of year, Fox Covert is made for entertaining.

Yet this is a fabulous family home first and foremost. Where your utility room is as large as many a kitchen – and comes complete with a full-height wine cooler. Where you can rustle up meals in your terracotta-floored kitchen, with its bespoke painted furniture, while chatting to hungry children around the breakfast table. And through another open arch relax with the papers in the day room. – or you can open it up as one, perhaps.

It's a home where you can escape to the impressive study, with its handsome, bespoke Mark Wilkinson furniture - and outside coffee area. Where even the galleried landing provides a lovely, peaceful reading spot. And where you have super bedrooms, not least the prettily decorated, vaulted-ceilinged main suite, all with fabulous views to wake up to over those gardens and surrounding countryside. Just wonderful!





Denotes restricted height

Summerhouse  
13'9" x 9'10"  
4.19 x 2.96m

Log Store

WC

Outbuilding

Pool Room  
8'7" x 10'2"  
2.61 x 3.13m

Outbuilding

Garage  
38'0" x 18'0"  
11.59 x 5.49m

Ground Floor

Lounge  
27'5" x 15'8"  
8.35 x 4.82m

Bedroom  
13'5" x 10'9"  
4.10 x 3.24m

Wardrobe

Ensuite

First Floor above Garage

Sitting Room  
18'1" x 23'0"  
5.51 x 6.99m

Dining Room  
13'0" x 10'11"  
3.95 x 3.32m

Kitchen / Breakfast Room  
16'11" x 14'8"  
5.18 x 4.48m

Utility Room  
8'0" x 12'3"  
2.44 x 3.77m

Study  
13'0" x 13'0"  
3.96 x 3.96m

Dry Room  
17'10" x 12'3"  
5.45 x 3.79m

WC

Entrance Hall

Ground Floor

Bedroom  
19'0" x 11'4"  
5.79 x 3.46m

Bedroom  
12'0" x 11'4"  
3.66 x 3.51m

Bedroom  
10'11" x 10'0"  
3.33 x 3.05m

Main Bedroom  
18'8" x 16'2"  
5.67 x 4.93m

Bathroom

Shower Room

Dressing Area

Landing

First Floor

Area of Main House: 3368 ft<sup>2</sup> ... 312.9 m<sup>2</sup>  
Area of Garage: 779 ft<sup>2</sup> ... 72.4 m<sup>2</sup>  
Area of Flat over Garage: 665 ft<sup>2</sup> ... 61.7 ft<sup>2</sup>

**Total Area: 4812 ft<sup>2</sup> ... 447 m<sup>2</sup> (Excluding outbuildings)**

This brochure, including the boundary and floor plans (not to scale), is a guide only and nothing within it forms part of an offer or contract. All dimensions are approximate.

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