



**Auction Guide Price £350,000 to £400,000\***

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 12pm

The Theatre, The Royal Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet

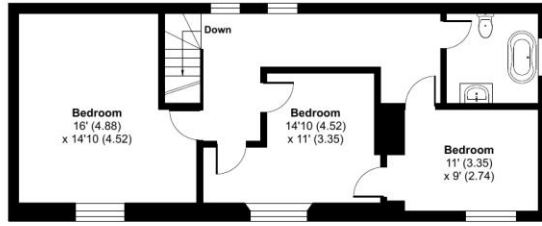
Bidding in person, by proxy or online via livestream

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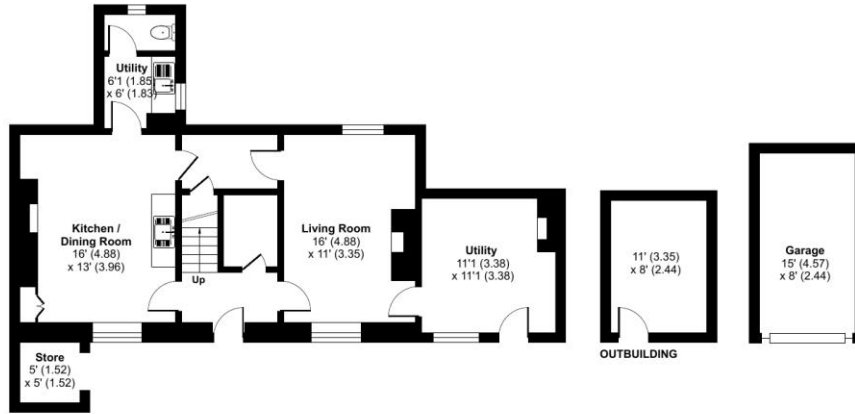
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# Bodden, Shepton Mallet, BA4

Approximate Area = 1428 sq ft / 132.6 sq m  
 Garage = 120 sq ft / 11.1 sq m  
 Outbuilding & Store = 113 sq ft / 10.4 sq m  
 Total = 1661 sq ft / 154.1 sq m  
 For identification only - Not to scale



FIRST FLOOR



GROUND FLOOR



Floor plan produced in accordance with RICS Property Measurement Standards incorporating International Property Measurement Standards (IPMS2 Residential). © nichecom 2024. Produced for Cooper and Tanner. REF: 1103235





# Higher Bodden Farm Bodden Nr Shepton Mallet BA4 4PU

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

There are three ways of bidding at the auction, these are:

1. Remotely via Livestream
2. In person on the day
3. By Proxy

Please note that all registrations must be completed at least 48 hours prior to the auction date. We will be unable to approve online registrations on the day of the auction.

### Description

Higher Bodden Farm is a charming Grade II listed former farmhouse set in the quiet rural hamlet of Bodden, close to the outskirts of Shepton Mallet.

The house retains a great deal of character throughout with exposed beams, flagstone floors, sash windows and a super Douling stone fireplace in the sitting room. Having been the subject of some renovation and improvement works, the house now requires completing and offers the potential to be a wonderful family home.

On the ground floor there is a lovely entrance hall with stairs rising to the first floor, large cupboard and doors to the sitting room and kitchen. The kitchen is a traditional farmhouse style room with Belfast sink, fitted cupboard and former fireplace. Beyond the kitchen is a useful utility room and cloakroom. An inner hallway links the kitchen and sitting room, behind the stairs, and is believed to be the former pantry. The sitting room is dual aspect with an impressive stone fireplace with a wood burning stove. Steps lead from the sitting room down to a second utility/boot room which has a door to the front.

On the first floor there are three good double bedrooms and a large landing area that has been used as a study space. The bathroom has recently been completed with a traditional style suite and a freestanding bath.

### Outside

The house sits in an enclosed garden of approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an acre with a large gravelled parking and turning area with space for several vehicles. There is a detached single garage to the side of the driveway. The garden is currently laid to lawn with some mature shrubs and trees and is a wonderful space and a blank canvas.

### Completion

Completion has been set for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 or earlier by arrangement.

### Agents note

The vendors will be looking to sell a parcel of land of approximately 1.4 acres later this year. The land is located just along the lane from Higher Bodden Farm. Further details are available on request.

### Registering to bid and Administration fee

Cooper and Tanner require all bidders who wish to bid at our Auction to register beforehand. As part of the registration process, you will be asked to provide card details in order that the Buyer's Administration Fee of £1350 inc VAT can be paid if you are successful.

A week before the auction a hold will be placed on your account for this sum, which will then be released if you are unsuccessful. This fee will only be taken if you are the successful buyer. The fee is retained by Cooper and Tanner and does not form part of your deposit or completion settlement. Please also be aware that the Buyer's Administration fee is payable per lot purchased. If you are successful in purchasing more than one lot, we will contact you following the auction to take subsequent payments for additional lots bought. All checks required by current anti-money laundering legislation must be satisfactorily completed, as part of the registration process before prior approval to bid will be granted; this will include providing proof of funds.

### Deposit

Successful bidders will be required to pay to the Cooper and Tanner Client Account the deposit of 10% of the purchase price within 24 hours of the auction. The account details will be provided to the successful bidder on conclusion of the auction. Once funds are cleared, they will be transferred on to the account of the solicitor acting for the seller. Please ensure that funds are in an account suitable to be able to make an Electronic Transfer from.

**Local Council:** Somerset Council (Mendip)

**Council Tax band:** E

**Tenure:** Freehold and vacant possession.

**Central Heating:** Oil fired central heating

**Services:** Mains water and electricity are connected property. Shared septic tank drainage. However, potential purchasers must rely on their own enquiries regarding the location of services and connections into them.

**Viewing:** By appointment through Cooper and Tanner on 01749 372200

**Solicitors:** Blanchards Bailey, Blandford  
Sarah Dunlop acting. Tel 01258 488205

# Auction Notes

## Conditions of Sale

Unless otherwise stated, each Lot is sold subject to the Common Auction Conditions (4<sup>th</sup> ed.). We recommend all interested parties inspect the Common Auction Conditions prior to bidding.

## Sale details

The details of each lot have been prepared based on information given by the vendor and their solicitor. There may be occasions where the person acting on behalf of the Vendor does not know the property in detail. Therefore, potential purchasers must satisfy their own enquiries and should refer to the legal documents available.

## Legal packs

These are available to download from the Land and Property Auction page of the Cooper and Tanner website. Alternatively, they can be obtained from the Vendors' solicitors. There may be a charge payable direct to the solicitor. We recommend that each potential purchaser take independent legal advice on the content of the packs. Potential purchasers are deemed to have made all the necessary enquiries and purchase with full knowledge of the content of the legal packs.

## Registration of Interest

Cooper and Tanner encourage potential purchasers to register their interest in specific lots. This will enable the Auction Department to inform you of any amendments made to that lot during the lead up to the auction day.

## Tenure and Possession

Unless stated otherwise, the tenure of each lot is freehold and vacant possession will be given upon completion.

## Registering to bid

All those intending to bid at the auction must first register online at [Cooperandtanner.co.uk](http://Cooperandtanner.co.uk). Please note that we will not be taking registrations in the room.

## Questions

The Vendor's solicitors may be available for questions prior to the start of the auction. However, there may be occasions when they are unable to attend. Therefore, it is advisable that any queries have been answered before the date of the auction. Members of the Cooper and Tanner staff will be on hand and will be able to answer questions concerning the procedure. They will not be able to answer any legal questions. No further questions will be permitted once the auction has started.

## Bidding in the room

When bidding for a lot, please make your bid clear to the auctioneer or their clerk. The auctioneer will call the bidding three times, giving you the opportunity to place a final bid.

## Bidding online

When bidding online, you will be able to follow the auction via our livestream system. It will be made clear both on the camera and on the website what the current bid is and what bid is being invited. We strongly recommend that you have a consistent Internet connection and Cooper and Tanner cannot be held responsible for any loss of connection. Please be aware that there may be a slight time delay in the video footage and we would suggest that you follow the figure on the screen.

## Bidding by Proxy

Via the auction platform, you will be able to enter a proxy bid, which the auctioneer will execute on your behalf. However, we strongly recommend that where possible you attend the auction in person. All proxy bids must be entered on the system 48 hours prior to the start of the auction. If you are providing a proxy bid then this must be completed no later than 48 hours before the auction. We cannot guarantee that bids received after this time will be accepted.

## Fall of the Hammer

On the fall of the hammer, the successful bidder is under a binding contract to purchase that property. The purchaser must then present himself or herself to the auctioneer's clerk, giving their name, address, solicitor's details and a form of identification. If you are bidding remotely or by proxy then a member of the Cooper and Tanner staff will complete the Memorandum of Sale on your behalf, as set out in the terms and conditions of the auction.

## Deposit

A deposit of 10% of the purchase price will be payable to the Cooper and Tanner Client Account within 24 hours of the end of the auction. Cash will not be acceptable and Cooper and Tanner do not have the facilities to take payment by credit or debit card.

## Lotting

The vendors reserve the right to amalgamate, sub-divide or withdraw any or all of their property.

## Areas and sale plans

The area and the sale plan have been calculated and produced using Promap Mapping software (Ordnance Survey licensed) and referenced where possible to the HMLR Title plan; however, they may not correspond with other mapping systems. The boundaries are clearly marked on site and potential purchasers should inspect them and make such enquiries as they deem necessary.

## \*Definition

### Definition of Guide Prices

The guide price is an indication of the Vendor's current minimum price expectation at auction and the guide price, or range of guide prices, is given to assist prospective purchasers. The guide price can be adjusted by the vendor at any time up to the day of the auction, in light of the interest shown during the marketing period and bidders will be notified of this change on our website and by the auctioneer prior to the lot being offered.

### Definition of Reserve Price

The reserve price is the Vendor's minimum acceptable price at auction and the figure below which the auctioneer cannot sell. It is usual but not always the case that a provisional reserve is agreed between the Vendor and the auctioneer at the start of marketing and the Final Reserve Price will be agreed between the auctioneer and the Vendor prior to the auction sale. Whilst the reserve price is confidential, it will usually be set within the quoted guide range and in any event will not exceed the highest quoted guide price.

## Important Notice

These particulars are set out as a general outline only for the guidance of potential purchasers and do not constitute an offer or contract or part of the same. All descriptions, dimensions, reference to condition and necessary permissions for use and occupation, warranties and other details are given without responsibility and any potential purchasers should not rely on them as statements or representations of fact but must satisfy themselves by inspection or otherwise as to the correctness of each of them. Any photographs and plans are contained within the catalogue to identify the property to potential purchasers. They do not show the extent of the property and must not be relied upon to be to scale. It should not be assumed that each lot has the necessary planning consents, building regulations or other consents. The vendors reserve the right to sell their property prior to auction. Please contact Cooper and Tanner prior to the auction to check the availability of each lot

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