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Ashram and Holistic Retreat Center Glastonbury, Somerset, UK

Shekinashram has been operational for over 13 years and is a land mark in the Glastonbury landscape. Since its inception in 2003 it has been a thriving retreat centre for both the local and global community attracting a steadily increasing number of people from all over the world. Previously the property was known as the Old Stables and since the 1970's it has been an alternative centre which was formerly known as the Ramala Centre. Prior to this, in its early days it was a coach house and stables attached to Chalice Hill House, which was at that time a school.

The property itself is in a very sought after location on the side of Chalice Hill, at the end of a cul-de-sac on a private lane which is a public footpath to Glastonbury Tor. Whilst the top of Glastonbury High Street is less than 5 minutes walk away the property is hidden away in its own tranquil grounds with only fields and nature behind it.

Set in a good size plot with mature garden and trees with ample private parking, it offers versatile accommodation and excellent business potential. It is in close proximity to all local amenities, and Glastonbury besides being a pilgrimage centre and an enigma of alternative culture, it has all the usual small town facilities including a selection of schools, churches, supermarkets, a first class health food shop, library, doctors, and a local hospital.

Viewing strictly by appointment.

Offers in excess of £900.000

Property characteristics

- Unique detached Chalice Hill Setting
- 160 year old period property
- 5 minutes walk from Glastonbury town
- Quiet & Rural (end of cul-de-sac)
- Private driveway
- Parking for approx 15 vehicles
- Large Garden with mature trees
- 5 functional outbuildings
- Greenhouse , Shed, Caravan & Yurt
- Large Sauna
- Primarily Double Glazed windows
- Tibetan Prayer Wheels
- Established business with world wide clientele
- Very large group room with beautiful phoenix stained glass window.





Master Bedroom - 4.08m x 4.43m
En-suite Bathroom - 3.1m x 2.1m

Beautiful large double bedroom overlooking the garden with hand made wooden wardrobes and over bed storage. Large attached bathroom with wooden floor, windows, tile paneled bath, shower, hand basin and toilet.



Double Bedroom 2
4.68m x 2.72m

Dual aspect large double bedroom overlooking garden on two sides with mullion windows. Open walk in wardrobe and hand basin. Double glazed windows, radiator and gas fire.



Double Bedroom 3
3.75m x 3.48m

Double bedroom with exposed wooden floor, hand basin and walk in wardrobe. Double glazed windows and radiator.

Under Stairs Toilet

There is also a small but very creative toilet with sink under the stairs!



Double Bedroom 4m - 3.7m x 3.00m

Double bedroom with exposed wooden floor, hand basin and walk in wardrobe. Double glazed windows and radiator.

Single Bedroom - 3.73m x 2.4m

Double glazed windows, hand basin and radiator.



Kitchen & Dining Area - 5.4m x 5.00m

Spacious kitchen with double sink, and seating area for at least 12 people. Large original stable doors opening onto the garden and cobbled courtyard.



Back Kitchen/Laundry/Shower Room
- 5.30m x 3.20m

Versatile space with large washing machine and industrial dryer, handmade beech work surfaces, sink, storage, shower and sauna changing area.



Sauna - 3.10m x 1.60m

Hand Crafted with Red Cedar wood. Space for 9 people.



Office - 5.10m x 3.60m

Large, well equipped ergonomic design office with small shop space.



Upstairs Bathroom - 2.67m x 1.65m

Large bathroom with exposed wooden floor, both, shower, hand basin and toilet.



Garden

Shekinashram has a beautiful split level garden with a lawn, lily pond, a very small woodland, mature trees, including bay, hazel, yew, ash, laurel, holly, and large conifers. It also has two fig trees, two plum trees and a pear tree.



Outbuildings

In addition to a large greenhouse, tool shed, caravan, & compost toilet, there is also an 11ft oak yurt with hand crafted cedar wood floor and five other cabins finished to a high spec which can be used as living or rentable spaces.



Morning Garden

To the rear of the house there is a small private terrace area which is currently decked, and has great potential for a secluded garden area on Chalice Hill perfectly located to catch the morning sun.



Wooden Cabins

Discreetly hidden away in garden are a diverse array of living quarters, which have been both home to residents and also rented out on a bed & breakfast basis.

Cabin 1

This cabin is in the courtyard and is insulated and is currently used as a 5 bed dormitory.

Cabin 2 & 3

These cabins are both recent additions and are in excellent condition and are currently used as resident accommodation.

Cabin 4

This is a unique building and a work of art, complete with grass roof and built almost entirely out of recycled

material, primarily made from oak, hemp and lime. It includes double bed on a winch, wood burner, and wavy edged oak floor and workstation.

Cabin 5

This cabin has been converted into a beautiful bathroom complete with bath, shower, sink, and portalo. It has its own boiler.



Meditation Hall / Events Room
9.67m x 4.64m (in main building)

Business Potential

As a project Shekinashram is well established and has a faithful clientele who return time and again to stay and / or participate in events. The business has a very good and steady annual turn over, although it has a great deal more potential for someone who is enthusiastic about marketing and would like to take the project onto another level.

We have always been fairly passive in our approach to promoting the business itself as we have been satisfied with the

balance as it is, and have focused mostly on creating a spiritual atmosphere, and in so doing have found our website and the word of mouth connections to be very effective in promoting what we have to offer.

Current Income Streams

The majority of the ashram's income comes from bed and breakfast and retreat accommodation. We also run courses ourselves, rent out our meditation / events room for courses and classes with external facilitators, have a little shop, a sauna, and offer therapies and vegan lunches.

Furnishings and Post Sale Support

Included in the property price is the good will of our business as well as many of the properties furnishings and much of the equipment and paraphernalia we have found necessary to run the project.

We are also willing to offer full training after the hand over of the property in running the business, passing on contacts, going over all the details of the property, how everything works, and any other assistance related to the how to run such a project if this is required. As it stands the property is a ready made business with good ongoing income.



Our Vision

We would be very happy if whoever took over the property intended to continue with a project that provided something similar to the unique service to the local and international community that Shekinashram has offered over the years. If this was the case we are open to possibilities of continued association with what Shekinashram becomes once it changes hands. Knowing the property, business and project so well, we also know how valuable it is to have the opportunity to have a break at some point in the year, and so if required we would be open to come and manage the space for one, two or three months for the first couple of years as appropriate.