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Woodland Cottage

HEREFORDSHIRE

2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms
For 4 guests





The charming framework of this 300-year-old cottage has been sensitively restored to create an idiosyncratic countryside retreat.

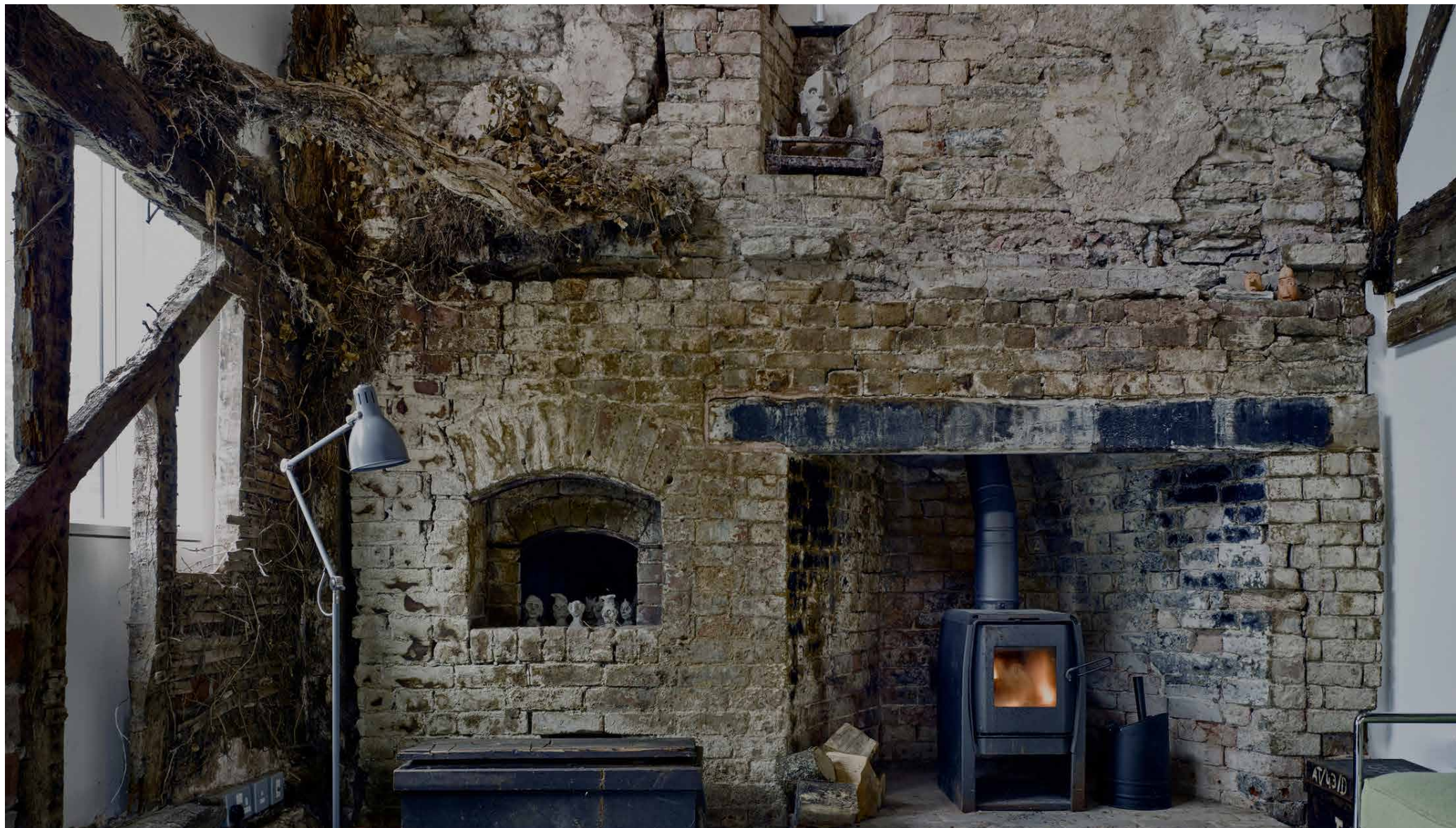
Nestled within the protected woodland of Fishpool Valley, on the National Trust's Croft Castle estate, this sylvan setting is celebrated for its rich biodiversity, abundant birdlife and enchanting forest scenery. Here, a thoughtful fusion of old and new emerges: an 18th-century cottage sensitively transformed into a contemporary two-bedroom retreat.

The original structure, with its rich timber, exposed brickwork and lofty proportions, has been beautifully reimaged by Kate Darby Architects and David Connor Design.

The living spaces

High vaulted ceilings and an expansive picture window bring an uplifting atmosphere as you enter the living room. Rustic timber beams form an interior feature wall, while the surrounding whitewashed palette keeps the space feeling tranquil. Minimalist furnishings are complemented by striking artwork, a high-spec television and a log burner – ideal for cosy evenings indoors.









Kitchen & dining

There's a quietly nomadic charm to the dining area, set beneath timber beams and surrounded by textured plaster walls and exposed woodwork. Natural light pours through a double-height recess, while a picture window frames leafy woodland views beyond. Stainless steel cabinetry lends an industrial edge to the kitchen, which remains streamlined and understated; its sleek worktops and contemporary appliances designed for culinary creativity.







Bedrooms & bathrooms

A bold metal staircase winds upwards to two serene bedrooms. One occupies a mezzanine level, where the home's material palette ensues with rustic plaster, sturdy beams and layers of exposed timber and brick. The second bedroom sits beneath a vaulted ceiling illuminated by a Velux window. A stable door opens onto the living space below, creating a sense of connectivity throughout. Designed with contemporary comfort in mind, the bathrooms are modish and modern, featuring pale blue tiling and sleek fittings.









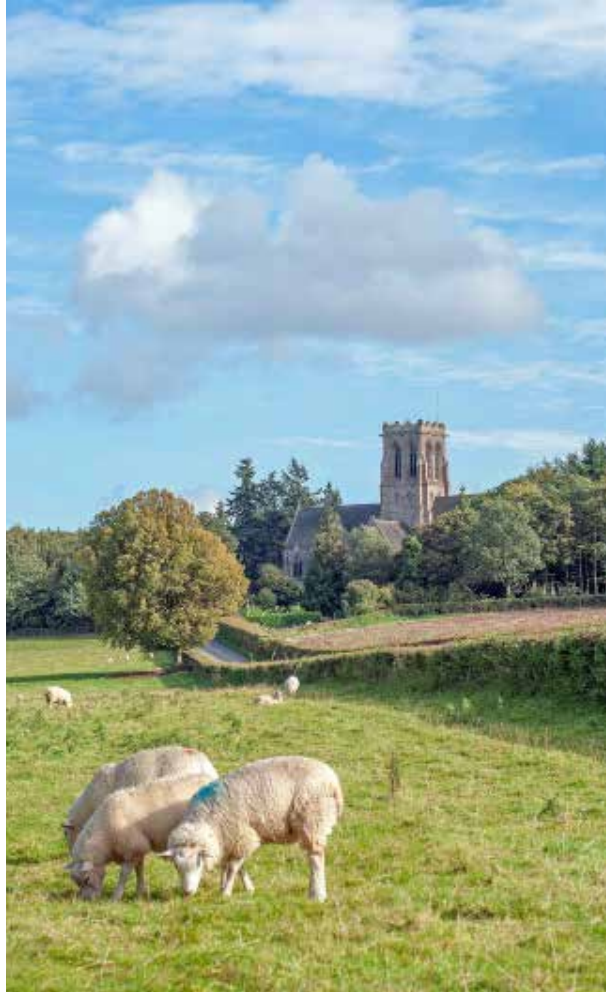
Outside space

Set within 1,450 acres of woodland and lakes, the surrounding landscape is utterly immersed in nature. The garden itself is verdant and charming, with flowering plants and outdoor seating areas for quiet moments outdoors. Beyond, Fishpool Valley awaits exploration. Designed in the late 18th century according to the principles of the Picturesque movement, the landscape is threaded with dams, pools and carefully planted oak, ash, willow and poplar trees. In spring, bluebell woods add to the area's pastoral beauty.

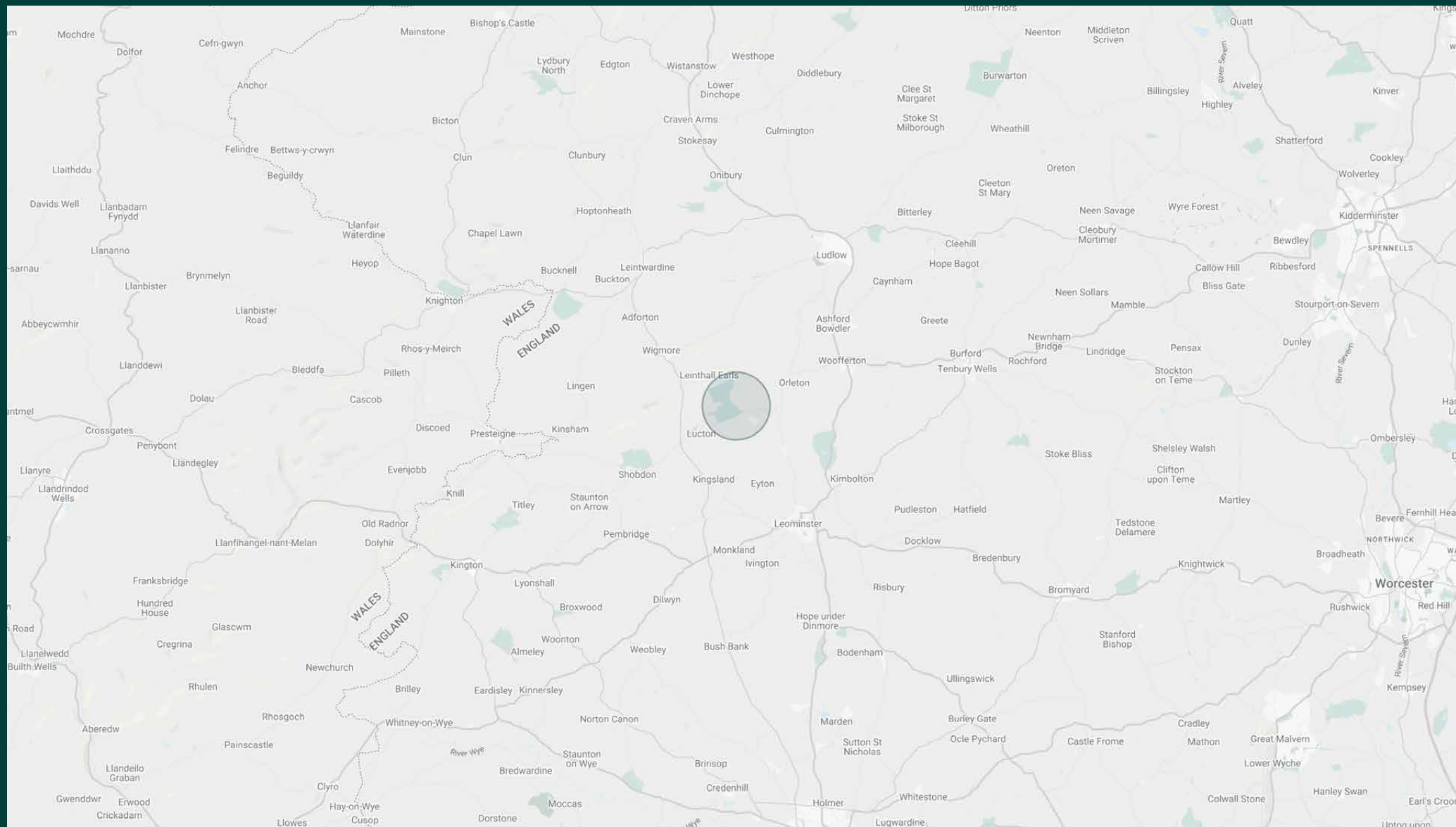


The surroundings

Set within the tranquil landscapes of north Herefordshire, this corner of the county is defined by ancient woodland and centuries of architectural heritage. Nearby Leominster retains much of its medieval character, with narrow streets and a coveted antiques scene, while the celebrated Black and White Village Trail winds through some of England's most picturesque Tudor villages – explored on foot or by bike. Queenswood Country Park's arboretum is beautiful for forested walks, as well as the routes through Mortimer Country and along Offa's Dyke. As evening falls, low levels of light pollution make for exceptional stargazing. For dining, The Baiting House and The Bull's Head showcase the best of Herefordshire's local produce, while 33 The Homend offers a Michelin-starred experience for special occasions.







Property features

- 300 year-old renovated cottage
- Set within 1,450 acres of woodland
- Designed by Kate Darby Architects and David Conner Design
- Living room
- Kitchen and dining room
- Two guest bedrooms
- Two guest bathrooms
- Private garden
- Electric car charging point

What's included?

1,450 acres

Customisable amenities

Weekly housekeeping (for stays over seven nights)

Personal check-in



Guest & concierge services

Tennis coach or yoga instructor. Tables at renowned dining institutions, tickets to sporting or music events, and tours of the surrounding countryside: we're here to ensure stays are nothing short of exceptional. Working alongside our carefully selected partners, we put tastemakers and health and wellbeing experts at our guests' fingertips.

Our statement spaces are just the starting point – to ensure everyone feels at home, our rates include:

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- Housekeeping
 - Flexible check-in/out
 - Luxury linens and toiletries
 - Legal compliance on all our homes
 - A personal welcome and arrival essentials
 - Unlimited access to guest services and tailored experiences
 - Professional inspection before and after every stay
 - Complete discretion





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