

Comments from the owners

When we bought Mapleside five years ago, it was a well-loved family home that had not been updated for a good twenty years or so. We fell in love with its grandeur, the sweeping staircase with its stunning picture window, the hugely spacious, beautifully proportioned rooms and the gorgeous period features. The challenge was to maintain its elegance and period style whilst making it a modern functioning home for our family.

Out came all the old plumbing, and in came miles of copper piping, two new boilers and a mega-flow system to service four new bathrooms and a brand new heating system zoned by floor. The electrics were replaced and a new board put in, along with smoke alarms on each floor.

We tanked the generously proportioned cellar rooms, using the space for utility purposes and a cinema room.

We redesigned the existing small kitchen, knocked a couple of walls down, lifted the ceiling and fitted a completely bespoke kitchen with River White granite worktops, and laid glossy tiles with underfloor heating. The detailed cornicing on the units add to the height and match the grandeur of the rest of the house.

The double doors at the back of the kitchen were designed to match the panelling in the drawing room and open onto wide decking steps, which lead down to the huge stone terrace. This terrace is ideal for summer entertaining - the southwest aspect of the garden means that you always have sun somewhere in the garden all day into early evening. In the heat of the summer, you can either bask in the heat on the terrace or wander down the wide stone steps to swing in the shade of the majestic oak tree. The beds either side of the steps have been landscaped by an experienced designer and provide stunning colour and structure well into the autumn.

The airy, spacious drawing room was the original billiards room in the house and apparently the men would stand on the oak dais with their backs to the fire while they watched each other take a shot! The huge windows allow light to pour into the room, frame the garden and provide beautiful views all year round.

This house is perfect for entertaining and the dining room can comfortably seat twenty people. It's a great space with the original fireplace and a beautiful ornate plaster ceiling.

There are five double bedrooms, each with their own character and style but all of a generous size. The fifth bedroom is tucked away at the very top of the house, providing the best views and a private space for an au pair or the guest craving seclusion!

To the front of the property there is enough parking for three cars, and an orchard area where it is very peaceful and secluded, perfect for a read or nap while your washing billows on the line! There's a garage and further parking for at least three more cars in a second driveway which belongs to Mapleside.

Mapleside is an architectural gem of a period house, approximately 4,344 square feet in a private road in North Reigate - it is hidden away and utterly tranquil. It retains all the charm and grandeur of when it was originally built in 1897, but now functions perfectly for the modern family.