# Mulberry House

**Region:** The South West **Sleeps:** 16

## Overview

Mulberry House is a hidden Elizabethan gem, built during the Shakespearean era. This stunning property offers a peaceful retreat set amidst 5 acres of beautiful, landscaped gardens, complete with tranquil ponds, abundant wildlife and plenty of space to explore. With breathtaking views across the surrounding countryside, it's a wonderfully atmospheric setting for a special escape.

Inside, you'll find a spacious interior that spans 3 floors. The property features 4 reception rooms, a dining room, a fully equipped kitchen, 8 bedrooms, and 9 bathrooms. The interior displays period features such as carved oak panelling, ornate stucco ceilings and large open fireplaces, all of which add to the character of this remarkable home.

With two exceptionally large reception rooms of over 60 square metres, there is ample space to host your special celebration or corporate retreat. The dining room seats 16 guests comfortably, and the big kitchen is equipped with SMEG double ovens and double fridges. You'll love the different spacious living spaces such as the Winter Parlour, Great Chamber, and Great Hall that provide plenty of room to spread out and relax.

Outside, the gardens create a true countryside playground, with a croquet lawn, summer house, outdoor dining terraces and a barbecue for long, leisurely lunches. As evening falls, sink into the hot tub or gather around the fire pit under the stars. There is also ample private parking, making it an easy choice for larger groups arriving from different locations.

Retire for the night in one of the 8 beautifully designed bedrooms, each furnished with the finest Egyptian cotton bedding for a restful sleep. The 6 bathrooms are supplied









with natural spring water, providing a heavenly and divine experience. The interiors display a classic, luxury style interior with a nod to the period the house was built. Immerse yourself in the luxurious facilities and rich history of this spectacular home.

Experience the grandeur of Mulberry House, a luxury property boasting impressive facilities and a rich history. This magnificent home was built by Robert Henley (a contemporary of Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Francis Drake) and remained in the same family from 1590-1919. The famous Georgian author Jane Austen reportedly named The Red House in her novel Persuasion after this very house, with its striking red sandstone façade. Better still, you're just a short walk from the historic Forde Abbey, perfect for a memorable day out during your stay.

## Facilities

Golf Nearby • Villa • Recommended • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Ideal for Xmas/NY • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Romantic • Chef/Cook Available • Maid Service Available • Cots (Cribs) • Ideal for Teens • Country Estate • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • TV • Table Tennis • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Indoor Games • Hot Tub • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Smart TV • Outdoor Games • Table Football • Home Cinema • Heating • Ceiling Fans • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

*Ground Floor*
- Entrance Hall
- Dining Room with working fireplace
- Kitchen
- Drawing Room with wood panelling and working fireplace
- Office with library
- Living Room with wood panelling, working fireplace, dining table and TV.
- The Northumberland (Bedroom 1) - Four-poster queen size bedroom with en-suite shower room
- Family bathroom with bath under the stairs with beams
- Laundry Room with W.C

*First Floor*
- Great Chamber with working fireplace
- The Charleston (Bedroom 2) - King size mahogany sleigh bed and mahogany bateau bed with en-suite shower room
- The Dolland Hulke (Bedroom 3) - Super king/zip link bedroom and extra bateau bed with en-suite Mandarin Stone marble bathroom, bathtub and overhead shower.
- The Oak Room (Bedroom 4) - King size bed and extra single French mahogany bed and en-suite bathroom
- Family Bathroom with free-standing oval stone resin bathtub and large walk-in rain shower

*Second Floor*
- The Sanctuary (Bedroom 5) - King size mahogany sleigh bed plus two single guest beds. The bedroom is tucked away with its own private staircase and adjacent shower room (at base of staircase)
- Accessed via its own staircase The Willow Room and The Henley Suite
- The Willow Room (Bedroom 6) Super King/zip link bed with en-suite shower room
- The Henley Suite (Bedroom 7) Magnificent four-poster bed with silk pleated ceiling and drapes plus double sleigh bed in anteroom.

**Outside Grounds**
- Hot tub
- Outdoor shower
- Five acres of landscaped gardens
- Lily pond and duck ponds
- Croquet lawn
- Outdoor dining terrace
- Barbecue
- Fire pit
- Summer house
- Private parking (12+ cars)

**Additional Facilities**
- Wi-Fi
- 55" Smart TV with speaker system for cinematic effect
- 2.2m diameter wood fired hot tub
- Table tennis table
- Table football table
- Gas BBQ









- 70cm diameter fire pit
- Outdoor reclining chairs
- Volleyball/badminton net and racket set
- Garden Jenga
- Outdoor table with 24 chairs

# Location & Local Information

Nestled in the small village of Forton, Somerset, Mulberry house offers a stunning retreat surrounded by lush gardens and breathtaking landscapes. The gardens are a true treasure and delight for nature lovers as they feature herbaceous borders, shrubs, and trees, and even include a 600-year-old Mulberry tree. From February to November the garden is adorned with magnolias, camellias, roses, lavender, and salvias in an array of beautiful colours, attracting bees, birds, and dragonflies. Making this property a haven for wildlife enthusiasts.

If you take a leisurely stroll around the lily ponds and duck ponds and soak in the tranquillity of your surroundings. There are plenty of opportunities to enjoy some activities in the gardens such as croquet on the lawn or some tennis in the old court. The terraces with BBQs and a Lutyens inspired summer house provide the perfect spot for al fresco dining and the fire pit is ideal for cosy evenings under the stars.

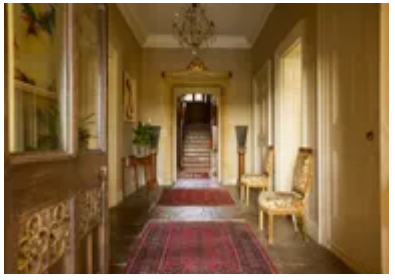
For those looking to explore the nearby area, there are plenty of activities and things to see. There is a picturesque town called Crewkerne is just a short drive away, offering a variety of shops, restaurants, and pubs. Take a trip to the stunning Jurassic Coast, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and marvel at the spectacular cliffs and beaches and visit the charming town of Lyme Regis which is famous for its history and quaint shops.

*Pubs*
- The Three Horseshoes in Burton Bradstock. Award-winning thatched roof pub on the Jurassic Coast
- Lord Poulett Arms in Hinton St. George. Chic gastropub close to Henley House
- Tytherleigh Arms in Tytherleigh. Close to Henley House, elevated gastropub dining experience
- The Barrington Boar in Barrington. Exceptional food with tasteful interior in quaint Somerset village
- Queens Arms in Corton Denham / Sherborne. Outstanding country pub in quintessentially picturesque English village, luxurious interior with fabulous food and wine
- The Cotley Inn in Wambrook / Chard. Stunning views over Somerset hills with local produce and own food garden
- Candlelight Inn in Bishopswood. Relaxed country pub with refined food and well curated wines and ales
- Devonshire Arms in Long Load. Former hunting lodge with expansive walled garden and elevated dining experience
- The Cobb Arms in Lyme Regis. Rustic vintage pub right at the marina
- Harbour Inn in Lyme Regis. Refined local seafood and meat specialities at the beach
- The Volunteer in Lyme Regis. 400 year-old independent inn with vintage wood interior and great local ales & cider

Restaurants
- HOLM in South Petherton. Contemporary fine dining with local produce
- Rockfish, Lyme Regis. Contemporary seafood restaurant by renowned chef Mark Hix overlooking Lyme Bay
- Lilac in Lyme Regis. Informal restaurant and wine bar in 400-year old cellar
- Brassica in Beaminster. Local produce in cosy atmosphere with adjacent speciality food shop
- Ollerod in Beaminster. Award-winning foodie nest in 14th century building







- Hive Beach Cafe in Burton Bradstock. Casual fresh seafood restaurant located directly on the beach
- Seaside Boarding House in Burton Bradstock Upmarket seafood dining with spectacular views of the sea
- 28 Market Place in Somerton. Top-shelf restaurant in Grade-II listed building with bakery and wine shop
- At the Chapel in Bruton Pictured above, chapel converted to outstanding fine dining restaurant
- Roth Bar & Grill in Bruton. Fantastic meat restaurant with own garden, vineyard and local suppliers
- Osip in Bruton. Michelin star farm-to-table restaurant

*Drinks*
- Selected Grapes in Bridport
- Palmers Brewery & Wine Shop in Bridport
- Wine World in Honiton
- Furleigh Estate Vineyard in Bridport
- The Coffee Factory in Shute / Axminster
- Lyme Bay Winery & Gin in Shute / Axminster
- Lyme Regis Brewery in Lyme Regis
- Sheppy's Cider Farm in Taunton
- Perry's Cider Farm in Dowlish Wake / Ilminster
- The Newt Estate in Shepton Montague

*Deli*
- Mercato Italiano in Bridport. Outstanding, tucked away Italian delicatessen shop that sells cheese, meat, wine, dolce, wholesale and now also bakes the finest Napoletana pizza in the evenings
- The Fridge in Bridport. Another amazing delicatessen shop, specialises in cheeses, meats and other delights

*Farm shop*
- Tytherleigh Farm Shop in Tytherleigh
- Barleymows Farm Shop in Barleymow
- Miller's Farm Shop in Axminster
- Washingpool Farm Shop in North Allington / Bridport

*Bakeries*
- Wobbly Cottage Bakery in Broadwindsor. Outstanding sourdough bread, also sold at Tytherleigh Farm Shop near Henley House
- The Barley Sugar Bakehouse French Artisan in Crewkerne
- 28 Market Place Artisan Bakery in Somerton
- Bear Bread Bakery in Colyton
- Own Mill Bakery in Lyme Regis
- Rise Bakery in Bridport

*Butchers*
- Colyford Butchers in Colyford
- Bonner's Butchers in Ilminster
- Barrett Brothers in Crewkerne

*Fishmongers*
- The Wet Fish Shop in Lyme Regis
- Beer Fisheries in Beer & Axminster
- Davy's Locker in Bridport
- Samways in West Bay
- Just Fish in Seaton

*Groceries*
- Waitrose in Crewkerne (delivery available)
- Tesco in Chard (delivery available)
- Sainsbury's in Chard (delivery available)
- Lidl in Chard (no delivery)
- Morrisons Daily in South Chard (small convenience store)

## Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport | **Exeter Airport (46 km)** |
| Nearest Bar/Pub | **The Bell (2.3 km)** |
| Nearest Beach | **Charmouth Beach (18.2 km)** |
| Nearest Ferry Port | **Poole Ferry Terminal (81 km)** |
| Nearest Golf | **Cricket St Thomas Golf Club (4.6 km)** |
| Nearest Restaurant | **A Tasquinha da Maria (4.7 km)** |
| Nearest Supermarket | **Tesco Superstore (5.6 km)** |
| Nearest Tennis | **Chard Tennis Club (6 km)** |
| Nearest Town/City | **Chard (4.5 km)** |
| Nearest Train Station | **Crewkerne Station (14 km)** |
| Nearest Village | **Winsham (2.2 km)** |

# What we love

- A rare Elizabethan manor with estate-like gardens, huge entertaining spaces and a hot tub, perfect for unforgettable group stays
- A welcome hamper will be provided and kitchen essentials. Faith in Nature toiletries are provided for guests to use (shampoo, conditioner, body wash and hand wash)
- All beds are made with professionally laundered luxury Egyptian Cotton Bed linen and fluffy white towels are provided for use during the stay
- Rich history and charm from the red sandstone architecture that inspired Jane Austen's Persuasion
- Stunning gardens with multiple terraces and a 600-year-old mulberry tree
- The lucky guests in Bedroom 2 can enjoy a beautiful sunrise

# What you should know...

- To make the most of your stay a car is advised

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £1500 charged to client's credit card by Oliver's Travels as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m.

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Lead booker must be 18+ years old.

- **Changeover day:** Friday. All other changeover days on request.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Extra £250, payable to Oliver's Travels with the balance payment. Guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Smoking & vaping are not permitted.

- **Minimum stay:** 3 nights.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.

- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.

- **Stag & Hen Do Allowed? :** Not allowed.