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Nestled into a spacious and prime corner plot within a popular residential area in the village of Pontllanfraith near Blackwood, this distinctive Grade II\* listed house is a rare beauty.

Called Shangri La, the much-loved home is one of only a handful of Art Deco homes in the region from the 1930s streamline' design era and was built for a family who pioneered cinema development within the south Wales area.

The property was saved from its eventual destination into dereliction when the house and the garden were given an impressive makeover, including restoring period features such as the classic art-deco windows, ensuring the property's future as well as its status as a truly mesmerising and memorable home.

Outside the swimming pool and patio has holiday vibes and is joined by a pool changing room and sauna. There's a sizeable, detached double garage with integrated workshop and carport, oodles of parking, plus a bonus one-bed, detached annexe that even has its own garden.

Inside, the house has a classic monochrome interior design theme that sweeps through every space, from the two sitting rooms to the kitchen diner; the three bedrooms to the luxury bathroom with slipper bath as its impressive centrepiece.

There are two bedrooms that can each boast a private balcony with the principal slumber space impressing further with a dressing room and ensuite shower room.

With the property's past linked to the world of films it seems fitting that the final space to discover is an equipment-packed cinema room where a movie marathon is waiting to be enjoyed by family and friends.

Shangri La sits at the edge of the large village of Pontllanfraith offering semi-rural views across the landscape towards Bryn Meadows Golf Hotel and Spa and yet just a short distance from a main artery road giving easy access south to Cardiff and Newport.

Head north to pick up the Heads of the Valleys road to explore all the delights that Bannau Brycheiniog National Park can offer or to access main roads towards The Midlands.

The village and the adjacent town of Blackwood can offer a range of facilities and amenities such as a doctor and dentist to leisure, sport and social clubs, parks and schools, as well as being a well-placed base from which to discover the beauty of the surrounding Sirhowy Valley.



# STEP INSIDE

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Step inside this most distinctive of houses, dating back to the art deco streamline' design era of the 1930s, and you are stepping into a property that has been given a mesmerising, contemporary renovation that also incorporates its period features.

The tour of this memorable Grade II listed home begins in the central hall where a monochrome interior design style greets you and then flows throughout the much-loved home; it's a fabulous start to this glamorous house.

The main living room on the left of the hall flows from the front to the back of the house, and then out onto a more intimate alfresco dining area next to the pool house. This room has a modern media wall incorporating a designer electric fire with mood lighting.

The room is one of a number of social hubs that this handsome house offers, easily enticing a large group to enter and sink into the squishy sofas and chairs to chat, laugh and enjoy being together, and to also admire the breathtaking art deco curved bay window.

Some visitors might think that the lounge is the place for family and friends to come together to watch a movie but this party pad can offer an alternative space for that. Built for a family who pioneered the establishment of cinemas within the south Wales region it seems destined that this house would have a dedicated cinema room.

The impressive space for feeling totally immersed in a home cinema experience is found next to the living room. Accessed from either the front or rear garden the cinema room is packed with equipment including black out curtains and a drop down movie screen.

The perfect place to party indoors with a bar and potential to add more games equipment the room has double access to the garden too providing a seamless transition out to the pool party once the movie ends.

The kitchen diner is also a room that invites people to meet, eat and create lifelong memories. The well-equipped, sleek contemporary kitchen is packed with appliances, storage space and work surfaces to delight the cook and a dining area at one end for people to wander in and sit and chat while the feast is prepared.





The impressive inside outside connection that is a repeated bonus at this home is evident in the kitchen diner too, via a set of French doors out to the cosy garden courtyard at the back of the house.

But this home can also offer a more sedate space to enjoy some peace away from the busier areas. Even though the front sitting room can easily welcome a group of friends, it has a cosier ambience that maybe makes it an ideal room for watching television, reading or even a home office, with the delightful curved bay window ensuring a semi-rural view will distract from the work deadlines.

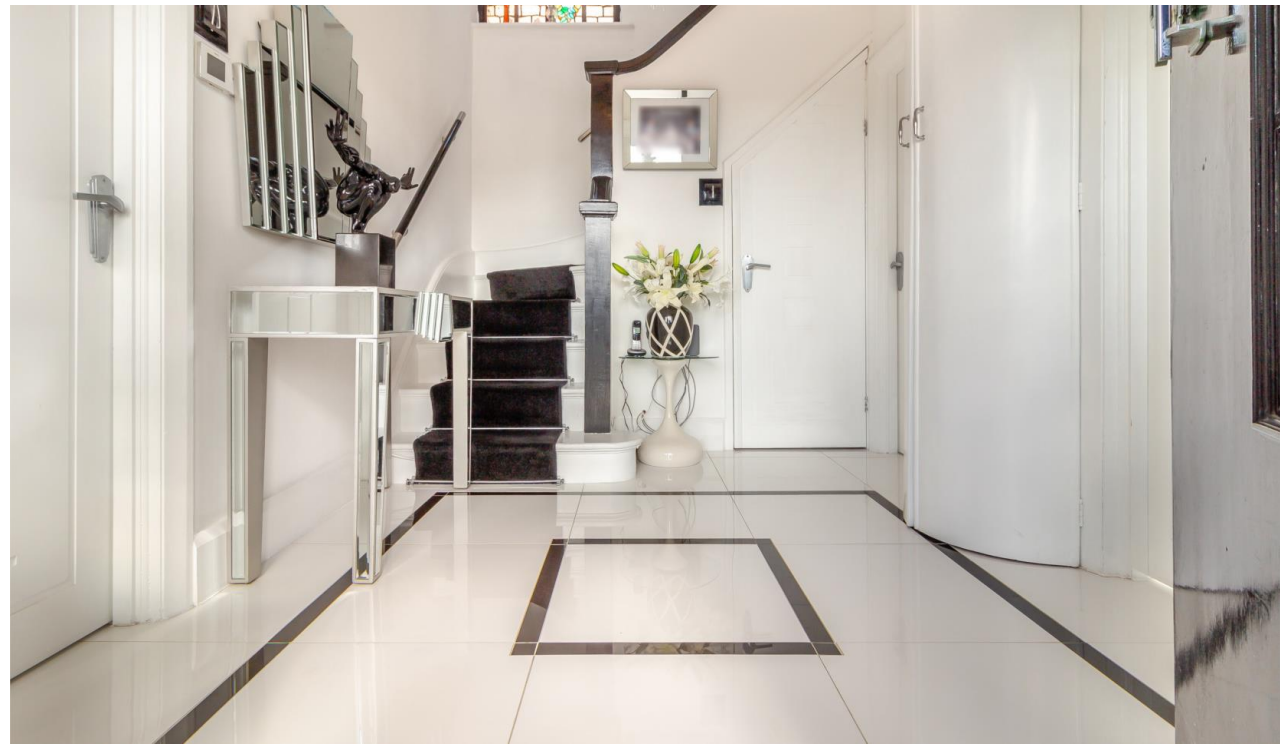
The ground floor benefits from electric underfloor heating but also has radiators connected to the gas boiler if the underfloor heating is not required. The property also has full CCTV which can be accessed within the house or via mobile phone.

The ground floor can also boast a cloakroom and utility room to discover before you climb the period staircase, accompanied by the classic art deco arched shaped stained glass window.

The first room to explore is the principal bedroom suite, and it's a beauty. As well as a big bay window that perfectly frames the view of fields that can be enjoyed directly from the pillow, this sanctuary can boast an ensuite shower room, separate dressing room (which could be converted to an additional bedroom), and a door to a private balcony that looks out over the swimming pool - a mug of coffee on this sizeable balcony will always be the perfect start of any day.

Bedroom two can boast its own balcony, nestled into the front facade of the building and offering a shadier spot to enjoy that morning coffee. Bedroom three is a cosy double perfect for children or as another contender for a home office, before the landing directs you to the family bathroom.

This luxury space oozes glamour, from the classic metro tiles to the art deco style fixtures and fittings, from the sumptuous window dressings to the decorative spot lights. However, it's the showstopping slipper bath in the centre of the space that calls you in, offering a soak in hot bubbles to a five-star standard that will effortlessly wash the stress of the day away.













# STEP OUTSIDE

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Step outside into the sun-drenched garden that wraps around this amazing house and the party continues, centred around the spacious swimming pool. Relaxing on a lounger, sipping a cocktail, splashing about in the water, and chatting with friends around an alfresco dining table combine to create the ambience of being on holiday every single day.

The well-designed garden makes the most of the gentle slope, sinking the pool and its party patio into the landscape next to the house, surrounded by walls on two sides creating a more intimate space. The stunning pool area offers the perfect position to enjoy the semi-rural view while you relax in the sun, having effortlessly meandered out of the house from French doors in the cinema room or lounge.

There's no need to worry about rushing back into the house in a wet swimsuit because this garden design has thought of it all - there's a detached pool house that is carved into the hillside offering WC facilities and changing room, plus a sauna with its own external door.

The seamless inside outside connection between house and garden appears upstairs too, with the principal bedroom boasting its own sizeable, private balcony from which the views expand. From a lazy brunch accompanied by birdsong to an evening drink watching the sun set and the stars begin to twinkle, the balcony is a bonus outside space that is a very special spot indeed.

But this is a house that keeps on giving and there's another balcony, tucked into the front facade of this beautiful home offering a shady spot to enjoy the view over the neighbouring fields.

Back down to the garden and there's more to explore than the fabulous pool area, with a generous lawn area at the rear easily enticing a visit for playing games with the dogs and the children, as well as hosting an expanding garden party or summer BBQ.

The house has practical spaces outside too, including ample parking for the numerous visitors this property undoubtedly welcomes, plus a large, well-designed double garage with integrated workshop, storage room and carport.

There's a detached one-bed annexe in the garden too that even has its own private and covered outdoor space. This bonus building is happy to host another member or generation of the family onsite, yet still offering them continued independence.

Or the annexe could be used as a guest suite but the new owner of Shangri La might want to keep that a secret because once the guests stay at this incredible property they will never want to leave, and who can blame them?

## DIRECTIONS

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# SELLER INSIGHT



"We fell in love with the Art Deco design of this house as soon as we saw it," say current owners. "The house is quite iconic in the area, and with its unique style it ticked all the boxes for us. We were aware of the property and its history before the auction, so we got to the sale early and sat right at the front - we just had to have it! The house was in need of some love and care when we bought it, so we set about restoring the 1930s home to its former glory."

Shangri La is noted by Wales historic buildings body CADW as a very rare example of a suburban Art Deco house in the South Wales Valleys. "The owners worked closely with the organisation throughout the renovation work. The building is Grade II listed," they say, "so we took great care to retain original features such as windows, flooring and the fireplace, while adding additional period features such as stained glass in an Art Deco style and globes on the front gates which came from a 1930's hotel in London. Our aim was to bring the 1930s art deco house into the 21st century, with modern technology and monochrome décor which feels contemporary while nodding to the Art Deco aesthetic."



"Every room is unique in its own way, the Bartletts continue. The cinema room is ideal for movie nights with friends, complete with electric curtains to provide the ultimate home cinema experience. The main living room is where we spend much of our time day-to-day, while the open, airy kitchen is perfect for informal family suppers, opening out onto the deck for easy al fresco dining. Summer parties invariably end up by the heated swimming pool with its adjacent sheltered seating area. A perimeter wall, electric gates and trees provide privacy so we can swim in our own little sanctuary. Down at the bottom of the garden, there is a dedicated garden for the annex, with a gazebo and rattan furniture arranged around an outdoor fire."

The location of the property has much to recommend it, too. "We are within easy reach of Blackwood town centre, with links to Caerphilly, Cardiff and Newport," the owners say. "Within an hour, we can reach anywhere by car or public transport. Living in a house like this allows you to get to know your neighbours quickly, too the house is so iconic that people stop to take photographs of it on their way past"

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**Approximate Gross Internal Area**

**Main House = 1652 Sq Ft/153 Sq M**

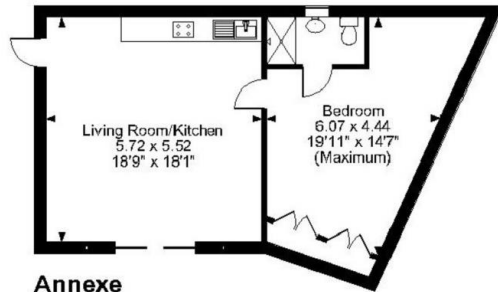
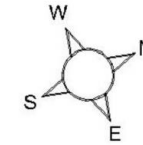
**Garage = 1751 Sq Ft/163 Sq M**

**Outbuilding = 150 Sq Ft/14 Sq M**

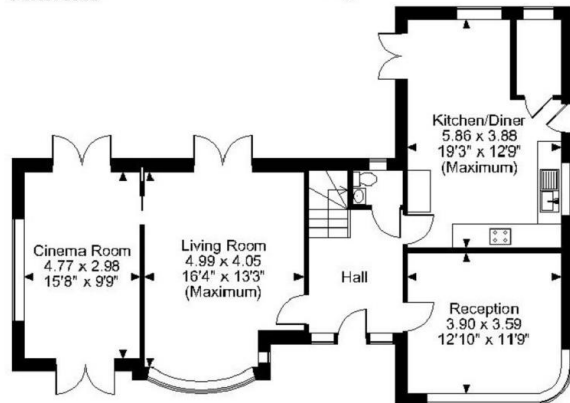
**Annexe = 627 Sq Ft/58 Sq M**

**Balcony external area = 237 Sq Ft/22 Sq M**

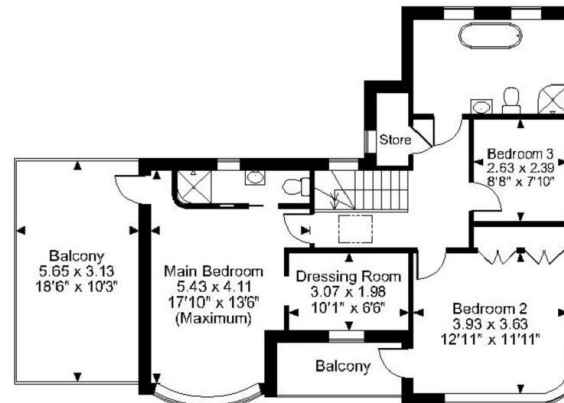
**Total = 4180 Sq Ft/388 Sq M**



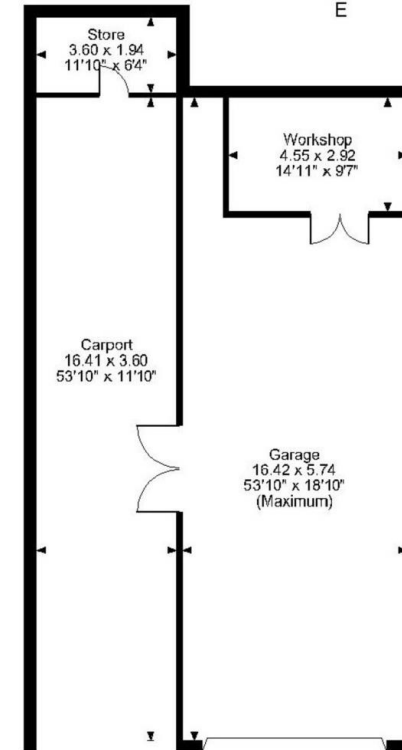
**Annexe**



**Ground Floor**



**First Floor**



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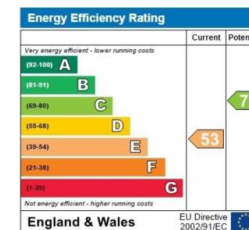
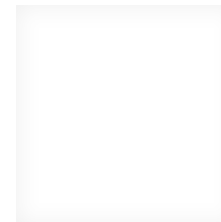
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