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Idyllic family home with garden of national repute

Nestling in the heart of a Nottinghamshire conservation village, a charming five bedroom detached family home with a stunning garden of national repute has come to the market with Brown & Co for £450,000.

Offering flexible family living, the Old Smithey at Gringley on the Hill is a delightful family home that has been tastefully refurbished and upgraded. Complementing the house, the unique and quirky garden has been lovingly created over ten years by accomplished horticulturists William and Sarah Murch. Designed to be enjoyed by all ages, this outdoor utopia was well deserving of the Times newspaper 'best family garden award' in 2003.

With five children, a pony, two dogs, chickens, a pair of ducks, a rabbit and guinea pigs – the couple have succeeded in creating a truly integrated garden for all to enjoy.

A distinguished nurseryman, William has a specialist nursery nationally renowned for its rhododendrons, azalea and camellia, while wife Sarah is a talented garden designer, living willow sculptor and RHS trainer for schoolteachers.

A true plainsman's paradise, the winter border at the Old Smithey takes centre stage in the bleaker months, while in spring, summer and autumn the garden breaks out in to a riot of colour and fragrances. The trees, carefully selected and positioned, include traditional fan-trained peaches, cherry and many specimen varieties, while two apple trees double up as goal posts in the lawn!

The hard landscaping is designed to be practical as well as creative. Features include decorative pebble mosaics, reclaimed cobbled paths and curved steps leading from the kitchen to a slate patio terrace. With the garden sloping off in two directions, raised beds provide retaining walls for borders and double as extra seating when entertaining.

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The children are well catered for with a sand pit, tree house and a trampoline cleverly camouflaged behind a sea of grasses beautifully backlit by the evening sun.

While the chickens are hidden away in a run complete with its own composter and the dogs have their own brick built kennel, the adults of the house can enjoy a shaded pergola or a spot of entertaining on the stylish slate terrace.

Discretely hidden behind a mass of rambling roses and clematis, the sizeable blacksmiths workshop is ideal for those with hobbies or for home working and would be suitable for a variety of uses (subject to planning consent).

This truly delightful garden also boasts a wildlife area and small vegetable garden.

Benefiting from good local amenities, Gringley on the Hill is also within easy reach of Retford, Bawtry and Doncaster and is served by excellent communication links with the A1M lying to the west and mainline railway stations at Retford and Doncaster. The developing Robin Hood International Airport is within comfortable travelling distance.

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