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A rare opportunity to acquire a historic walled garden within Bath's most distinguished landscape setting.

- Rare historic walled garden site
- Direct gated access from Upper Lansdown Mews
- Substantial terraced gardens
- Part of the historic Beckford's Ride landscape

Description

Occupying a remarkable position on the northern slopes of Lansdown, Beckford's Ride presents an exceptionally rare opportunity to acquire a substantial parcel of historic walled garden within one of Bath's most celebrated heritage settings.

Accessed via a gated entrance from Upper Lansdown Mews, the site extends to the rear of the established residential enclave of Dixon Gardens and comprises a series of dramatic terraced gardens enclosed by impressive high stone retaining walls. These terraces form an important surviving fragment of the historic landscape known as Beckford's Ride, created as part of the celebrated designed landscape associated with William Beckford.

The land offers a unique combination of privacy, heritage significance and future potential, being discreetly positioned yet within easy reach of Bath's city centre, and the extensive countryside surrounding the city.

Historical Significance

The site forms part of the former nursery gardens associated with William Beckford's celebrated Lansdown estate and is recognised as an important surviving element of the historic landscape known as Beckford's Ride.



The terraced gardens and retaining walls are Grade II Listed, with the design attributed to H. E. Goodridge. Historically, the landscape formed part of the Picturesque route linking Beckford's residence at 20 Lansdown Crescent with the iconic Beckford's Tower on Lansdown Hill.

The wider heritage grouping includes Beckford's Gate, itself separately Grade II Listed, and the site derives considerable significance from its association with one of Bath's most influential and renowned historical figures. Bath Preservation Trust has consistently highlighted the importance of the gardens as a relatively complete surviving example of an early nineteenth-century designed landscape, representing a significant element of Beckford's original vision for the route between house and tower.

The property is offered as historic garden land and purchasers should make their own enquiries regarding future uses and planning potential. Given the property's listed status and heritage significance, any proposals for redevelopment or alteration would be subject to the relevant consents and planning permissions.

Location

Upper Lansdown Mews is regarded as one of Bath's most prestigious residential locations, positioned on the northern edge of the city and renowned for its elegant Georgian architecture, outstanding views and proximity to open countryside. Bath city centre provides a comprehensive range of cultural, recreational and retail amenities, together with mainline rail services offering direct connections to London Paddington and Bristol.

Additional Information

Tenure: Freehold land

Services: No services connected/established
Local Authority: BANES
Planning: Grade II listed. An overage/uplift clause is applicable to any residential development













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