

THE MODERN HOUSE



Great Missenden, Bucks
Sold

Prestwood

This six-bedroom house, set on a tranquil 3/4 acre plot in the Buckinghamshire village of Prestwood, is the largest private house to have been designed by Peter Aldington, one of Britain's finest Modern architects. Created by Aldington in collaboration with John Craig, it was completed in 1966 and has since been Grade II listed. Described by English Heritage as architecture of "exceptional harmony", the design has been little altered today, other than the addition of an elegant glass pavilion containing a swimming pool.

The detached house can be found down a private driveway off a quiet road in Prestwood, near Great Missenden. It is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and the plot borders onto fields, making for an idyllic setting. A car port and ample parking space can be found at the front, and there is a large garden at the rear.

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Internally, perhaps the house's finest feature is a wonderful, very large reception room with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that open out onto a long balcony with distant views of the Chilterns. The house was designed to accommodate children along one ground-floor wing (which has five bedrooms, a playroom and a bathroom), with a suite upstairs (with bedroom, dressing room and bathroom) for the parents.

As one would expect from a house designed by Aldington, the detailing and use of materials is exquisite throughout. The design is largely influenced by the work of Frank Lloyd Wright and Mies van der Rohe, and one of Aldington's key concerns was the relationship between the house and the natural surroundings. In an essay entitled *Architecture and the Landscape Obligation*, Aldington describes the water garden at the rear as a "transition between inside and outside". For more about the architecture of the house, see the History section below.

The house has been beautifully maintained by the current owners but also sympathetically updated in key areas such as the kitchen.

Prestwood is a sought-after village in the Chiltern Hills, Buckinghamshire. Although rural in character, thanks to its abundance of fields and rolling hills, it is only a mile from Great Missenden, which runs train services to London Marleybone in approximately 3/4 of an hour. It is approximately ten miles northwest of the M25, and within easy reach of Heathrow Airport. Buckinghamshire has a number of good schools, particularly grammar schools.

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