

THE MODERN HOUSE



*Nr. Saxmundham, Suffolk
Sold*

Rendham

This large single-storey house on a one-acre (approx) site is one of the celebrated group of nine Suffolk houses, called the 'temple' houses, designed by the architect John Penn in the 1960s.

They are referred to as the 'temple' houses due to the classical symmetry of their planning and the fact that most (including this one) are raised off the ground on a platform or stylobate. Penn, who travelled widely, absorbed his design ideas principally in California where he worked for the pioneering architect Richard Neutra. Neutra, like Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, pursued a pure form of Modernism, of which Penn later became Britain's most accomplished exponent. For information on John Penn and the 'temple' houses please look at the History section below.

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The house at Rendham is often considered the finest of Penn's 'temple' houses. Still in the ownership of the family that commissioned it in 1965, the house is largely in original condition. Please be aware, however, that extensive refurbishment is required throughout. Additions over the years have principally been a glazed roof over the central courtyard, a glazed entrance porch and, more substantially, a two-storey annexe to one side of the property.

The house can be found set back from a country road running through the village of Rendham. There is ample parking space plus a double garage at the front of the property. To one side is a disused swimming pool. To the rear there is a large and attractive garden that runs down to a small river, beyond which is meadowland.

Rendham is a small and tranquil village close to the market town of Saxmundham in Suffolk. It lies within the beautiful Alde Valley and is approximately 15 minutes' drive from the popular Suffolk coast (Aldeburgh is 10 miles away, Southwold is 14 miles). Saxmundham runs direct train services to London Liverpool Street in approximately two hours. It also offers a good range of shopping and dining opportunities.

*East Anglia
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