

Newport, Isle of Wight



- **Exceptional Grade II Listed Residence**
- **Dating Back to Late 17th Century**
- **Steeped in Local Heritage**
- **Elegant Georgian Facade with Original Features**
- **Generous & Versatile Accommodation**



About the property

Tucked away in the historic Little London quarter, moments from Newport Quay, this exceptional Grade II listed residence—known as Seal House—is a home of rare provenance, architectural beauty, and enduring character.

Dating in part back to the late 17th century and formally recorded in the 1752 directory, the property presents an elegant Georgian façade to the front, complete with classic sash windows, original shutters, and charming window seats. Its handsome street presence hints at the remarkable history and craftsmanship found within.

Steeped in local heritage, Seal House has served a variety of notable roles over the centuries. Formally a customs house where goods were held "under seal," the property later became a public house known as The Sloop Inn, with its 1860s licence inscription still proudly displayed above the front door. Beneath the house, the cellar reveals remnants of a historic tunnel—complete with sections of rail—once running under the road to what is now the Quay Arts Centre, formerly a bonded warehouse for a brewery.

The accommodation is both generous and versatile, arranged over multiple floors and rich in period detail throughout. The ground floor offers three elegant reception rooms, including a magnificent, fully panelled drawing room with a feature fireplace, a half-panelled dining room, ideal for formal entertaining, and a cosy snug. A spacious kitchen/dining room provides a more contemporary hub for everyday living, complemented by a separate utility room and WC.

Upstairs, the first floor hosts three substantial double bedrooms, one of which benefits from an ensuite, alongside a well-appointed family bathroom featuring a roll-top bath. A separate study offers a quiet retreat for work or reading. The second floor accessed by stairs, reveals two large loft rooms, currently used for storage but offering excellent potential for conversion to living accommodation (subject to any necessary consents).

Additional practical features include extensive storage throughout, as well as a brick-built outbuilding providing further external storage.

Outside, the property enjoys a beautifully enclosed walled garden, offering a high degree of privacy and a sunny aspect—perfect for relaxing or entertaining in peaceful surroundings.

Seal House is not only architecturally significant but also rich in fascinating stories, having once been owned by Sir Tristram Dillington, the 5th Baronet of Knighton and Member of Parliament for Newport between 1707 and 1710, who is said to have lost the house in a game of cards in 1721.

A truly unique opportunity to acquire a home of such historical importance, combining period grandeur with versatile living space in one of Newport's most characterful and sought-after settings.

Local Authority - Isle of Wight Council
Council Tax Band - E
Tenure - Freehold

Accommodation

GROUND FLOOR

Entrance Halls

Sitting Room 14'9 x 13'8

Dining Room 14'10 x 13'

Snug 12'1 x 11'

Kitchen 14' x 15'

Utility Area

FIRST FLOOR

Landing

Bedroom 1 15'6 x 12'9 En-suite

Study 9'11 x 4'8

Bedroom 2 14'10 13'3

Bedroom 3 14'7 x 14'4

Bathroom

SECOND FLOOR

Loft Room

OUTSIDE

Rear Garden

Useful Information

Here to help guide you through the buying process we have listed below some useful websites that provide relevant information regarding the property and location before making any decisions.

www.environment-agency.gov.uk
www.landregistry.gov.uk
www.gov.uk/green-deal-energy-saving-measures
www.homeoffice.gov.uk
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