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**A DELIGHTFUL LISTED  
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HOUSE OVERLOOKING  
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## **FERNHILL HALL**

**Whittington, Nr. Oswestry, Shropshire**

*Chester 27 miles - Shrewsbury 18 miles -  
M54 28 miles - Birmingham 46 miles -  
Oswestry 3 miles*

**Entrance hall, drawing room,  
dining room, sitting room**

**Kitchen, domestic offices**

**5 Principal bedrooms, 2 bathrooms,  
2 secondary bedrooms, 3 attic rooms**

**Extensive cellarage**

**Walled courtyard with garaging and  
stores, wooded gardens and grounds**

**About 2 acres -  
further land could be available**

### **Region of £375,000**

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**Drawing Room** (W & S) formerly two rooms, 26'6" x 17' and 19'6" x 17' into bay window. Oak floor, chandeliers not included, attractive plasterwork cornices picked out in gilt and moulded wooden pelmets. Black marble fireplace and hearth with copper hood and slips (Gilt mirror above could be available if required). Full length sash windows with excellent unspoilt parkland views.

**Dining Room** (W) 26'6" x 18'. Large arched sideboard alcove with full height gilt mirror, plasterwork cornice and ceiling rose. Grey marble fireplace and hearth, basket grate, copper slips, brass picture rails. Three full length sash windows overlooking garden, with painted over shutters, 3 radiators, secondary door to rear hall.

Off Main Hall, mahogany door to **Inner Hall** with doors off to:

**Sitting Room** (S) 19'6" x 17'6", full length sash windows with painted over shutters. Red tiled fireplace with excellent library cupboard on either side, not included in the sale but could be available in addition, cornicework, brass picture rail, oak floor, radiator.

**Office** (S) 14'3" x 10', panelled dado, silver cupboard, basin, radiator door to separate W.C. and door to:

Side **entrance porch**, oak panelled with quarry tiled floor, windows with leaded lights, access onto rear courtyard.

**Rear Hall**, with back door, fan light above, staircase to first floor and doors to:

**Kitchen** (E) 15' x 11'9", beamed ceiling, range of wall & floor cupboards with splashbacks, cooker point, plumbing for dishwasher, broom/store cupboard, alcove with fitted shelves, telephone point.

**Breakfast/Housekeeper's Room** (N) 15' x 11', former solid fuel range, housekeeper's cupboard, range of maids' bells, full length sash windows, timbered partition wall to:

**Larder**

**Cellar** with access from rear hall comprising:

**Boiler Room** housing Geminox Wood Burning Boiler for central heating. The House was formerly heated by an oil fired central heating system which although no longer in use is still available.

**Wine Cellar** - with all the original bins intact.

**Two further cellars** used for storage.



## SITUATION

The property is in a delightful rural position in an unspoilt Shropshire landscape. The village of Gobowen and Whittington are both within a few minutes drive and offer a good range of local facilities including primary and secondary schooling, post office, churches and public houses. Gobowen has a railway station on the Wrexham-Shrewsbury line.

Oswestry and Ellesmere are the major local centres of note, both are market towns and have excellent shopping and educational facilities. Ellesmere has a public school as has Shrewsbury, and there are two girls schools nearby at Moreton Hall and Adcote, with Packwood Haugh being a very well known preparatory school for boys and girls.

The A5 gives direct access to the M54 at Telford (28 miles), and there are plans to extend this to Shrewsbury making access to Birmingham possible for daily work. Chester is 27 miles with access being improved with the Chirk by-pass under construction at present. When complete, there will be a dual carriageway almost the entire way to Wrexham (20 miles) and Chester.

Recreational facilities in the area include fishing on the Rivers Dee and Severn, golf at Oswestry, and hunting with the Tanatside Foxhounds, Sir William Watkins Wynn's Foxhounds and the West Shropshire Draghounds. There are many syndicate shoots in the area.

## THE PROPERTY

The Fernhill Estate was bought in 1825 by the Lovatt family who erected a lovely country house in a south facing position which was completed in 1827. The Lovatts owned the property until the early 1930's, when the family line died out. The present owner's father-in-law then purchased the estate and set about reducing the house to a more manageable size by removing the service wing. The property now offers good accommodation well suited to family use.

Fernhill Hall is of brick elevations faced with Grinshill stone having three bays and a portico of 4 graceful Ionic columns, under a slate overhung roof with a pediment. The accommodation is principally arranged on two floors with additional attic rooms, as follows (all measurements are approximate):

## GROUND FLOOR

Portico Entrance with double front doors, fully glazed, with internal shutters, to:

**Entrance Hall** (S) 38' x 12'3" - extremely fine interior decoration with plasterwork cornice and ceiling rose, (brass chandelier and picture rail not included but available in addition), oak floor, 5 cast iron radiators. Oak cantilevered staircase of the Strawberry Hill design rises from the Entrance Hall, lit by an overhead glass cupola, display alcoves. The staircase has a mahogany hand rail supported by iron scrollwork balusters, to half landing and then to the first floor, lovely full height mahogany doors in fine architraves to:-



## OUTBUILDINGS

To the east of the house and on the site of the former servants' wing is an excellent walled courtyard with double timber doors to the drive.

Brick buildings including:

**2 large single garages** with up and over doors.

**Wash house block** under a slate roof containing:

Former W.C. no longer in use.

Wash-house now converted into a **single garage** with double timber doors onto drive. There is a brick lean-to attached to this building which is in need of renovation with a further timber lean-to added. Also in the yard is a further log/fuel store and a potting shed, and door with steps down to woodland at rear.

## THE DRIVE

The property is approached at present by a long private tarmacadamed drive passing through mature woodland dividing at the top into the grounds of Fernhill Hall. Whilst this access is not for sale with the house, the purchaser will be allowed a right-of-way. The former front drive to the property is no longer in use although the vendor has indicated the possibility of it being available in addition and by separate negotiation.

## GARDENS AND GROUNDS

The present drive passes the gates to the courtyard and arrives at a gravel sweep to the south of the house. The gardens are principally laid down to lawn but with an extensive well stocked herbaceous border and numerous rare and mature hard and soft wood trees offering the house much protection and privacy.

## SERVICES

Mains Water and electricity.

Telephone to British Telecom Standard.

Shared septic tank drainage - the purchaser to install a separate system in due course.

## ASSESSMENTS

Oswestry Borough Council

Rates Payable £1376.97 (1989-1990)

## DIRECTIONS

From Shrewsbury take the A5 north. By-pass Oswestry and pass through Whittington the property is on the right hand side after about 1 mile - see attached plan which is offered for directional purposes only.



## FIRST FLOOR

Extensive well lit, galleried landing with doors off to:

**Principal Bedroom Suite (W)** 20' x 17'3" into bay - a lovely light room enjoying beautiful unspoilt views, grey marble fireplace, and door to:

**Dressing Room** 6'6" x 6'3".

**Bedroom 2 (S & W)** 18'6" x 18'6", black marble fireplace, double aspect sash windows, picture rail, door to:

**Dressing Room** - 6'6" x 6'3".

**Bedroom 3 (W)** 18'6" x 16' - basin with splashback and mirror above, black marble fireplace, sash windows with shutters.

**Bathroom** - suite of bath and basin, plumbing for washing machine, heated towel rail, picture rail, window shutters.

**Separate W.C.** with storage cupboard beside.

**Bedroom 4 (S)** 15'3" x 12'3", good parkland views, attractive grey/pink marble fireplace, plasterwork cornice.

**Bedroom 5 (S)** 17'6" x 12', pink marble fireplace with twin built-in glass fronted cupboards on either side, picture rail.

**En-suite Bathroom 2** - part Vitrolite tile with green suite of bath, basin, and W.C., heated towel rail.

Off the landing inner door to secondary staircase, doors to:

**Store Cupboard.**

**Bedroom 6** 15' x 12'3", fireplace with slate hearth and basket grate, built-in cupboard containing hot water cylinder and immersion heater on timer switch.

**Bedroom 7** 16'6" x 14'6", fireplace with slate hearth.

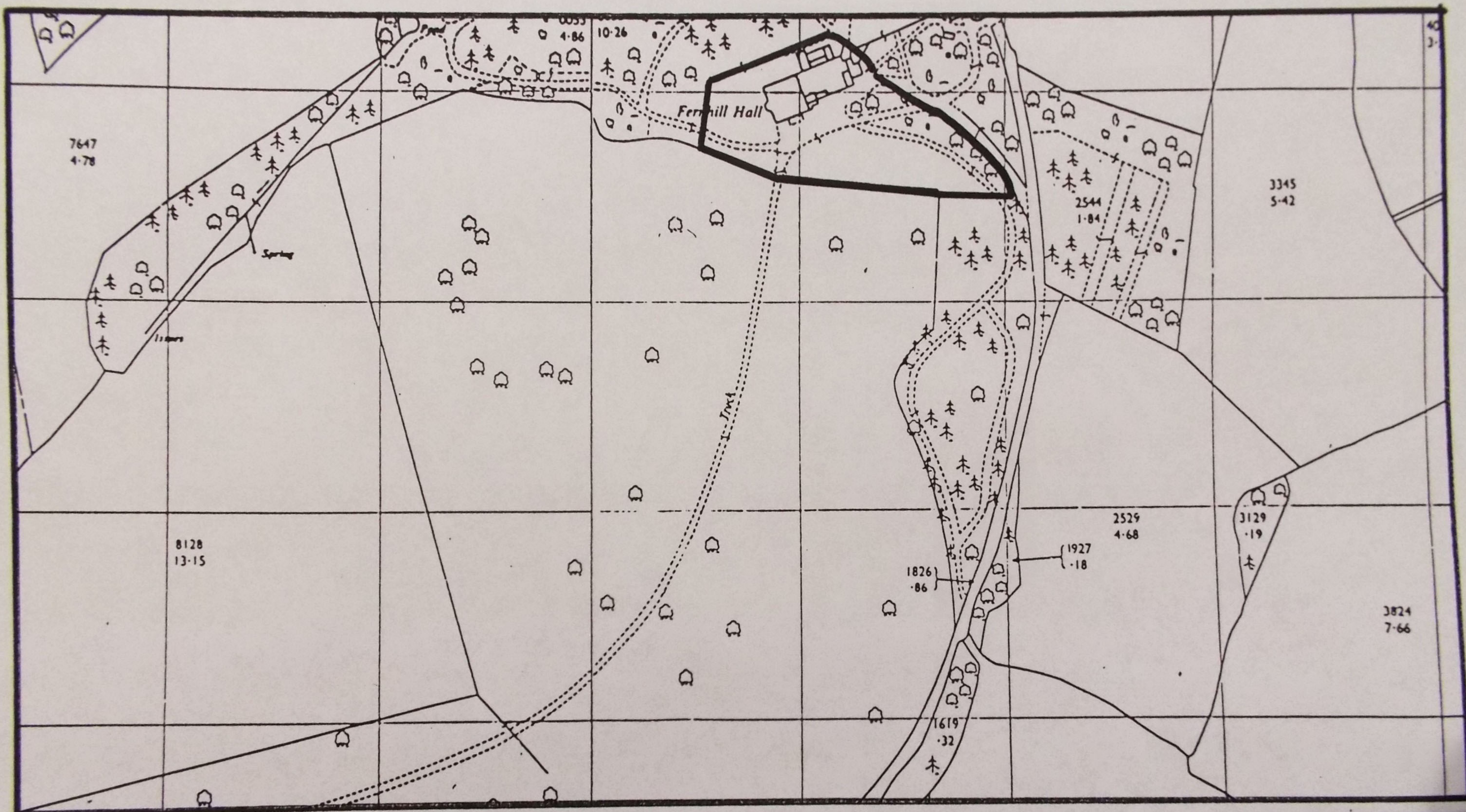
Staircase to **Second Floor** landing with access to roof and doors to:

**Attic Room 1** 18'3" x 14'9", fireplace.

**Attic Room 2** 12' x 11'3", fireplace and fitted cupboards.

**Attic Room 3/Trunk Room** 18'9" x 7'3", good range of fitted cupboards, access to further roof space containing cold water tanks.





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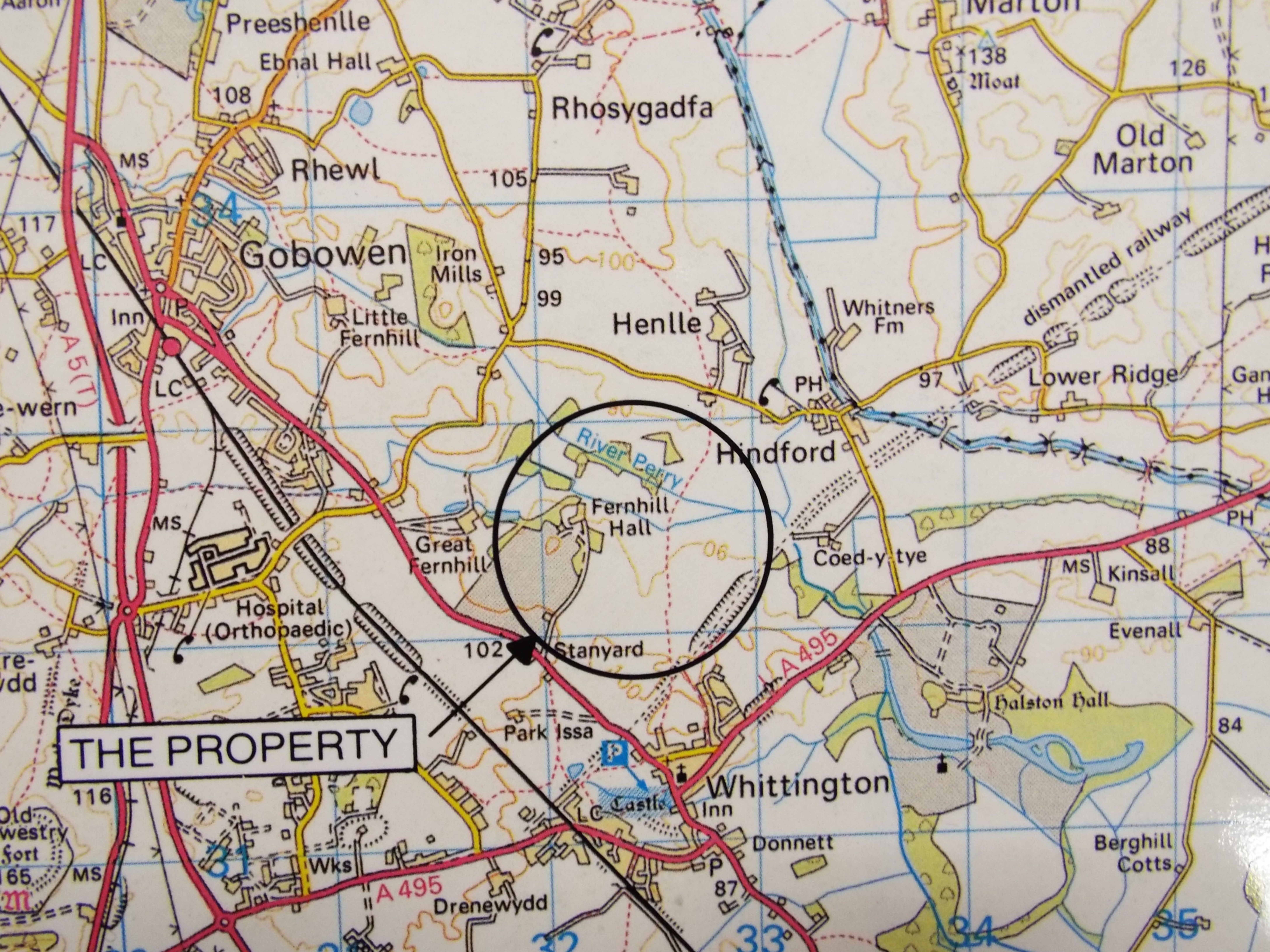
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Lower Ridge

Fernhill Hall

Great Fernhill

Coed-y-tye

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Halston Hall

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