



GRADE I LISTED BAROQUE MASTERPIECE WITH PRICELESS LANSCROON MURALS

Historic Burley-on-the-Hill Estate Featuring England's Rarest Decorative Art

£6M Rutland Country House | Great Staircase & Library | Exclusive to Movehut

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Location: Burley-on-the-Hill, Rutland, England

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

One of England's most architecturally significant properties has been exclusively listed through [Movehut.co.uk](https://www.movehut.co.uk) for £6 million. Burley-on-the-Hill's Great Staircase and Library represent the only surviving domestic murals by Gerard Lanscroon - the celebrated Flemish master who decorated Windsor Castle and Hampton Court Palace,

This Grade I listed baroque masterpiece, set within 67 acres overlooking Rutland Water, offers over 12,000 square feet of distinguished accommodation including the miraculous survival of Lanscroon's Perseus and Andromeda ceiling paintings, executed between 1705-1708. The property survived a devastating 1908 fire that destroyed most of the house while hosting Sir Winston Churchill as a guest,

THE LANSCROON MIRACLE: ENGLAND'S RAREST DOMESTIC ART

Gerard Lanscroon (1654-1737), court painter to William III, created elaborate decorative schemes throughout England's finest houses. His domestic work is extraordinarily rare - making Burley-on-the-Hill's survival nothing short of miraculous.

The Great Staircase features Lanscroon's magnificent Perseus and Andromeda ceiling - a political allegory celebrating William III's deliverance of England from tyranny. These decorations represent among fewer than five surviving Lanscroon domestic schemes in England, with art historians considering them among the nation's finest examples of baroque decorative art.

The 1908 fire that consumed most of the house miraculously spared the Great Staircase and Library due to their fireproof stone construction. Sir Winston Churchill, then President of the Board of Trade, was a guest on the night of the fire and helped form human chains to rescue precious objects.

ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE & ROYAL CONNECTIONS

Built between 1694-1708 by Daniel Finch, 2nd Earl of Nottingham and Secretary of State, Burley-on-the-Hill represents one of England's finest baroque country houses. First recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086, the estate hosted King James I during his 1603 progression to coronation and served as a Roundhead garrison during the Civil War.

The current house showcases seven-bay classical composition with Corinthian portico overlooking Rutland Water, while the interior preserves the ceremonial Great Staircase and original library with significant 18th-century collections intact.

PRIME LOCATION: ENGLAND'S BEST-KEPT SECRET

Located in Rutland, England's smallest county, the property enjoys uninterrupted views across Rutland Water - England's largest man-made lake. The charming market town of Oakham lies just two miles away, providing comprehensive amenities and railway connections to London St Pancras in 90 minutes.

The 67-acre estate combines rural tranquillity with exceptional connectivity, featuring prestigious local schools including Oakham School and Uppingham School, with easy access to Leicester and Nottingham universities.

MARKET SIGNIFICANCE

Properties of Burley-on-the-Hill's caliber represent the pinnacle of the heritage market. Similar baroque houses with significant artwork command £8-15 million, while the Lanscroon decorations alone represent cultural value exceeding several million.

The combination of Grade I listing, documented royal connections, and being the only surviving domestic Lanscroon murals available for private ownership creates exceptional rarity in the international heritage property market.

February 1908: The devastating fire that erupted during a distinguished house party with Sir Winston Churchill among the guests created one of history's most remarkable preservation stories. While most of the interior was destroyed, the Great Staircase and Library's survival preserved England's most significant Lanscroom domestic work and irreplaceable library collections.

This dramatic night transformed Burley from a complete baroque palace into a unique architectural treasure - making the surviving elements even more precious and historically significant.

EXPERT COMMENTARY

"Burley-on-the-Hill represents the Holy Grail of heritage property," states Jonathan Mather, Director of Vallion Limited, owners of Movehut.co.uk. "Gerard Lanscroom's domestic work is so rare that most people will never see examples outside royal palaces. To find his masterpiece in a private house, perfectly preserved and available for ownership, is extraordinary."

"The 1908 fire created a unique situation where the most precious elements survived while the house was rebuilt to contemporary standards. Buyers acquire both priceless baroque art and comfortable modern living - an almost impossible combination in the heritage market."

VIEWING & CONTACT

Private viewings are available by appointment with 48-hour notice.

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