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HOME OF THE WEEK



## A former pub in Notting Hill

This six-storey house has a lap pool, cinema and cool neighbours, says Anne Ashworth

**F**or a period in the 1950s, the Lansdale on Notting Hill, Lansdale Road was a far more favoured by models and pop stars — a different sort set to the Notting Hill lot formed by the hands of David Cameron.

Political fortunes wax and wane, and this has also been the fate of the Lansdale. The building was originally a pub built in the 1870s as part of the development of the Lansdale Road district by TF Barron, a builder from Paddington, west London.

After a renovation by the developer Fenton Whelan, the Lansdale has become a six-storey, five-bedroom, 6,000 sq ft house. The grey exterior is smart, but understated, as with Notting Hill's low-key laze aesthetic. Within, however, are facilities befitting a boutique hotel, including a 18ft cinema, 5m swimming pool and a sitting room that takes up the first floor.

The occupants of the property can enjoy all of this at home, but, near by, there is also the spectacle of Portofino Road market and upmarket boutiques of Westbourne Grove, including that of James Perse, which sells the T-shirts preferred by the area's resident bankers, lawyers and film stars. When Hollywood names are spotted in restaurants, the other clientele play it cool.

After a difficult period at the end of 2017 and at the beginning of this year, Notting Hill properties are starting to find buyers again, thanks to the popular prep schools in the neighbourhood and the good transport links. Demand is high for renovated or "turn-key" family homes, where you can move in immediately.

Alastair Huxford of Strutt & Parker, the agency handling the sale, says that Notting Hill is no longer Chelsea's younger hand; the district's houses are on wider plots and offer better value. This search for value may be why the price of the house has been dropped from £25 million to £14.95 million — families scouting out possibilities in Lansdale Road may see this as a reasonable admission cost to this address. The former sitting office next door, transformed into a larger mansion (9,000 sq ft), bedded £25 million.

The Lansdale in Notting Hill, west London, has five bedrooms and is on the market for £14.95 million through Strutt & Parker






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### ON THE MARKET

#### Move to a house near a walking trail



**Bassenthwaite, Cumbria**

The four-mile route around Bassenthwaite Lake near where this five-bedroom house is located is ideal for flat terrain walking. This former vicarage has four acres and the Lake District hills as its backdrop, including the Sale Fell, a small Wainwright hill. £2 million. [fineproperties.co.uk](http://fineproperties.co.uk)

#### Stobo, the Borders

This former coach house is on the Merlie Trail. Built as the stables and living quarters for Darnley House in 1863, the six-bedroom house is opposite the manse where St. Mary's is said to have encouraged Merlie to convert to Christianity. Offers over £650,000. [struttandparker.com](http://struttandparker.com)

#### Brancaster, Norfolk

Two long-distance footpaths — Pedlars Way and the Norfolk Coast Path — are close to this brick and flint three-bedroom house near Brancaster. The two trails combine to create a 93-mile walking route through saltmarshes, tidal flats and low cliffs. £795,000. [bedfords.co.uk](http://bedfords.co.uk)

#### Fernhurst, West Sussex

This grade II listed six-bedroom farmhouse is near the South Downs Way, a 100-mile footpath along the coast. The property comes with two acres and a tennis court. £2.1 million. [jackson-steps.co.uk](http://jackson-steps.co.uk) Claire Carpenter

#### Village living Pirton, Hertfordshire

**WHAT YOU GET** The main part of this 1,064 square foot, grade II\* listed house is a period cottage dating from the 16th century. An oak-framed, two-storey extension with vaulted beamed ceiling has been added to the side of the main house but blends in with the original building. There are four bedrooms, a bathroom, reception, family and living rooms and a kitchen/breakfast room. **WHERE IS IT?** On the edge of the village green in Pirton, three miles northwest of Hitchin. **UPSIDE** The kitchen. **DOWNSIDE** Further extensions may be difficult because of its grade II\* listing. **PRICE** £852,000 **CONTACT** Harropsons International, 01882 206192. [harropsons.co.uk](http://harropsons.co.uk) Claire Carpenter




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