

COUNTRY PILE



Downton style with all mod cons

It shares classic Georgian features, with its sweeping stone steps to the front, but this Co Wexford house is all 1990s luxury, writes *Cara O'Doherty*

If you want a period house without the overheads of maintaining an old building or spending a fortune on heating, Wingfield House, in Co Wexford, may fit the bill. Built in 1996 by a Swiss couple, the house is Palladian in style and built on a site that was first developed in 1840. The exterior is Georgian style, with a stone staircase leading up to a four-column porch. The hallway is a dramatic sight, with its black-and-white, chequer-board marble flooring, a single, floor-to-ceiling marble column, and a large, wooden split staircase leading to the upper floor. The distinctive chequer-

board flooring can also be found in one of the bathrooms. The house has three levels, five bedrooms with en suite bathrooms – which you wouldn't find in an authentic, untouched Georgian house – two guest lavatories and a gym, which is fitted with a sauna. The owners have gone for striking colours in the living rooms and bedrooms, and lavish furnishings. The kitchen and dining room, which are both at basement level, are more pared back. The kitchen is large and has an island, integrated window seats, and an Aga to add to the period feel.

If the gym isn't your thing, the house also has a study, large patio areas for catching some sun, and a conservatory with a tiled floor. The price has been reduced; it was listed for €875,000 in 2017. Wingfield House may be the perfect option for someone looking for their own Downton Abbey, Gorey style. **Agent:** sherryfitz.ie **They say:** Providing well-built elegant accommodation yet with a wonderful country atmosphere **We say:** Great design and plenty of luxury, but the lavish decor may need an upgrade to suit some tastes.

CITY SLICKER



Turn the key to a secret oasis

Mature gardens, high ceilings and top-notch fixtures and fittings give a luxury feel to this Donnybrook apartment, writes *Cara O'Doherty*

When a 1940s-era house off Eglinton Road went up for sale in 1999, the estate agent in charge of the deal expected it to go for IRE£1.5m (€1.9m) to someone looking for a family home. Four bidders raised their hands on the day and Glaunsharoon House, which was sheltered by a 2.3-acre garden, far exceeded expectations, making €2.3m. It sold to a developer, who went on to build 23 luxury apartments but kept much of the mature gardens. No 15 is a two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment with high ceilings and plenty of natural light. The Neff integrated kitchen

has a service window to the dining room, which is ideal for those who like to cook and hide the mess from guests. Natural light, which is supported by pale walls, floods the apartment. With home-working on everyone's mind, the nifty custom-built, hideaway office nook in the hallway could be useful. The 7.55 metre-wide living/dining room is oak floored and bracketed by a south-facing terrace, which is reached through floor-to-ceiling doors. There is underfloor heating throughout and the living room also has an integrated fireplace set on a granite hearth.

Automated window blinds bring a touch of luxury. Both bedrooms overlook the green areas. The master has custom fitted wardrobes and an en suite bathroom with plenty of storage space, high-end sanitary ware and a shower. If you need more space, the property comes with a basement storage unit. **Agent:** owenreilly.ie **They say:** Just a five-minute walk from Donnybrook village **We say:** The gate, terrace and gardens give this home the feeling of a secret oasis close to the city centre.

NICE MOVES THREE TO VIEW THIS WEEK

DUBLIN 6W PUTT SOME BALLS ON THE GREEN

There's a doll's house-like quality to the aesthetic of College Square, in Terenure. The development of 113 homes, a mixture of four- and five-bedroom Edwardian- and Victorian- style houses, was built by Ballymore between 2006 and 2016. The distinctive red bricks on the facades still look brand new. No 14 is a five-bedroom detached house with accommodation over three floors. Three of the bedrooms have en suite bathrooms. The main bedroom also has a walk-in wardrobe and west-facing balcony. In the kitchen, there's a painted island and double doors to the back garden, which is a golfer's haven with its own putting green. **Agent:** sherryfitz.ie **They say:** Well-established local schools **We say:** You'll be a few roads away from Bushy Park.



CO KILDARE A SHORT WALK FROM NAAS

At the Oldtown demesne in Naas, Oldwood forms part of a 250-home development built in the mid-2000s. No 1 Oldwood, an attractive, detached four-bedroom house, was built in 2006, but has been updated by its owners. Painted, built-in wardrobes and a bookshelf are among its features. The house measures 230 sq m and includes a double-height entrance hall, two reception rooms, a kitchen, utility room, study and guest lavatory on the ground floor. Upstairs, two of the bedrooms have en suite bathrooms and there's also a Jack and Jill bathroom with access to a third bedroom. **Agent:** sherryfitz.ie **They say:** Within a short walk of Naas town centre **We say:** The gardens are nicely landscaped.



CO CORK FARMHOUSE CLOSE TO THE BEACH

Sallyport is a period farmhouse, built in 1835 but restored in 2002. The four-bedroom house lies within wading distance of Summercove village. In its 2002 renovation, a new roof was added, the house was damp-proofed, plumbed and wired and double-glazed sash windows installed. The owners did a great job on the interiors, which have painted brick, exposed beams and a brick fireplace with a stove among the features. The house has 1½-acre gardens with views towards the water. Sallyport beach is a five-minute walk away. **Agent:** engelvoelkers.ie **They say:** There is a separate seated area in the garden to soak in the beautiful views. **We say:** Its E2 building energy rating would be considered a pass for this old farmhouse.



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