

THE MANSE OF CRAMOND

Location.

Cramond is in a north western area of the City forming part of a good residential district close to the beach and green space with popular walks and facilities. The nearest shopping area is in Davidson's Mains. Cramond is approximately 5 miles from the city centre and there is a 15 minute bus service.

History.

There has been a Kirk at Cramond for around 700 years, so it is likely that there has been a manse here for most of that time. The present Manse of Cramond was built in 1745 at the expense of the Heritors, (the three main local families) and then extended in 1770 and 1858. It is Grade B Listed, being of architectural interest and in a Conservation area. The Reverend Walker, the skating minister in Raeburns famous portrait, lived here from 1776.

Construction.

The building is of substantial stone construction with a pitched and slated roof. It is two storeys and basement in height, with a one storey Georgian extension containing the dining room and drawing room facing south.

Accommodation.

Ground floor. Drawing room, dining room, living room, kitchen, utility room, library/store and shower room with wc. The ministers study has a separate door from the entrance vestibule.

1st Floor. Four bedrooms and bathroom with WC.

Attic Floor. Bedroom and store-room.

Basement. This contains several rooms and a toilet. It was used as the Kirk office until it's recent move to the hall.

There is full gas fired central heating and a burglar alarm. The EPC rating is D.

Outbuildings include a double garage and stable/store. The large secluded walled gardens extend to 1.796 acres and are maintained by a gardener all year round.

Condition.

Internal.

Improvements have been carried out over the years while retaining the character of the building. Plans have been prepared with the intention of layout alterations to provide an ensuite bathroom, a larger family bathroom and perhaps a new fitted kitchen, depending on the requirements of the new minister.

External.

Some maintenance repairs to the roof, rhones and paintwork are being carried out.

Schools.

Cramond Primary School is within easy walking distance and the Royal High School less than 2 miles away in Davidson's Mains and on a bus route.

Davidson's Mains Primary and the Royal High School are within walking distance of the Silverknowes Manse of the Old Kirk and Muirhouse.