

Seaside birthplace of local golf legend hits the market

The birthplace of one of East Lothian's most famous female golfers has come onto the market in North Berwick. The house is beside North Berwick's seafront, St Helens at 1 West End Place is the first home of local golfing legend Jean Donald – a name that featured for many years on popular Slazenger ladies golf clubs.

On the market with property experts, Gilson Gray at a price of offers over £840,000 the detached, seven-bedroom property is set over three floors and benefits from breathtaking views out onto the sea, the harbour and Craigleith Island.

With hidden nooks and high ceilinged rooms, the property has retained many of its original features including intricate cornicing and large bay windows with panelled surrounds.

Outside, the south-facing garden acts as a suntrap during the day, while the large timber garage and decking area create a sheltered space to enjoy the west sun and tranquil evenings.

Gail Walshe, Property Manager at Gilson Gray, said: "It is rare for a property like St Helens to come onto the market.

"There is a variety of living spaces in the house and plenty of potential for the buyer to put their own stamp on the property.

"However, the real draw – besides the house's prime location – is its heritage. Jean Donald is a golfing legend in this part of the country, so by purchasing St Helens you would be buying a slice of local history."

Born in 1921 at the Victorian property, champion of the fairway Jean was selected several times to play in the Curtis Cup for the British and Northern Ireland team.

During her life, Jean won a string of accolades including The Ladies French Open Championship in 1947 and the Sunningdale Open Foursomes four times, twice with partner Peter Alliss. She also won the Scottish Ladies Championship in 1947, 1949 and 1952.

She even caused controversy, by daring to wear trousers in the 1948 Scottish Amateur Championship. Sponsored by Slazenger throughout her career, her signature clubs bearing her name sold well.

Jean died in Gullane Golf Club on 2 May 1984 at the age of 63. Her medals and trophies can be viewed at Gullane Ladies Golf Club.

Matthew Gray, Managing Director of Property Services at Gilson Gray, said: "We are delighted to be able to bring such a historic and flexible property to the market.

"St Helens sits in a sought-after location in what is considered East Lothian's seaside, with all the benefits of the golfing community.

"Those looking to tee off will be spoilt for choice with several fantastic courses nearby, including North Berwick Golf Course, Archerfield Links Golf Club, The Renaissance Club and Muirfield Golf Club.

"The area is also a walker's paradise with beautiful stretches of golden sand forming part of the iconic John Muir Way.

"While North Berwick may be a tranquil retreat away from the busy lifestyle of the city, you

won't be living in the 'sticks'.

“Strong transport links will take you back into the centre of Edinburgh meaning you have the best of both worlds right on your doorstep.”

[More information on St Helens at 1 West End Place North Berwick here.](#)