



Offers Over
£265,000
(Freehold)

Sanachan Bunkhouse
Kishorn, Strathcarron, Ross-shire IV54 8XA





Previously an established hostel with stunning views set in the popular tourist location of Kishorn, Strathcarron

Prominently positioned 16-bed hostel on NC 500 offering guest dining and kitchen facilities

Private and comfortable single bedroom owner's accommodation with office / living space

Extensive grounds spread over approximately 0.5 acres offering future development potential

Recent developments have significantly increased hostel capacity offering great opportunities for the future business

DESCRIPTION

Sanachan Bunkhouse was an established and profitable business set within the popular tourist destination of Kishorn. The sale represents a sale of heritable property and business assets. Sanachan Bunkhouse is ideally situated on the extremely popular North Coast 500 (NC 500) route and therefore well positioned to pick up significant levels of trade during the tourist season.

The business offered budget accommodation which was extremely clean and well presented. Upgrades allowed the current accommodation to be extended to 16 beds, nearly trebling the number of beds available.

The business was spread between an existing attractive 1880's stone house and a brand-new high-quality timber building.

This sale offers a rare opportunity to purchase a previously respected and well-established business, which has the potential for further business development.

REASON FOR SALE

It is the current owners desire to move on to new business ventures nearer their family in England.

TRADE

The business is no longer trading.

The new facility has not yet been used in the business. Whilst previously trading at profitably, the introduction of a further 10 beds to a total of 16, provides an exciting opportunity for new owners to significantly enhance the turnover and profitability of the business.



LOCATION

There is little doubt that the Lochcarron community area of the Highlands is one of the most beautiful and an easily accessed wilderness areas on the west coast of Scotland. The village of Kishorn is on the NC 500 route which is 500 miles of the best scenery the North Coast has to offer; the route passes directly in front of the bunk house which brings in plenty of passing trade and individuals undertaking the route as a spine for their hill walking tour of the highlands. The excellent range of hill and coastal walks entice a wide range of outdoor enthusiasts. Likewise, the many lochs and rivers encourage a range of watersports and sailing. The area is also renowned for its wealth of field sports and both loch and sea fishing. The village of Kishorn has a small gift/art shop with a fuller selection of services available locally in the village of Lochcarron. The village is located on the A896 and the Sanachan Bunkhouse has a prominent and well-sign posted location.

Kishorn is an excellent base from which to explore the beautiful west coast, including the Isle of Skye. Such is the setting that most of the wildlife for which Scotland is well known is right on the doorstep. Herds of wild deer are abundant in the neighbouring hills, sharing their habitat with the fox, grouse, golden eagle, raven and peregrine falcon amongst others. In the local waters are Atlantic salmon and numerous seabirds can be seen. The area is certainly rich in wildlife and ornithology. The village is on the popular route from Kinlochewe to Loch Carron which is main route to Torridon and Applecross; the latter was made famous through "Monty Halls Great Escape" television programme and renowned for its wonderful marine life and for having the highest continuous road pass in the UK, the Bealach na Ba. Touring and genealogy are other favourite pastimes together with the opportunity to visit nearby Scottish Castles and historic sites. North of Kishorn is the beautiful village of Shieldaig with its ancient pines and sea loch and beyond that the impressive range of the ancient sandstone mountains of Torridon. Inverness is very much the commercial, social and business centre for the Highlands of Scotland located about 75 miles away. Inverness also has excellent public transport links with good bus, rail and air connections.

Primary schooling is provided in Lochcarron as well as a thriving playgroup. Secondary Education is in either Plockton which is only a 40-minute bus ride away, or some elect to attend Gairloch Secondary School, both having excellent reputations. On the sporting side amongst other local community groups there is a golf club, bowling club and sailing club. There is also a local dental practice, medical centre, post office and a choice of shops and a train station at Strathcarron.



THE PROPERTY

Sanachan Bunkhouse is a business set over 2 buildings with the part of the existing house being devoted to owners' accommodation. An attractive brand-new timber building has been recently completed with a view to increasing the capacity of the bunkhouse. Currently the building has capacity to take more than the number of 16 people mentioned above. By increasing parking, it would be possible to increase the number of beds to full capacity as listed below.

Existing House

The delightful original building is of stone construction with a slate roof. The structure is single glazed throughout. This traditional property offers clean serviceable bedrooms with great hot showers. This building is heated using an LPG boiler, fed from an LPG tank in the grounds. The building is configured as follows:

- Kitchen / Living room / dining room
- Lobby / Utility Area / WC under stair
- Office / bedroom part of the current owner's accommodation
- Existing Room 1 (RHS from top of stair) – Historically used as part of the owner's accommodation, but could trade as 2 x Bunks and a single bed, could sleep 5 people
- Existing Room 2 (LHS from top of stair) - 3 x Bunks, could sleep 6 people
- Shared bathroom / shower room and WC



NEW BUILDING

This attractive new building is of timber construction with a felt shingle roof. The structure is double glazed throughout. The property offers freshly decorated well designed bedrooms also with great hot showers. This building is heated using an air source heat pump. The building is configured as follows:

- New Room 1 - 3 x Bunks, Sleeps 6 people
- New Room 2 - 1 x Bunks, Sleeps 2 people
- New Room 3 - 2 x Bunks, Sleeps 4 people
- Lounge / Dining / Kitchen
- Accessible Shower / WC
- Shower / WC

The building completion certificate has been issued Ref 18/00416/NDOM5 for the erection of the log cabin.



GROUNDS

The lovely grounds are mostly laid to grass with a number of mature trees and shrubs. A tarred drive provides access to the house and parking. Parking areas are finished with loose stones. The grounds are attractive, easy to maintain and in keeping with the country side environment. To the right of the drive there is a useful rustic barbeque area for guests use. To the rear of the property there is a shed which is currently used for the storage of equipment. There is a further shed behind the new building, which contains the heat pump thermal stores, pumps and controls.

OWNERS' ACCOMMODATION

The current owners historically traded by using the office / bedroom on the ground floor and a bed room on the 1st floor as their area, allowing guests access to the living room / dining room. Should the new owners require more space they could live in the existing house and rent out the rooms in the new building, thus facilitating a work / life style trading model.

SERVICES

The property has mains electricity, water and drainage is licensed under the fire regulations. Wi-Fi is available to guests.

DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

This sale represents a significant number of opportunities to develop the current business, some of which are noted below:

- Bike hire run from the property
- Canoe hire run from the property
- Provide guided walking tours
- Extension of the current bunkhouse provision
- Extend parking to increase bed numbers

This list is not exhaustive and any adjustment would need to be verified by the potential buyer as allowable by the statutory authorities.





TITLE NUMBER

The Sanachan Bunkhouse has a title number of ROS4840.

EPC RATING

The EPC rating for Sanachan Bunkhouse (existing building) is 'G'. The EPC rating for Sanachan Bunkhouse is (new building) 'D'.

RATES

The Sanachan Bunkhouse had a council tax band of D prior to the recently completed cabin, the new facility is currently being rated, rates value TBA (effective from 01 Apr 2023). Given the scale we fully expect that the business will benefit from a 100% discount under the Small Business Bonus Scheme. New owners would need to confirm their eligibility depending on personal circumstances.

PRICE

Offers over £265,000 are invited for the freehold interest complete with goodwill and trade contents (according to inventory). Stock at valuation.

DIRECTIONS

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FINANCE & LEGAL SERVICES

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OFFERS

All offers should be submitted in writing to ASG Commercial Limited with whom purchasers should register their interest if they wish to be advised of a closing date.

VIEWING

All appointments to view must be made through the vendors selling agents:

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