

Ross-shire retreat



ENVIABLE SETTING: The crofts are near the sea.

A development of four traditional croft-style houses at Sand, near Achnasheen in Ross-shire, has been commended by Scottish Natural Heritage.

The Meriel, Tieve and Kelby sit in grounds of more than an acre each and have a kitchen/dining room, master bedroom with en suite and a further bedroom with a Jack and Jill bathroom. The Torrín has the same, but with a family bathroom.

The Celtic house names reflect their positions in the development: the Meriel (shining sea) has an unobstructed sea view, the Tieve (hillside) is next to the hillside overlooking the sea, the Kelby (place by flowing water) enjoys the backdrop of a waterfall and the Torrín (from the hills) sits in a peaceful corner.

The finishes include drystone walls, double chimneys, handcrafted Caithness slab window sills, pitched slate roofs, vaulted timber ceilings, solid oak floorboards, hand-made double-

glazed windows and a traditional wood-burning stove.

Gairloch is 16 miles away, Ullapool 40 and Inverness is 73.

The kitchen/dining rooms are double aspect with Italian slate tiled floors and recessed lighting. Integrated appliances include fridge, freezer, washing machine, double oven and a touch control hob. The living room has a gable end fireplace handcrafted from Scottish stone, solid oak floor, vaulted timber ceiling, and a feature door to the loft.

These properties present an opportunity to acquire a house in a spectacular location. The nearby village of Laide has a shop and post office, while Aultbea is five minutes drive and has a general store, butcher, post office, two churches, garage, primary school, and a small harbour. Many pursuits are available locally including sea angling, golf, sailing, wind surfing, hill walking, bird watching and mountaineering.

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