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Fine art of choosing ideal country home

House was perfect for artist Catriona

By Donna Ewen

MANY leading artists are renowned for their use of light.

And for professional painter Catriona Millar, when it came to finding her new home, it was vital she found one as light and airy as possible. At home in her stunning four-bedroom period house, she said: "I viewed this property in the month of April, and its lightness and airiness was the biggest influence on me."

Catriona, 56, who has been acclaimed as one of the country's leading figurative artists, and is listed in Who's Who in Scotland, lived only a stone's throw away from 1 Home Farm Cottages, along with husband Roddy.

"In my old property my studio was outdoors, and I got to the stage where I was just too cold working outside."

But, since moving in to the property, Catriona, who currently has an exhibition on at Tolquhon Gallery in Tarves, has the choice of where she chooses to paint, whether it's in her home or in her summer house. The accommodation



QUAINT: The semi-detached 1 Home Farm Cottages, Udney.

includes a cloakroom, lounge, fabulous kitchen/family area, four double bedrooms and family bathroom.

Catriona and Roddy, 52, creative director of The Agency, along with their son Adam, 23, have enjoyed their time in the home, which is ready to move in to with the least fuss.

"I would say I love the open plan family area the most, as it is lovely to open the patio doors and let the outdoors in," Catriona said.

"I especially love the bird song in

the morning, and find it inspiring," she added. Catriona and Roddy have lavished much love on their property, which is clear for all to see. The outside, fully enclosed rear garden offers a high degree of privacy, and is the ideal spot for entertaining. The rear garden is also home to the summer house, which doubles up as extra accommodation, and has beautiful views across the countryside. Catriona and Roddy are still searching for their next home.



CHARMING VIEW: The attractive dining area looks out over the garden.



ROOMY: The modern dining kitchen is fitted with a good range of units.



BRIGHT: The well-lit artist's studio is decorated in neutral tones.



ARTIST: Catriona Millar loves the airiness of her lovely home.



TRADITIONAL: The lounge has a cast iron fireplace.

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1 HOME FARM COTTAGES, UDNY
price: offers over **£275,000**

DESCRIPTION: Semi-detached, four-bedroom, family home.

LOUNGE: Well-proportioned with cast iron fireplace and wood surround.

DINING KITCHEN: With good range of base and wall units. Dining area features glass frontage to rear garden.

MASTER BEDROOM: Double room with two Velux windows, located on the upper floor.

BEDROOM 2: Spacious double room with built-in wardrobe and Velux window.

BEDROOM 3: Another double bedroom located to the front with lovely open views over the countryside.

FAMILY BATHROOM: Fitted with white three-piece suite and shower over bath.

OUTSIDE: The front garden is fully-enclosed, with a driveway to the side providing parking for two cars. The fully-enclosed rear garden is mainly laid to lawn with a large decked area, and summerhouse.

VIEWING: Contact Helen Kelly & Associates on (01358) 724422.



MODERN TOUCH: The study and double bedroom are also bright and airy rooms.

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