

Five-bed 'willy house' goes on sale for £1 million

Vocabulary

stables

to blush

phallic

topiary

tranquil

seductive

shrubs

a let (*Br. Eng.*)

Article

A stunning five-bedroom home with stables and a separate cottage can be yours for £1million but the garden could make you blush.

The beautiful 17th century property in Somerset has been branded the 'willy house' by amused locals. This is because the garden has trees that are trimmed into head-turning towering phallic shapes.

The X-rated topiary has been a talking point for residents in tranquil village Cross, near Axbridge in Somerset, for the last 20 years. Peter Knife, who owns the house, says he has never received a complaint about his seductive shrubs.

Agents say the cottage is suitable as an Airbnb let.

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Quiz

1. Why has the house been branded the 'willy house'?
2. Mr. Knife's neighbors are unhappy with the garden. - True or False? Why?

Conversation

A: Morning Peter! Lovely day for a spot of gardening, isn't it?

B: It certainly is, Albert. Pruning these trees is hard work, though!

A: If you like, I can grab my shears and give you a helping hand.

B: That's very nice of you, but I think I'm finished here for the day.

Discussion

1. What do you think of the 'willy house'? If you could, would you buy it?
2. Have you ever stayed in an Airbnb? Would you rent out your home?
3. Do you, or would you like to, grow your own vegetables?