

2617 London Drive

A Special Cottage in Raleigh's Budleigh Neighborhood

Some houses have character, 2617 London Drive has a story.

Tucked behind a mature hedge in Raleigh's Budleigh neighborhood, this charming single-story, three-bedroom cottage home sits on approximately .31 acres and feels more like a private garden retreat than a typical city home.

The home located on the Western side of Raleigh, in Wake County with nearby schools including Lacy Elementary, Oberlin Middle School, and Broughton Magnet High School.

Its Arts & Crafts character is apparent—from the deep rafter tails and copper half-round gutters to the stained-glass lighting fixtures and warm natural materials throughout. Following Hurricane Fran in 1996, the home was substantially renovated with an emphasis on quality and craftsmanship, including rewiring and replumbing and the installation of Kolbe & Kolbe high-efficiency windows and doors throughout.

Inside, generous banks of windows bring the green natural garden into the living, dining, and den spaces. White and red oak floors flow through much of the house, while the den features wide reclaimed heart-of-pine flooring from an Eastern North Carolina barn. Two fireplaces add warmth and personality: a natural-gas fireplace in the living room and a floor-to-ceiling natural rock fireplace in the den, built with stones gathered from the mountains of North Carolina and Virginia. Hidden among them are a few stones from **Paris and Rome**—a quiet reminder that this house has always welcomed stories from beyond Raleigh.

A later renovation transformed a former porch into a wonderful study/office with built-in workspace and west-facing windows.

Outside, the garden is an essential part of the experience. A vine-covered arbor leads to a secluded green retreat beside the brick patio, while a private deck off the primary bedroom offers another peaceful escape. Three sheds provide generous storage, including an electrified courtyard shed.

This is not a house designed to impress with sheer size. It is a house to **discover and enjoy**—filled with craftsmanship, rough

gardens, memories, and the small details that make a home feel truly personal.

2617 London Drive is more than a house in Budleigh. It is a piece of West Raleigh.

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