

# Art and Crafts style creates fine interiors



**■ BYGONE ERA:** Number 215 Woodstock Road, North Oxford, has authentic interiors created by owner Valerie Broehl who is pictured top right outside the shepherd's caravan in the garden

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**BUYERS** who love Victoriana could find a semi-detached home in North Oxford a very desirable property.

For Valerie Broehl, who owns 215 Woodstock Road, researched the fabrics and furnishings that were available when HW Moore designed the property and has used them to great effect throughout the interior.

Mrs Broehl said: "After I bought the house I had to rewire it and then redecorate it."

"I love the Arts and Crafts era and, in this house, I have been able to recreate it in a small way."

She added: "I went to the V&A in London to find period designs."

"I commissioned Zoffany Wallpapers to make the wallpaper that hangs in the hallway."

"In the master bedroom, I used another Arts and Crafts design that was hand blocked by an 80-year-old man who was a specialist working for Coles in London."

"I have kept all the original



doors, locks and windows and improved them with careful restoration so that they should last another century!"

The house has views over St John's playing fields towards Wytham Woods.

The secluded garden boasts a shepherd's caravan which is used as studio as it has light, water and power.

The garden also has a tulip tree that should flower for the first time next year.

Alex McEntyre, of selling agent Kemp & Kemp Residential, said: "It is a superb three-storey family house that has five bedrooms, two large reception rooms and a

kitchen/dining room with an Aga.

"The renovation was done with considerable care and panache."

"While the majority of the decoration is in keeping with the Victorian or Edwardian era, the master bedroom has a Philippe Starck en-suite bathroom. It is a perfect example of 21st-century design but sits well with the older features."

The property is for sale at £1.4m. For more details, call Kemp & Kemp on 01865 51000.

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