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Luxury Topping visits Coombe to buy Laurel Grove

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I recently visited the leafy South West London neighbourhood of Coombe, home to some of the wealthiest people in the capital. This beautiful wooded area has all the attractions of a place in the country but took only 25 minutes to drive to from Chelsea.

The area has such a rich history. In the Eighteenth Century, Coombe was owned by John Spencer, 1st Earl Spencer, an ancestor of Diana, Princess of Wales and Prince William, and was later established as a prime location in the Victorian era when wealthy industrialists arrived in their numbers. Amongst them was the Galsworthy family where the famous novelist and playwright John Galsworthy spent the early years of his life. Another famous resident was Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander during World War II, who lived on Warren Road at the edge of the prestigious [Coombe Hill Golf Course](#) where he regularly played at the weekends. Rolling Stones guitarist Ronnie Wood was also a Coombe resident until recently.

The reason for visiting Coombe was to view [Laurel Grove](#), a six-bedroom, 12,000 sq ft house by [Q Developments](#). In a location overlooking Coombe Hill Golf Course, the property features a bespoke [LINLEY kitchen](#); 13m pool with a sauna; gym; cinema room; wine cellar; and a separate one-bedroom staff apartment. Inside it has the feel of a prime central London townhouse and outside is a large garden more like a home in Surrey. The house is kitted out with the state-of-the-art home technology, while the Italian marble en-suites and bespoke joinery demonstrates its luxury spec.

But it was the master bedroom that stopped me in my tracks. You'll struggle to find a bedroom with such an amazing view of the golf course. You can literally see the tee, which is perfect for a golf lover like me. Yet the house is positioned on a large 0.6 acre plot so you still have total privacy. Beyond the golf course, the views towards Richmond Park and Wimbledon Common are just breathtaking. Waking up to that view would inspire me to continue to practice my golf swing. More importantly, is the feeling of security. The big double gates and walls will protect my family, my cars and most importantly my golf clubs.

Q Developments are set to launch a second house, [Asquith House](#), in the spring. The property is next door to Laurel Grove and is the same size and spec. I can't wait to see it.

With period homes, large detached properties and modern mansions concealed behind tree-lined streets, Coombe is very much a hidden gem, while access to many roads is restricted to residents and their guests, which makes the area extremely secure. For someone living in Coombe, you really do have the best of both worlds. The West End is only eight miles away for a shopping trip, as is Westfield London shopping centre in Shepherd's Bush. And neighbouring Kingston is a 10-minute drive for the [Bentall Centre](#), one of South West London's largest shopping centres, and Ancient Market Place, renowned for high end beauty retailers such as The White Company, Jo Malone and Molton Brown. The boutiques, cafes and restaurants of Wimbledon Village are also close by.

There is so much to do in and around Coombe if you like your outdoor pursuits. There is sailing at the Minima Yacht Club and the Thames Sailing Club, and rowing at the Kingston Rowing Club. There is Coombe Hill Golf Club, which is regarded as one of the best in the South East, and a second club, Coombe Wood. Wimbledon Common is a short walk for cycling, horse riding and a game of touch rugby. And east of the common is the All England Lawn Tennis Club where the [Wimbledon Championships](#) is held.











The schools are also a major draw. Within Coombe are [Marymount International School](#), a Catholic school for girls aged 11-18, and [Rokeya](#), a prep school for boys where students leave for schools in the ilk of Eaton and Harrow. Another prestigious educational establishment, [King's College School](#), is in nearby Wimbledon, as is [Wimbledon High School](#), a secondary school for girls which features regularly at the top of the league tables.

Coombe has so much going for it and will suit a lover of both the buzz of Bond Street and the calmness of Coombe. Laurel Grove is the first house in many years of working in property that I have really, really wanted to own. I have shown it to three property experts and they are all, like me, buying weekly lottery tickets in the hope we win the EuroMillions.

Laurel Grove is on sale for £8.95m. To enquire, contact [Carlyle Consultants](#) on +44(0) 20 7352 7073 or for more information, visit [www.laurel-grove.co.uk](#) or [www.qdevelopments.com](#).

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