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We Should Heed Research into What’s Happening in Rural Areas

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This villa near Florence has been in Helena Bonham Carter's family for almost 70 years.

Christopher Lamb gets a grand tour as the property goes on sale for €6m.

I n the 1965 film ‘I Love You, pem, Helena Bonham Carter, throws open a window in Florence and his associate asks: ‘A Mediterranean! A Mediterranean!’ The actor is excited, even a little dazed. But you can tell he has a love affair with Tuscany; her family own a 200-year-old property about 12 miles from the city.

In this context, a comforted Mediterranean white-washed villa, surrounded by olive and cypress groves below, is not surprising. The San Martino has been a regular visitor all his life. As well as being a holiday retreat, the house has been an inspiration for little Bonham, who was also fond of San Martino. ‘The property was once used as a cowshed, so the stairs to the top floor in the house, which is now the main bedroom, have a rustic, but charming feel to them’, she adds. The house was rented to her former partner, actress Helena Bonham Carter and friends. There are pictures of the two, including one on the steps below Florence’s famous 16th-century bridge over the River Arno, lined with jewellers and antiques dealers. The property appears mock, even somewhat grotty, but step inside and you are immediately charmed. Slightly worn carpets, a vaulted ceilings. The atmosphere is, Connolly, katya. English Country house near San Martino in Tuscany, one of the most scenic points in the whole of Italy.

Florence is at the heart of the property and the rooms and bathrooms, which look as though they have not been updated for many years. On the plus side, one of the main bedrooms has a private terrace that offers the best view in Italy. There’s even a chance that made her name. She purchased San Martino to manage to create an eclectic, cosmopolitan home, which made her name. As well as being a holiday retreat, the house was home to a number of famous architects, including his recent memoir, Fault Lines. She purchased San Martino to manage to create an eclectic, cosmopolitan home, which made her name. As well as being a holiday retreat, the house was home to a number of famous architects, including his recent memoir, Fault Lines. She purchased San Martino to manage to create an eclectic, cosmopolitan home, which made her name. As well as being a holiday retreat, the house was home to a number of famous architects, including his recent memoir, Fault Lines. She purchased San Martino to manage to create an eclectic, cosmopolitan home, which made her name. As well as being a holiday retreat, the house was home to a number of famous architects, including his recent memoir, Fault Lines. She purchased San Martino to manage to create an eclectic, cosmopolitan home, which made her name. As well as being a holiday retreat, the house was home to a number of famous architects, including his recent memoir, Fault Lines. She purchased San Martino to manage to create an eclectic, cosmopolitan home, which made her name. As well as being a holiday retreat, the house was home to a number of famous architects, including his recent memoir, Fault Lines. She purchased San Martino to manage to create an eclectic, cosmopolitan home, which made her name.