

HOME REPORT

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IV30 5TB



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Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Scotland

Dwellings

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Dwelling type: Detached house
Date of assessment: 27 February 2025
Date of certificate: 27 February 2025
Total floor area: 194 m²
Primary Energy Indicator: 280 kWh/m²/year

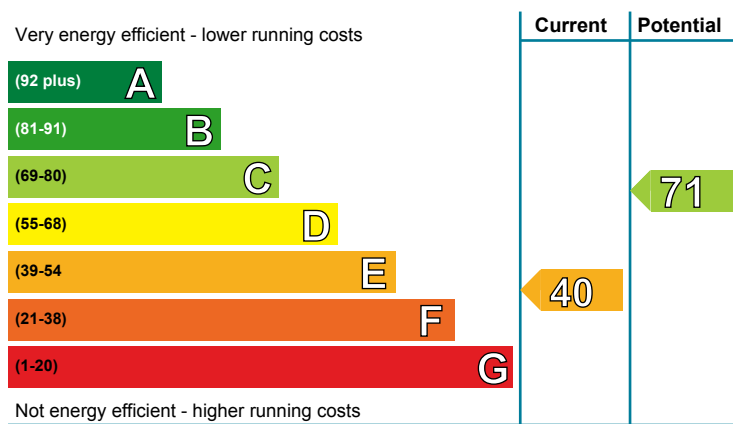
Reference number: 4015-1222-5200-0213-3222
Type of assessment: RdSAP, existing dwelling
Approved Organisation: Elmhurst
Main heating and fuel: Boiler and radiators, oil

You can use this document to:

- Compare current ratings of properties to see which are more energy efficient and environmentally friendly
- Find out how to save energy and money and also reduce CO₂ emissions by improving your home

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	£10,395	See your recommendations report for more information
Over 3 years you could save*	£5,073	

* based upon the cost of energy for heating, hot water, lighting and ventilation, calculated using standard assumptions

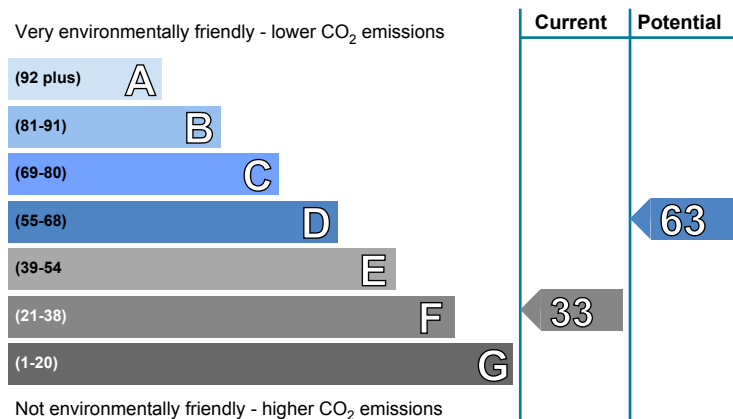


Energy Efficiency Rating

This graph shows the current efficiency of your home, taking into account both energy efficiency and fuel costs. The higher this rating, the lower your fuel bills are likely to be.

Your current rating is **band E (40)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (61)**.

The potential rating shows the effect of undertaking all of the improvement measures listed within your recommendations report.



Environmental Impact (CO₂) Rating

This graph shows the effect of your home on the environment in terms of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. The higher the rating, the less impact it has on the environment.

Your current rating is **band F (33)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (59)**.

The potential rating shows the effect of undertaking all of the improvement measures listed within your recommendations report.

Top actions you can take to save money and make your home more efficient

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical savings over 3 years
1 Room-in-roof insulation	£1,500 - £2,700	£2283.00
2 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£1770.00
3 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£672.00

A full list of recommended improvement measures for your home, together with more information on potential cost and savings and advice to help you carry out improvements can be found in your recommendations report.

To find out more about the recommended measures and other actions you could take today to stop wasting energy and money, visit greenerscotland.org or contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

THIS PAGE IS THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE WHICH MUST BE AFFIXED TO THE DWELLING AND NOT BE REMOVED UNLESS IT IS REPLACED WITH AN UPDATED CERTIFICATE

Summary of the energy performance related features of this home

This table sets out the results of the survey which lists the current energy-related features of this home. Each element is assessed by the national calculation methodology; 1 star = very poor (least efficient), 2 stars = poor, 3 stars = average, 4 stars = good and 5 stars = very good (most efficient). The assessment does not take into consideration the condition of an element and how well it is working. 'Assumed' means that the insulation could not be inspected and an assumption has been made in the methodology, based on age and type of construction.

Element	Description	Energy Efficiency	Environmental
Walls	Sandstone or limestone, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Roof	Pitched, 270 mm loft insulation Roof room(s), no insulation (assumed)	★★★★☆ ★☆☆☆☆	★★★★☆ ★☆☆☆☆
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed)	—	—
Windows	Mostly double glazing	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, oil	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Secondary heating	Room heaters, dual fuel (mineral and wood)	—	—
Hot water	From main system	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 47% of fixed outlets	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆

The energy efficiency rating of your home

Your Energy Efficiency Rating is calculated using the standard UK methodology, RdSAP. This calculates energy used for heating, hot water, lighting and ventilation and then applies fuel costs to that energy use to give an overall rating for your home. The rating is given on a scale of 1 to 100. Other than the cost of fuel for electrical appliances and for cooking, a building with a rating of 100 would cost almost nothing to run.

As we all use our homes in different ways, the energy rating is calculated using standard occupancy assumptions which may be different from the way you use it. The rating also uses national weather information to allow comparison between buildings in different parts of Scotland. However, to make information more relevant to your home, local weather data is used to calculate your energy use, CO₂ emissions, running costs and the savings possible from making improvements.


The impact of your home on the environment

One of the biggest contributors to global warming is carbon dioxide. The energy we use for heating, lighting and power in our homes produces over a quarter of the UK's carbon dioxide emissions. Different fuels produce different amounts of carbon dioxide for every kilowatt hour (kWh) of energy used. The Environmental Impact Rating of your home is calculated by applying these 'carbon factors' for the fuels you use to your overall energy use.

The calculated emissions for your home are 74 kg CO₂/m²/yr.

The average Scottish household produces about 6 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Based on this assessment, heating and lighting this home currently produces approximately 14 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Adopting recommendations in this report can reduce emissions and protect the environment. If you were to install all of these recommendations this could reduce emissions by 7.0 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.


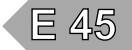








Estimated energy costs for this home

	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£8,943 over 3 years	£4,248 over 3 years	
Hot water	£783 over 3 years	£639 over 3 years	
Lighting	£669 over 3 years	£435 over 3 years	
Totals	£10,395	£5,322	

These figures show how much the average household would spend in this property for heating, lighting and hot water. This excludes energy use for running appliances such as TVs, computers and cookers, and the benefits of any electricity generated by this home (for example, from photovoltaic panels). The potential savings in energy costs show the effect of undertaking all of the recommended measures listed below.

Recommendations for improvement

The measures below will improve the energy and environmental performance of this dwelling. The performance ratings after improvements listed below are cumulative; that is, they assume the improvements have been installed in the order that they appear in the table. Further information about the recommended measures and other simple actions to take today to save money is available from the Home Energy Scotland hotline which can be contacted on 0808 808 2282. Before carrying out work, make sure that the appropriate permissions are obtained, where necessary. This may include permission from a landlord (if you are a tenant) or the need to get a Building Warrant for certain types of work.

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical saving per year	Rating after improvement	
			Energy	Environment
1 Room-in-roof insulation	£1,500 - £2,700	£761		
2 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£590		
3 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£224		
4 Low energy lighting for all fixed outlets	£40	£65		
5 Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£50		

Choosing the right improvement package

For free and impartial advice on choosing suitable measures for your property, contact the Home Energy Scotland hotline on 0808 808 2282 or go to www.greenerscotland.org.



About the recommended measures to improve your home's performance rating

This section offers additional information and advice on the recommended improvement measures for your home

1 Room-in-roof insulation

Insulating roof rooms will significantly reduce heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. If it has a flat ceiling insulation can usually be added above the ceiling, and sloping ceilings and walls of roof rooms can be insulated using an internal lining board. Roof voids must have adequate ventilation to prevent dampness; seek advice about this if unsure. Further information about roof room insulation and details of local contractors can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk). Building regulations generally apply to this work so it is best to check this with your local authority building standards department.

2 Internal or external wall insulation

Internal or external wall insulation involves adding a layer of insulation to either the inside or the outside surface of the external walls, which reduces heat loss and lowers fuel bills. As it is more expensive than cavity wall insulation it is only recommended for walls without a cavity, or where for technical reasons a cavity cannot be filled. Internal insulation, known as dry-lining, is where a layer of insulation is fixed to the inside surface of external walls; this type of insulation is best applied when rooms require redecorating. External solid wall insulation is the application of an insulant and a weather-protective finish to the outside of the wall. This may improve the look of the home, particularly where existing brickwork or rendering is poor, and will provide long-lasting weather protection. Further information can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk). It should be noted that a building warrant is required for the installation of external wall insulation. Planning permission may also be required and that building regulations apply to external insulation so it is best to check with your local authority on both issues.

3 Floor insulation (suspended floor)

Insulation of a floor will significantly reduce heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Suspended floors can often be insulated from below but must have adequate ventilation to prevent dampness; seek advice about this if unsure. Further information about floor insulation is available from many sources including www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Insulation/Floor-insulation. Building regulations generally apply to this work so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department.

4 Low energy lighting

Replacement of traditional light bulbs with energy saving bulbs will reduce lighting costs over the lifetime of the bulb, and they last many times longer than ordinary light bulbs. Low energy lamps and fittings are now commonplace and readily available. Information on energy efficiency lighting can be found from a wide range of organisations, including the Energy Saving Trust (<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/lighting>).

5 Solar water heating

A solar water heating panel, usually fixed to the roof, uses the sun to pre-heat the hot water supply. This can significantly reduce the demand on the heating system to provide hot water and hence save fuel and money. Planning permission might be required, building regulations generally apply to this work and a building warrant may be required, so it is best to check these with your local authority. You could be eligible for Renewable Heat Incentive payments which could appreciably increase the savings beyond those shown on your EPC, provided that both the product and the installer are certified by the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (or equivalent). Details of local MCS installers are available at www.microgenerationcertification.org.

Low and zero carbon energy sources

Low and zero carbon (LZC) energy sources are sources of energy that release either very little or no carbon dioxide into the atmosphere when they are used. Installing these sources may help reduce energy bills as well as cutting carbon.

LZC energy sources present:

- Solar photovoltaics

Your home's heat demand

In this section, you can see how much energy you might need to heat your home and provide hot water. These are estimates showing how an average household uses energy. These estimates may not reflect your actual energy use, which could be higher or lower. You might spend more money on heating and hot water if your house is less energy efficient. The table below shows the potential benefit of having your loft and walls insulated. Visit <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy-at-home> for more information.

Heat demand	Existing dwelling	Impact of loft insulation	Impact of cavity wall insulation	Impact of solid wall insulation
Space heating (kWh per year)	39,188	N/A	N/A	(7,032)
Water heating (kWh per year)	3,738			

Addendum

This dwelling has stone walls and so requires further investigation to establish whether these walls are of cavity construction and to determine which type of wall insulation is best suited.

About this document

This Recommendations Report and the accompanying Energy Performance Certificate are valid for a maximum of ten years. These documents cease to be valid where superseded by a more recent assessment of the same building carried out by a member of an Approved Organisation.

The Energy Performance Certificate and this Recommendations Report for this building were produced following an energy assessment undertaken by an assessor accredited by Elmhurst (www.elmhurstenergy.co.uk), an Approved Organisation Appointed by Scottish Ministers. The certificate has been produced under the Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2008 from data lodged to the Scottish EPC register. You can verify the validity of this document by visiting www.scottishepcregister.org.uk and entering the report reference number (RRN) printed at the top of this page.

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Related party disclosure: No related party

If you have any concerns regarding the content of this report or the service provided by your assessor you should in the first instance raise these matters with your assessor and with the Approved Organisation to which they belong. All Approved Organisations are required to publish their complaints and disciplinary procedures and details can be found online at the web address given above.

Use of this energy performance information

Once lodged by your EPC assessor, this Energy Performance Certificate and Recommendations Report are available to view online at www.scottishepcregister.org.uk, with the facility to search for any single record by entering the property address. This gives everyone access to any current, valid EPC except where a property has a Green Deal Plan, in which case the report reference number (RRN) must first be provided. The energy performance data in these documents, together with other building information gathered during the assessment is held on the Scottish EPC Register and is available to authorised recipients, including organisations delivering energy efficiency and carbon reduction initiatives on behalf of the Scottish and UK governments. A range of data from all assessments undertaken in Scotland is also published periodically by the Scottish Government. Further information on these matters and on Energy Performance Certificates in general, can be found at www.gov.scot/epc.

Advice and support to improve this property

There is support available, which could help you carry out some of the improvements recommended for this property on page 3 and stop wasting energy and money. For more information, visit [greener-scotland.org](https://www.greener-scotland.org) or contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

Home Energy Scotland's independent and expert advisors can offer free and impartial advice on all aspects of energy efficiency, renewable energy and more.

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Single Survey

survey report on:

Property address	KIRK COTTAGE, 55 THOM STREET, HOPEMAN, ELGIN, IV30 5TB
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Customer	Rosemary McKenzie's Executry
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Customer address	c/o Harper Macleod LLP, The Old Station Road, Maisondieu Road, Elgin, IV30 1RH
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Prepared by	DM Hall LLP
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Date of inspection	24th February 2025
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PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 THE SURVEYORS

The Seller has engaged the Surveyors to provide the Single Survey Report and a generic Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes. The Seller has also engaged the Surveyors to provide an Energy Report in the format prescribed by the accredited Energy Company.

The Surveyors are authorised to provide a transcript or retype of the generic Mortgage Valuation Report on to Lender specific pro-forma. Transcript reports are commonly requested by Brokers and Lenders. The transcript report will be in the format required by the Lender but will contain the same information, inspection date and valuation figure as the generic Mortgage Valuation Report and the Single Survey. The Surveyors will decline any transcript request which requires the provision of information additional to the information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report until the Seller has conditionally accepted an offer to purchase made in writing.

Once the Seller has conditionally accepted an offer to purchase made in writing, the Purchaser's lender or conveyancer may request that the Surveyors provide general comment on standard appropriate supplementary documentation. In the event of a significant amount of documentation being provided to the Surveyors, an additional fee may be incurred by the Purchaser. Any additional fee will be agreed in writing.

If information is provided to the Surveyors during the conveyancing process which materially affects the valuation stated in the Report and generic Mortgage Valuation Report, the Surveyors reserve the right to reconsider the valuation. Where the Surveyors require to amend the valuation in consequence of such information, they will issue an amended Report and generic Mortgage Valuation Report to the Seller. It is the responsibility of the Seller to ensure that the amended Report and generic Mortgage Valuation Report are transmitted to every prospective Purchaser.

The individual Surveyor will be a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors who is competent to survey, value and report upon Residential Property¹.

If the Surveyors have had a previous business relationship within the past two years with the Seller or Seller's Agent or relative to the property, they will be obliged to indicate this by ticking the adjacent box.

The Surveyors have a written complaints handling procedure. This is available from the offices of the Surveyors at the address stated.

1.2 THE REPORT

The Surveyors will not provide an amended Report on the Property, except to correct factual inaccuracies.

The Report will identify the nature and source of information relied upon in its preparation.

The Surveyor shall provide a Market Value of the Property, unless the condition of the Property is such that it would be inappropriate to do so. A final decision on whether a loan will be granted rests with the Lender who may impose retentions in line with their lending criteria. The date of condition and value of the property will be the date of inspection.

Prior to 1 December 2008, Purchasers have normally obtained their own report from their chosen Surveyor. By contrast, a Single Survey is instructed by the Seller and made available to all potential Purchasers in expectation that the successful Purchaser will have relied upon it. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors rules require disclosure of any potential conflict of interest when acting for the Seller and the Purchaser in the same transaction. The Single Survey may give rise to a conflict of interest and if this is of concern to any party they are advised to seek their own independent advice.

The Report and any expressions or assessments in it are not intended as advice to the Seller or Purchaser or any other person in relation to an asking price or any other sales or marketing decisions.

¹ Which shall be in accordance with the current RICS Valuation Standards (The Red Book) and RICS Codes of Conduct.

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The Report is based solely on the Property and is not to be relied upon in any manner whatsoever when considering the valuation or condition of any other property.

If certain minor matters are mentioned in the Report it should not be assumed that the Property is free of other minor defects.

Neither the whole nor any part of the Report may be published in any way, reproduced or distributed by any party other than the Seller, prospective purchasers and the Purchaser and their respective professional advisers without the prior written consent of the Surveyors.

1.3 LIABILITY

The Report is prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected of a competent residential surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

The Report is addressed to the Seller and was prepared in the expectation that it (or a complete copy) along with these Terms and Conditions (or a complete copy) would (or, as the case might be, would have been) be disclosed and delivered to:

- the Seller;
- any person(s) noting an interest in purchasing the Property from the Seller;
- any person(s) who make(s) (or on whose behalf is made) an offer to purchase the Property, whether or not that offer is accepted by the Seller;
- the Purchaser; and
- the professional advisers of any of these.

The Surveyors acknowledge that their duty of skill and care in relation to the Report is owed to the Seller and to the Purchaser. The Surveyors accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever in relation to the Report to persons other than the Seller and the Purchaser. The Seller and Purchaser should be aware that if a Lender seeks to rely on this Report they do so at their own risk. In particular, the Surveyors accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever to any Lender in relation to the Report. Any such Lender relies upon the Report entirely at their own risk.

1.4 GENERIC MORTGAGE VALUATION REPORT

The Surveyors undertake to the Seller that they will prepare a generic Mortgage Valuation Report, which will be issued along with the Single Survey. It is the responsibility of the Seller to ensure that the generic Mortgage Valuation Report is provided to every potential Purchaser.

1.5 TRANSCRIPT MORTGAGE VALUATION FOR LENDING PURPOSES

The Surveyors undertake that on being asked to do so by a prospective purchaser, or his/her professional advisor or Lender, they will prepare a Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes on terms and conditions to be agreed between the Surveyors and Lender and solely for the use of the Lender and upon which the Lender may rely. The decision as to whether finance will be provided is entirely a matter for the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report will be prepared from information contained in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report.²

1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

All intellectual property rights whatsoever (including copyright) in and to the Report, excluding the headings and rubrics, are the exclusive property of the Surveyors and shall remain their exclusive property unless

² Which shall be in accordance with the current RICS Valuation Standards (The Red Book) and RICS Rules of Conduct

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they assign the same to any other party in writing.

1.7 PAYMENT

The Surveyors are entitled to refrain from delivering the Report to anyone until the fee and other charges for it notified to the Seller have been paid. Additional fees will be charged for subsequent inspections and Reports.

1.8 CANCELLATION

The Seller will be entitled to cancel the inspection by notifying the Surveyor's office at any time before the day of the inspection.

The Surveyor will be entitled not to proceed with the inspection (and will so report promptly to the Seller) if after arriving at the property, the Surveyor concludes that it is of a type of construction of which the Surveyor has insufficient specialist knowledge to be able to provide the inspection satisfactorily. The Surveyor will also be entitled not to proceed if after arriving at the property, the surveyor concludes that the property is exempt under Part 3 of The Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 as detailed in the (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008. If there is a potential threat to their health or personal safety, the inspection may be postponed or cancelled, at the Surveyor's discretion.

In the case of cancellation or the inspection not proceeding, the Surveyor will refund any fees paid by the Seller for the inspection and Report, except for expenses reasonably incurred and any fee due in light of the final paragraph of this section.

In the case of cancellation by the Seller, for whatever reason, after the inspection has taken place but before a written report is issued, the Surveyor will be entitled to raise an invoice equivalent to 80% of the agreed fee.

1.9 PRECEDENCE

If there is any incompatibility between these Terms and Conditions and the Report, these Terms and Conditions take precedence.

1.1 DEFINITIONS

- the "Lender" is the party who has provided or intends or proposes to provide financial assistance to the Purchaser towards the purchase of the Property and in whose favour a standard security will be granted over the Property;
- the "Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor, prepared from information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report, but in a style and format required by the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes will be prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected from a surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and who is competent to survey, value and report on the Property;
- the "Generic Mortgage Valuation Report" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor from information in the Report but in the Surveyor's own format;
- the "Market Value" is the estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion;
- the "Property" is the property which forms the subject of the Report;

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- the "Purchaser" is the person (or persons) who enters into a contract to buy the Property from the Seller;
- a "prospective Purchaser" is anyone considering buying the Property;
- the "Report" is the report, of the kind described in Part 2 of these Terms and Conditions and in the form set out in part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008;
- the "Seller" is/are the proprietor(s) of the Property;
- the "Surveyor" is the author of the Report on the Property; and
- the "Surveyors" are the firm or company of which the Surveyor is an employee, director, member or partner (unless the Surveyor is not an employee, director, member or partner, when the "Surveyors" means the Surveyor) whose details are set out at the head of the Report.
- the "Energy Report" is the advice given by the accredited Energy Company, based on information collected by the Surveyor during the Inspection, and also includes an Energy Performance Certificate, in a Government approved format.

PART 2 - DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT

2.1 THE SERVICE

The Single Survey is a Report by an independent Surveyor, prepared in an objective way regarding the condition and value of the Property on the day of the inspection, and who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. It includes an Energy Report as required by Statute and this is in the format of the accredited Energy Company. In addition, the Surveyor has agreed to supply a generic Mortgage Valuation Report.

2.2 THE INSPECTION

The Inspection is a general surface examination of those parts of the Property which are accessible: in other words, *visible and readily available for examination from ground and floor levels, without risk of causing damage to the Property or injury to the Surveyor.*

All references to visual inspection refer to an inspection from within the property at floor level and from ground level within the site and adjoining public areas, without the need to move any obstructions. Any references to left or right are taken facing the front of the property.

The Inspection is carried out with the Seller's permission, without causing damage to the building or contents. Furniture, stored items and insulation are not moved.

Unless identified in the report the Surveyor will assume that no harmful or hazardous materials have been used in the construction. The presence or possible consequences of any site contamination will not be researched.

The Surveyor will not carry out an asbestos inspection, and will not be acting as an asbestos inspector in completing a Single Survey of properties that may fall within the Control of Asbestos in the Workplace Regulations. In the case of flats it will be assumed that there is a duty holder, as defined in the Regulations and that a Register of Asbestos and effective Management Plan is in place, which does not require any expenditure, or pose a significant risk to health. No enquiry of the duty holder will be made.

2.3 THE REPORT

The Report will be prepared by the Surveyor who carried out the property inspection and will describe various aspects of the property as defined by the headings of the Single Survey report with the comments being general and unbiased. The report on the location, style and condition of the property, will be concise and will be restricted to matters that could have a material effect upon value and will omit items that, in the Surveyor's opinion, are not significant. If certain minor matters are mentioned, it should not be interpreted that the property is free of any other minor defects.

Throughout the Report, the following repair categories will be used to give an overall opinion of the state of repair and condition of the property.

- 1 Category 3: Urgent repairs or replacement are needed now. Failure to deal with them may cause problems to other parts of the property or cause a safety hazard. Estimates for repairs or replacement are needed now.
- 2 Category 2: Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.
- 3 Category 1: No immediate action or repair is needed.

WARNING: If left unattended, even for a relatively short period, Category 2 repairs can rapidly develop into more serious Category 3 repairs. The existence of Category 2 or Category 3 repairs may have an adverse effect on marketability, value and the sale price ultimately achieved for the property. This is particularly true during slow market conditions when the effect can be considerable.

Parts of the property, which cannot be seen or accessed, will not be reported upon and this will be stated. If the Surveyor suspects that a defect may exist within an unexposed area and which could have a material effect upon the value, he may recommend further investigation by specialist contractors.

2.4 SERVICES

Surveyors are not equipped or qualified to test the services and therefore no comment can be interpreted as implying that the design, installation and function of the services are in accordance/compliance with regulations, safety and efficiency expectations. However, comment is made where there is cause to suspect significant defects or shortcomings with the installations. No tests are made of any services or appliances.

2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

A section is included to help identify the basic information interested parties need to know to decide whether to view a property.

2.6 ENERGY REPORT

A section is included that makes provision for an Energy Report, relative to the property. The Surveyor will collect physical data from the property and provide such data in a format required by an accredited Energy Company. The Surveyor cannot of course accept liability for any advice given by the Energy Company.

2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

The last section of the Report contains matters considered relevant to the Conveyancer (Solicitor). It also contains the Surveyor's opinion both of the market value of the property and of the re-instatement cost, as defined below.

"Market Value" *The estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein*

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the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion. In arriving at the opinion of the Market Value the Surveyor also makes various standard assumptions covering, for example, vacant possession; tenure and other legal considerations; contamination and hazardous materials; the condition of un-inspected parts; the right to use mains services; and the exclusion of curtains, carpets etc. from the valuation. In the case of flats, the following further assumptions are made that:

- There are rights of access and exit over all communal roadways, corridors, stairways etc. and to use communal grounds, parking areas, and other facilities;
- There are no particularly troublesome or unusual legal restrictions;
- There is no current dispute between the occupiers of the flats or any outstanding claims or losses; and the costs of repairs to the building are shared among the co-proprietors on an equitable basis.

Any additional assumption, or any found not to apply, is reported.

"Re-instatement cost" *is an estimate for insurance purposes of the current cost of rebuilding the Property in its present form* unless otherwise stated. This includes the cost of rebuilding the garage and permanent outbuildings, site clearance and professional fees, but excludes VAT (except on the fees).

Sellers or prospective Purchasers may consider it prudent to instruct a reinspection and revaluation after a period of 12 weeks (or sooner if appropriate) to reflect changing circumstances in the market and/or in the physical condition of the Property.

1. Information and scope of inspection

This section tells you about the type, accommodation, neighbourhood, age and construction of the property. It also tells you about the extent of the inspection and highlights anything that the surveyor could not inspect.

All references to visual inspection refer to an inspection from within the property without moving any obstructions and externally from ground level within the site and adjoining public areas. Any references to left or right in a description of the exterior of the property refer to the view of someone standing facing that part of the property from the outside.

The inspection is carried out without causing damage to the building or its contents and without endangering the occupiers or the surveyor. Heavy furniture, stored items and insulation are not moved. Unless identified in the report the surveyor will assume that no harmful or hazardous materials or techniques have been used in the construction. The presence or possible consequences of any site contamination will not be researched.

Services such as TV/cable connection, internet connection, swimming pools and other leisure facilities etc. will not be inspected or reported on.

Description	The property comprises a detached, two storey house with single storey annex.
Accommodation	Ground floor: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Dining Kitchen, Shower Room. First Floor: Landing, Main Bedroom with Shower Room, Two Further Bedrooms, Bathroom, WC. Annex: Open Plan Living/Dining/Kitchen Area, Bedroom, Bathroom.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	195m ² approximately.
Neighbourhood and location	The property is located within an established residential area among properties of a differing age and type within the village of Hopeman. A limited range of facilities can be obtained within the village. A wider range of facilities can be obtained in the town of Elgin within reasonable commuting distance. There is a church located nearby.
Age	Approximately 150 years old.
Weather	It was sunny and dry, following generally mixed weather conditions.
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. There are chimney stacks of stone construction. These have pointed finishes. There are cement flashings at the base of the chimneys. There is a block and stone chimney stack at the rear with lead flashing.

Roofing including roof space	<p>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally.</p> <p>Roof spaces were visually inspected and were entered where there was safe and reasonable access, normally defined as being from a 3m ladder within the property.</p> <p>If this is not possible, then physical access to the roof space may be taken by other means if the Surveyor deems it safe and reasonable to do so.</p> <p>The roof is pitched and slated. The ridges are formed in tile. Valleys are lined with lead materials. There are dormer windows at the front and rear, having pitched roofs, overlaid in natural slates. Flashings around dormers are formed in lead and cement. The lower roof is pitched and tiled. There are photovoltaic panels fitted to the lower roof. There is a section of flat roof at the rear finished in mineral felt.</p> <p>Access to the annex roof was obtained via a ceiling hatch in the annex bedroom. This roof is of timber construction with timber sarking boards. There is evidence of under tile felt. Glasswool and loose fill insulation has been laid between and across the ceiling joists. The inverter for the solar photovoltaic panels is also fitted within this roof space. There is a dual hot and cold water tank.</p> <p>The majority of roof timbers within the main property are not accessible. There is a hatch giving access to a small part of the roof above the first floor bathroom. Again, the roof is of timber construction with timber sarking boards. Insulation has been laid between and across the joists. This roof space was too small to access.</p>
Rainwater fittings	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>The gutters are of a PVC, half round design with PVC, round downpipes.</p>
Main walls	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</p> <p>The walls are of solid stone construction externally pointed. There is a section of rough cast.</p>

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Windows, external doors and joinery	<p>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</p> <p>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</p> <p>Doors and windows were not forced open.</p> <p>Windows are of a double glazed, aluminium framed type and double glazed, timber framed type. There are some timber, single glazed window units remaining. There is a double glazed, Velux window unit and a cast iron skylight. The door is of a timber frame and panel type with single glazed inserts. The main front and rear doors are of a timber frame and panelled type with double glazed inserts. There are double glazed aluminium framed patio doors leading from the living room to the garden.</p> <p>The soffits and fascias are formed in timber.</p>
External decorations	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>The external timbers are painted.</p> <p>The rainwater fittings are partly painted.</p>
Conservatories / porches	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>There are no conservatories or porches.</p>
Communal areas	<p>Circulation areas visually inspected.</p> <p>There are no communal areas.</p>
Garages and permanent outbuildings	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>There is a detached workshop with garage compartment. This building is of timber construction with a metal roof. The workshop compartment was inspected only. The garage was locked and no key was available.</p> <p>There is a boiler room accessed via an external door. This forms part of the main house.</p> <p>There is a stone and profile metal store adjoining the main house.</p>
Outside areas and boundaries	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>There are areas of garden to the front, side and rear. Boundaries are defined by timber fencing and block and stone walls. Garden areas are mainly laid to lawn with gravel drive and parking areas. There are some planted and paved areas. There are mature trees on site.</p>

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Ceilings	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>Ceilings are mainly formed in lath and plaster. There are textured paper and plaster finishes.</p>
Internal walls	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</p> <p>The walls are of lath and plaster construction. There are some hardboard finishes.</p>
Floors including sub floors	<p>Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.</p> <p>Sub-floor areas were inspected only to the extent visible from a readily accessible and unfixed hatch by way of an inverted "head and shoulders" inspection at the access point.</p> <p>Physical access to the sub floor area may be taken if the Surveyor deems it is safe and reasonable to do so, and subject to a minimum clearance of 1m between the underside of floor joists and the solum as determined from the access hatch.</p> <p>The floors are of suspended timber construction overlaid with tongue and groove boarding.</p> <p>No sub floor access was available.</p> <p>The majority of floors are covered.</p>
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	<p>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</p> <p>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</p> <p>Internal doors are of a timber frame and panel type. Skirting boards and door facings are formed in timber. The stairs and balustrade are formed in timber. Both kitchens contain a range of basic floor and wall units.</p>
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</p> <p>There is a multi fuel stove in the main living room. There are a number of other blocked off fire places.</p>
Internal decorations	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>Internal walls are papered and painted. Joinery finishes are painted and varnished.</p>

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Cellars	<p>Visually inspected where there was a safe and purpose-built access.</p> <p>There are no cellars.</p>
Electricity	<p>Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.</p> <p>Main supply installed. There are consumer units within the annex and main house. There are photovoltaic panels fitted to the roof. These supply electricity which can be utilised whilst the panels are producing. This electricity can also be sold back to the grid subject to a feed in tariff. The meter for the panels is fitted within the annex. The meter for the main house is located in the box room of the first floor bathroom.</p>
Gas	<p>Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.</p> <p>There is no gas supply.</p>
Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings	<p>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>Water is connected to the mains supply.</p> <p>Visible pipework is made with copper, lead and PVC materials.</p> <p>The shower rooms and bathroom are fitted with white and coloured suites of mixed qualities.</p> <p>A stainless steel sink unit is fitted within the kitchens.</p>
Heating and hot water	<p>Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>There is an oil fired, Greenstar Heatslave II central heating boiler located within an external boiler room.</p> <p>This supplies a system of steel panel radiators throughout the property. The boiler also supplies the domestic hot water.</p> <p>The central heating system is controlled by a programmer and a room thermostat. At the time of the inspection the room start was located in the external boiler house. I have assumed that this stat</p>

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Heating and hot water	operates the heating throughout the entire property.
Drainage	Drainage covers etc were not lifted. Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested. Drainage is connected to the main sewer.
Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	Visually inspected. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. There are smoke detectors fitted within the property. Legislation by the Scottish Government, which took effect from February 2022, requires all residential properties to have a system of inter-linked smoke alarms and heat detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors are also required where appropriate. Purchasers should appraise themselves of the requirements of this legislation, and engage with appropriately accredited contractors to ensure compliance.
Any additional limits to inspection	For flats / maisonettes Only the subject flat and internal communal areas giving access to the flat were inspected. If the roof space or under-building / basement is communal, reasonable and safe access is not always possible. If no inspection was possible, this will be stated. If no inspection was possible, the surveyor will assume that there are no defects that will have a material effect on the valuation. The building containing the flat, including any external communal areas, was visually inspected only to the extent that the surveyor is able to give an opinion on the general condition and standard of maintenance. Parts of the property, which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible, cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect. I have not carried out an inspection for Japanese Knotweed and unless otherwise stated, for the purposes of the valuation I have assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plants within the boundaries of the property or in neighbouring properties. The report does not include an asbestos inspection. However asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 2000, when it became a banned substance. If the possibility of asbestos based products has been reported within the limitations of the inspection and you have concerns, you should engage a qualified asbestos surveyor. Random testing for dampness was undertaken internally with the use of a moisture meter where accessible and considered appropriate. Concealed areas beneath and around sanitary fittings were not visible. Due to the presence of water, there is an inherent risk of

Any additional limits to inspection	<p>leakage and resultant damage to concealed areas which may only become apparent when the building fabric is opened up for examination.</p> <p>The inspection is not a fire or life safety risk assessment and should not be relied on as a risk assessment inspection. Further advice should be sought if a specific risk assessment of the property and building that it forms part of is required.</p> <p>Where repairs are required at height compliance with Health and Safety legislation often requires the use of scaffolding which can significantly impact on the cost of repair. Pricing repairs is outwith the remit of this report but it would be prudent to consider costs and budgeting before offering. The various trades can advise further.</p> <p>The property was partly occupied, partly furnished and all floors were covered. Consequently, my inspection of the flooring and other elements was restricted.</p> <p>In accordance with Health and Safety Guidelines, I have not disturbed insulation or furniture and floor coverings have not been moved. Where present, personal effects within cupboards and wardrobes have not been moved, therefore limiting my inspection.</p> <p>I was unable to inspect the sub floor area as no suitable access hatch was available.</p> <p>Floor coverings in the unoccupied part of the property have not been moved.</p> <p>There are parts of the roof structure which were not visible and could not be inspected including the flat roof areas. Access to the roof space over the annex was restricted due to insulation material and a lack of suitable crawl boards. As a result, the roof space was inspected from the hatch only.</p> <p>The majority of roof timbers over the main house were not accessible and were obscured. There is a hatch giving access to a small roof space above the bathroom. My inspection of this area was restricted due to the limited size of the space and water tanks.</p> <p>No key was available to inspect the garage internally. Vegetation around the outside of the garage restricted the inspection.</p>
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Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house



- ① Chimney pots
- ② Coping stone
- ③ Chimney head
- ④ Flashing
- ⑤ Ridge ventilation
- ⑥ Ridge board
- ⑦ Slates / tiles
- ⑧ Valley guttering
- ⑨ Dormer projection
- ⑩ Dormer flashing
- ⑪ Dormer cheeks
- ⑫ Sarking
- ⑬ Roof felt
- ⑭ Trusses
- ⑮ Collar
- ⑯ Insulation
- ⑰ Parapet gutter
- ⑱ Eaves guttering
- ⑲ Rainwater downpipe
- ⑳ Verge boards /skews
- ㉑ Soffit boards
- ㉒ Partition wall
- ㉓ Lath / plaster
- ㉔ Chimney breast
- ㉕ Window pointing
- ㉖ Window sills
- ㉗ Rendering
- ㉘ Brickwork / pointing
- ㉙ Bay window projection
- ㉚ Lintels
- ㉛ Cavity walls / wall ties
- ㉜ Subfloor ventilator
- ㉝ Damp proof course
- ㉞ Base course
- ㉟ Foundations
- ㊱ Solum
- ㊲ Floor joists
- ㊳ Floorboards
- ㊴ Water tank
- ㊵ Hot water tank

Reference may be made in this report to some or all of the above component parts of the property. This diagram may assist you in locating and understanding these items.

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2. Condition

This section identifies problems and tells you about the urgency of any repairs by using one of the following three categories:

Category 3	Category 2	Category 1
Urgent repairs or replacement are needed now. Failure to deal with them may cause problems to other parts of the property or cause a safety hazard. Estimates for repairs or replacement are needed now.	Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.	No immediate action or repair is needed.



Structural movement

Repair category	1
Notes	The property has been affected by previous movement but within the limitations of the inspection there was no evidence to suggest that this is ongoing.



Dampness, rot and infestation

Repair category	3
Notes	<p>There is dampness to lower wall surfaces and flooring in various areas. There is evidence that dampness has caused rot to subfloor joists. There are other damp patches to walls in various areas. There is a possibility that more serious associated defects may exist in concealed areas. Further investigation should be carried out by timber/damp specialist contractors to identify the full extent of these issues and to provide a cost estimate for remedial works. The repairs must be carried out to a guaranteed standard.</p> <p>There is evidence of wood boring insect infestation. This can be treated by a Timber Specialist contractor.</p> <p>Dampness to ceilings may be indicative of leakage from the roof structure. (See Roofing Including Roof Space.) Some of the dampness may be attributable to ingress around chimney stacks.</p> <p>Dampness within the ground floor shower room is likely attributable to leakage from the ensuite showroom directly above. A plumber can inspect and carry out the necessary repairs.</p>



Chimney stacks

Repair category	2
Notes	Some of the dampness may be attributable to ingress around chimney stacks. There are areas of cracked loose and missing pointing. Some of the chimney pots are cracked. A builder or stonemason can undertake the necessary repairs.



Roofing including roof space

Repair category	3
Notes	<p>There is evidence of leakage from the roof structure in various areas. There are a number of loose cracked and broken slates. There is older metal work. There are loose and missing areas of roof mortar work. There is vegetation on the roof. The flat roof area is clad in materials with a limited life span which are older. The flat roof area was not visible and could not be inspected. Experience shows that leakages can occur unpredictably and without warning. A reputable roofing contractor can be asked to investigate and implement all required repairs. Inspection at close quarters may reveal more extensive deterioration, especially where materials are original.</p> <p>Regular and ongoing maintenance should be anticipated with older roofs of this kind.</p> <p>The roof over the annex has been replaced with cladding that are heavier than the original. Some strengthening works have been undertaken. There is however some distortion to the roof structure. A structural engineer can inspect and advise if further strengthening works are required.</p>



Rainwater fittings

Repair category	3
Notes	<p>There are various leakages to rainwater fittings. Some areas are blocked by weeds. Leakages may be contributing to dampness problems internally. A program of repair and maintenance should be undertaken.</p>



Main walls

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>There are areas of cracked, loose and missing pointing. There are areas of cement patched pointing. There are stained areas of external walls as a result of leakage from rainwater fittings. There is a cracked lintel. A builder or stonemason can be engaged to undertake the necessary repairs.</p>



Windows, external doors and joinery

Repair category	3
Notes	<p>Doors and random windows are opened but not all and inspections can be restricted by window blinds, curtains, ornaments etc. Handles, locks and opening mechanisms can deteriorate through usage and repair or replacement can be anticipated on an ad hoc basis. No assurances can be provided that all window fittings are functional.</p> <p>The window units are older and exhibit a number of defects including rot to frames, faulty mechanisms and seals between double glazed units having failed. It is likely replacement of the majority of window units will be required. There is a boarded broken window in a box room.</p> <p>There is rot to door frames, soffits, and fascias.</p>



External decorations

Repair category	2
Notes	Outside paintwork has deteriorated and redecoration is now required. Regular re-painting of external joinery finishes will prolong their life span.



Conservatories/porches

Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.



Communal areas

Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.



Garages and permanent outbuildings

Repair category	2
Notes	The outbuildings exhibit a number of defects and will require a program of maintenance.



Outside areas and boundaries

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>The garden would benefit from maintenance.</p> <p>There are mature trees growing within influencing distance of the house, boundary walls and neighbouring property. A tree surgeon will be able to provide further advice.</p>



Ceilings

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>There is plaster cracking and damage to ceilings in various area. When plaster starts to pull loose from the lath the cracking often becomes widespread. Small cracks in this type of ceiling can develop into a larger repair.</p> <p>There is damp staining to ceilings in various areas. (See Dampness, Rot and Infestation.)</p>



Ceilings

Repair category	2
Notes	The textured finishes may contain asbestos based material. See information on asbestos in the Limitations of Inspection section above.



Internal walls

Repair category	2
Notes	There is cracking to plasterwork.



Floors including sub-floors

Repair category	3
Notes	<p>It is not unusual to discover areas of past water spillage when floor coverings are removed in kitchen and bathroom compartments, revealing the need for further repair and maintenance work.</p> <p>There is dampness, bounce and movement to flooring in various areas. Floors are off level. This is indicative of rot to subfloor timbers. There is a lack of subfloor ventilation. The timber and damp specialist can inspect and advise further. See Dampness, rot and infestation.</p>



Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

Repair category	2
Notes	There is wear and tear to joinery finishes throughout. Fitted kitchen units are worn and dated. An incoming occupier can upgrade/replace to their own personal taste.



Chimney breasts and fireplaces

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>There is evidence of dampness to chimney breasts in various areas and a possibility of associated concealed defects. See earlier comments in Dampness, Rot and Infestation and Chimney stacks sections.</p> <p>Where fireplaces have been removed there is limited provision for ventilation. Unventilated chimney breasts can result in condensation.</p> <p>If disused fireplaces are to be reopened further advice should be sought to ensure that the chimney flue is intact and suitable for use.</p> <p>A multi fuel stove has been installed in the living room. A specialist contractor can check whether the installation complies with the required standards. There is deterioration to the stove.</p>

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Internal decorations

Repair category	2
Notes	Decorative finishes are worn, damaged and deteriorated and an incoming occupier can redecorate to their own personal taste.



Cellars

Repair category	-
Notes	Not Applicable.



Electricity

Repair category	3
Notes	<p>It is recommended that all electrical installations be checked every five years or on change of ownership to keep up to date with frequent changes in Safety Regulations. Further advice will be available from a qualified NICEIC/ SELECT registered Contractor. It should be appreciated that only recently constructed or rewired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations.</p> <p>The electrical installation is dated including older cabling, sockets, switches and fuse box. There is loose wiring around the fuse box. An NICEIC/SELECT registered electrician can be engaged to examine the system and implement all necessary upgrading works.</p>



Gas

Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.



Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

Repair category	3
Notes	<p>Staining to the ground floor showroom ceiling and walls is indicative of leakage from the shower room directly above. A plumber can inspect and advise on the necessary repairs. There is some evidence of lead plumbing although this appears to be waste water piping.</p> <p>There is wear and tear to fittings throughout.</p>



Heating and hot water

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>It is assumed that the heating and hot water systems have been installed in accordance with all relevant regulations and thereafter maintained on a regular basis.</p> <p>It is common practice for purchasers to have systems checked by an engineer immediately upon taking ownership, as stated in most offers to purchase used by conveyancers.</p> <p>Boilers and central heating systems should be tested and serviced by a Oftec oil registered engineer on an annual basis to ensure their safe and efficient operation.</p>



Drainage

Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.

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Set out below is a summary of the condition of the property which is provided for reference only. You should refer to the previous comments for detailed information.

Structural movement	1
Dampness, rot and infestation	3
Chimney stacks	2
Roofing including roof space	3
Rainwater fittings	3
Main walls	2
Windows, external doors and joinery	3
External decorations	2
Conservatories/porches	-
Communal areas	-
Garages and permanent outbuildings	2
Outside areas and boundaries	2
Ceilings	2
Internal walls	2
Floors including sub-floors	3
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	2
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	2
Internal decorations	2
Cellars	-
Electricity	3
Gas	-
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	3
Heating and hot water	2
Drainage	1

Category 3

Urgent repairs or replacement are needed now. Failure to deal with them may cause problems to other parts of the property or cause a safety hazard. Estimates for repairs or replacement are needed now.

Category 2

Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.

Category 1

No immediate action or repair is needed.

Remember

The cost of repairs may influence the amount someone is prepared to pay for the property. We recommend that relevant estimates and reports are obtained in your own name.

Warning

If left unattended, even for a relatively short period, Category 2 repairs can rapidly develop into more serious Category 3 repairs. The existence of Category 2 or Category 3 repairs may have an adverse effect on marketability, value and the sale price ultimately achieved for the property. This is particularly true during slow market conditions where the effect can be considerable.

3. Accessibility information

Guidance notes on accessibility information

Three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property:

In flatted developments the 'main entrance' would be the flat's own entrance door, not the external door to the communal stair. The 'three steps or fewer' are counted from external ground level to the flat's entrance door. Where a lift is present, the count is based on the number of steps climbed when using the lift.

Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:

For this purpose, 'Unrestricted parking' includes parking available by means of a parking permit. Restricted parking includes parking that is subject to parking restrictions, as indicated by the presence of solid yellow, red or white lines at the edge of the road or by a parking control sign, parking meters or other coin-operated machines.

1. Which floor(s) is the living accommodation on?	Ground floor.
2. Are there three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is there a toilet on the same level as a bedroom?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

4. Valuation and conveyancer issues

This section highlights information that should be checked with a solicitor or licensed conveyancer. It also gives an opinion of market value and an estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes.

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

There is a sitting tenant within the annex. We have been advised by the solicitors acting in the sale that the type of lease in place means that vacant possession of this part of the building cannot be obtained should it be required. The conveyancers can confirm the details in this respect. This has an impact on valuation which has been reflected in the valuation below. The valuation would be higher if there is the possibility that vacant possession can be obtained.

The property is fitted with photovoltaic panels. All documentation relating to the system should be obtained so that the transfer of ownership can be carried out as part of the conveyancing process. It should be confirmed that there are no outstanding financial liabilities or contracts attached to the property.

Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

£900,000 (Nine hundred thousand pounds).

It should be noted this sum is an estimate calculated by using a rate per square metre based on information provided by Building Cost Information Service (BCIS).

Valuation and market comments

£230,000 (Two hundred and thirty thousand pounds).

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Company name	DM Hall LLP
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Date of report	26th March 2025
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Mortgage Valuation Report



Property Address

Address KIRK COTTAGE, 55 THOM STREET, HOPEMAN, ELGIN, IV30 5TB
Seller's Name Rosemary McKenzie's Executry
Date of Inspection 24th February 2025

Property Details

Property Type House Bungalow Chalet Purpose built maisonette
 Coach Studio Converted maisonette Purpose built flat
 Converted flat Tenement flat Flat over non-residential use Other (specify in General Remarks)

Property Style Detached Semi detached Mid terrace End terrace
 Back to back High rise block Low rise block Other (specify in General Remarks)

Does the surveyor believe that the property was built for the public sector, e.g. local authority, military, police? Yes No

Flats/Maisonettes only Floor(s) on which located No. of floors in block Lift provided? Yes No
No. of units in block

Approximate Year of Construction

Tenure

Absolute Ownership Leasehold Ground rent £ Unexpired years

Accommodation

Number of Rooms Living room(s) Bedroom(s) Kitchen(s)
 Bathroom(s) WC(s) Other (Specify in General remarks)

Gross Floor Area (excluding garages and outbuildings) m² (Internal) m² (External)

Residential Element (greater than 40%) Yes No

Garage / Parking / Outbuildings

Single garage Double garage Parking space No garage / garage space / parking space
Available on site? Yes No

Permanent outbuildings:

Workshop adjoining garage. Boiler room. Stone store.

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Construction

Walls Brick Stone Concrete Timber frame
 Solid Cavity Steel frame Concrete block Other (specify in General Remarks)

Roof Tile Slate Asphalt Felt
 Lead Zinc Artificial slate Flat glass fibre Other (specify in General Remarks)

Special Risks

Has the property suffered structural movement? Yes No
If Yes, is this recent or progressive? Yes No
Is there evidence, history, or reason to anticipate subsidence, heave, landslip or flood in the immediate vicinity? Yes No
If Yes to any of the above, provide details in General Remarks.

Service Connection

Based on visual inspection only. If any services appear to be non-mains, please comment on the type and location of the supply in General Remarks.

Drainage Mains Private None
Electricity Mains Private None
Central Heating Yes Partial None

Water Mains Private None
Gas Mains Private None

Brief description of Central Heating:

Oil fired heating system.

Site

Apparent legal issues to be verified by the conveyancer. Please provide a brief description in General Remarks.

Rights of way Shared drives / access Garage or other amenities on separate site Shared service connections
 Agricultural land included with property Ill-defined boundaries Other (specify in General Remarks)

Location

Residential suburb Residential within town / city Mixed residential / commercial Mainly commercial
 Commuter village Remote village Isolated rural property Other (specify in General Remarks)

Planning Issues

Has the property been extended / converted / altered? Yes No

If Yes provide details in General Remarks.

Roads

Made up road Unmade road Partly completed new road Pedestrian access only Adopted Unadopted

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General Remarks

The property will require to be the subject of a comprehensive programme of repair and upgrading.

We have been advised by the solicitors acting in the sale that the type of lease in place means that vacant possession of this part of the building cannot be obtained should it be required. The conveyancers can confirm the details in this respect. This has an impact on valuation which has been reflected in the valuation below.

The property is fitted with photovoltaic panels. All documentation relating to the system should be obtained so that the transfer of ownership can be carried out as part of the conveyancing process. It should be confirmed that there are no outstanding financial liabilities or contracts attached to the property.

Essential Repairs

There is evidence of dampness at various areas throughout the property. There is evidence that dampness has caused rot in hidden and unseen timbers. There is evidence of wood boring insect infestation to roof timbers. The entire property should be inspected by a timber and damp specialist with all works recommended being undertaken to guaranteed standards.

Some of the dampness may be attributable to leakage from the roof structure. A roofing contractor should be asked to inspect the entire property and carry out all works required necessary to ensure the property remains wind and water tight.

The electrical wiring system is dated. An NICEIC registered electrician can inspect and carry out all necessary repairs.

There is leakage from one of the shower rooms. A plumber can inspect and undertake the necessary repairs.

Estimated cost of essential repairs £

Retention recommended? Yes No

Amount £

Mortgage Valuation Report

Comment on Mortgageability

The property has a sitting tenant within the annex. We have been advised by the solicitors acting in the sale that the type of lease in place means that vacant possession of this part of the building cannot be obtained should it be required. The policies of mortgage lenders vary and many lenders do not accept such properties. The availability of mortgage finance should be confirmed before purchase.

Valuations

Market value in present condition £

Market value on completion of essential repairs £

Insurance reinstatement value £
(to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT)

Is a reinspection necessary? Yes No

Buy To Let Cases

What is the reasonable range of monthly rental income for the property assuming a letting on a 6 month Short Assured Tenancy basis? £

Is the property in an area where there is a steady demand for rented accommodation of this type? Yes No

Declaration

Signed Security Print Code [473707 = 5167]
Electronically signed by:-
Surveyor's name Michael G McDonald
Professional qualifications RICS BLE
Company name DM Hall LLP
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Report date 26th March 2025

PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE



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CHARTERED SURVEYORS

Property Questionnaire

PROPERTY ADDRESS:	Kirk Cottage, 55 Thom Street, Hopeman IV30 5TB
SELLER(S):	The Estate of the Late Rosemary McKenzie
COMPLETION DATE OF PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE:	26/03/25

PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE

NOTE FOR SELLERS

- Please complete this form carefully. It is important that your answers are correct.
- The information in your answers will help ensure that the sale of your house goes smoothly. Please answer each question with as much detailed information as you can.
- If anything changes after you fill in this questionnaire but before the Date of Entry for the sale of your house, tell your solicitor or estate agent immediately.

PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Information to be given to prospective buyer(s)

1. Length of ownership

How long have you owned the property? 20+ Years

2. Council Tax

Which Council Tax band is your property in?

A B C (D) E F G H

3. Parking

What are the arrangements for parking at your property?

(Please indicate all that apply)

- Garage (yes)
- Allocated parking space
- Driveway (yes)
- Shared parking
- On street
- Resident permit
- Metered parking
- Other (please specify):

4.	Conservation Area	
	Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (i.e. an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)?	Yes/No/ Don't know
5.	Listed Buildings	
	Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (i.e. a building recognised and approved as being of special architectural or historical interest)?	Yes/No
6.	Alterations / additions / extensions	
a.	(i) During your time in the property, have you carried out any structural alterations, additions or extensions (for example, provision of an extra bath/shower room, toilet, or bedroom)?	Yes/No
	<u>If you have answered yes</u> , please describe the changes which you have made:	

	(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work?	
	<p>If you have answered <u>yes</u>, the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking.</p> <p>If you do not have the documents yourself, please note below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent can arrange to obtain them.</p>	
b.	<p>Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property?</p> <p>If you have answered <u>yes</u>, please answer the three questions below:</p>	Yes/No
	(i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?	Yes/No
	(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?	Yes/No
	(iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or patio doors (with approximate dates when the work was completed):	
	Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicitor or estate agent.	

7.	Central heating	
a.	<p>Is there a central heating system in your property? (Note: a partial central heating system is one which does not heat all the main rooms of the property – the main living room, the bedroom(s), the hall and the bathroom). <u>If you have answered yes/partial</u> – what kind of central heating is there?</p> <p>(Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air.)</p> <p>OIL</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please answer the 3 questions below:</u></p>	Yes/No/ Partial
b.	When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed?	Not Known
c.	<p>Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance agreement:</p>	Yes/No
d.	When was your maintenance agreement last renewed? (Please provide the month and year).	

8.	Energy Performance Certificate		
	Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?		Yes/No
9.	Issues that may have affected your property		
a.	Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it?		Yes/No
	If you have answered <u>yes</u> , is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?		Yes/No
b.	Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property?		Yes/No
	If you have answered <u>yes</u> , please give details:		
10.	Services		
a.	Please tick which services are connected to your property and give details of the supplier:		
	Services	Connected	Supplier
	Gas / liquid petroleum gas		
	Water mains / private water supply	YES	SCOTTISH WATER
	Electricity	YES	E-0N

	Mains drainage	YES	SCOTTISH WATER	
	Telephone			
	Cable TV / satellite			
	Broadband			
b.	Is there a septic tank system at your property? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please answer the two questions below:			Yes/No
c.	Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic tank?			Yes/No/ Don't Know
d.	Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:			Yes/No

11.	Responsibilities for Shared or Common Areas	
a.	<p>Are you aware of any responsibility to contribute to the cost of anything used jointly, such as the repair of a shared drive, private road, boundary, or garden area?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	Yes/No/ Don't Know
b.	<p>Is there a responsibility to contribute to repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell or other common areas?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	Yes/No/ Not applicable
c.	<p>Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the property?</p>	Yes/No
d.	<p>Do you have the right to walk over any of your neighbours' property - for example to put out your rubbish bin or to maintain your boundaries?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	Yes/No
e.	<p>As far as you are aware, do any of your neighbours have the right to walk over your property, for example to put out their rubbish bin or to maintain their boundaries?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	Yes/No

f.	<p>As far as you are aware, is there a Public Right of Way across any part of your property? (A Public Right of Way is a way over which the public has a right to pass, whether or not the land is privately-owned.)</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:</p>	Yes/No
12. Charges associated with your property		
a.	<p>Is there a factor or property manager for your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please provide the name and address and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:</p>	Yes/No
b.	Is there a common buildings insurance policy?	Yes/No/ Don't know
	<u>If you have answered yes</u> , is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?	Yes/No/ Don't know
c.	Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regular basis for the upkeep of common areas or repair works, e.g. to a Residents' Association, or maintenance or stair fund.	

13.	Specialist Works	
a.	<p>As far as you are aware, has treatment of dry rot, wet rot, damp or any other specialist work ever been carried out to your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please say what the repairs were for, whether you carried out the repairs (and when) or if they were done before you bought the property</p>	<p>Yes/No Don't Know</p>
b.	<p>As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details</p>	<p>Yes/No Don't Know</p>
c.	<p><u>If you have answered yes</u> to 13(a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, these guarantees will be needed by the purchaser and should be given to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have them yourself <u>please write below who has these documents</u> and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange for them to be obtained. You will also need to provide a description of the work carried out. This may be shown in the original estimate.</p>	

Guarantees are held by:

14. Guarantees

a. Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following:

(i) Electrical work	No	Yes	Don't Know	With title deeds	Lost
(ii) Roofing	No	Yes	Don't Know	With title deeds	Lost
(iii) Central heating	No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
(iv) NHBC	No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
(v) Damp course	No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
(vi) Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)	No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost

b. If you have answered 'yes' or 'with title deeds', please give details of the work or installations to which the guarantee(s) relate(s):

c.	<p>Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed above?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:</p>	Yes/No
15. Boundaries		
	<p>So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in the last 10 years?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:</p>	Yes/No/ Don't Know
16. Notices that affect your property		
	<p>In the past 3 years have you ever received a notice:</p> <p>a. advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?</p> <p>b. that affects your property in some other way?</p> <p>c. that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?</p>	<p>Yes/No/ Don't know</p> <p>Yes/No/ Don't know</p> <p>Yes/No/ Don't know</p>

If you have answered yes to any of a-c above, please give the notices to your solicitor or estate agent, including any notices which arrive at any time before the date of entry of the purchase of your property.

Declaration by the seller(s)/or other authorised body or person(s):

I / We confirm that the information in this form is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

Signature(s) :

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Karen Logan (agent on behalf of owner)

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