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Single Survey

Survey report on:

Property Address	Newmill Cottage . Alves Forres IV36 2RB
Customer	Mrs A Wilson; Mrs A Scott & Mrs A Stewart
Date of Inspection	21/08/2024
Prepared by	Donna Shields Harvey Donaldson & Gibson Chartered Surveyors



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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 will have sufficient current local knowledge of the particular market to competently survey, value and report upon Residential Property. ¹

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

Harvey Donaldson & Gibson is part of the Connells Group. In Scotland, the Connells Group also own Slater Hogg & Howison, Countrywide North and Allen & Harris. Harvey Donaldson & Gibson trades as an entirely separate company and has no financial interest whatsoever in the disposal of the property being inspected. A full list of the Connells group brands is available on <https://www.connellsgroup.co.uk/our-group/our-brands/>. Harvey Donaldson & Gibson is regulated by RICS for the provision of surveying services. This means we agree to uphold the RICS Rules of Conduct for Firms and all their applicable mandatory professional practice requirements of RICS, which can be found at www.rics.org. As an RICS regulated firm we have committed to cooperating with RICS in ensuring compliance with its standards. The firm's nominated RICS Responsible Principal is Rebecca Freeman FRICS, contact 01332 813096.

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.

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 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.

1.10 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;
- the "Purchaser" is the person (or persons) who enters into a contract to buy the Property from the Seller;
- "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.

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

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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.

- 2.3.1 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.
- 2.3.2 Category 2: Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.
- 2.3.3 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 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 will not be inspected or reported on.

Description	The subjects comprise a two storey detached house.
Accommodation	Ground floor: Entrance vestibule, hall, open plan living and dining room, kitchen, bedroom, shower room, utility room and under-stair study. First floor: Landing, 2 bedrooms and bathroom.
Gross internal floor area (sqm)	132m ² or thereby.
Neighbourhood and location	The subjects are located in a semi rural location, off the main A96 road near the village of Alves. Surrounding properties are of a mixed style and design. There is a limited range of amenities nearby. A wider range of amenities is available within commuting distance in Forres or Elgin. The subjects are accessed by way of an adopted road.
Age	Approximately 124 years.
Weather	It was raining at time of inspection.
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. The chimney heads are of stone construction.

<p>Roofing including roof space</p>	<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. 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. Our inspection of the roof void was restricted to a head and shoulders inspection only, due to stored items, boarding to the ceiling joists insulation and height of ceiling hatch.</p> <p>The roof is pitched, timber supported with a covering of natural slates. The roof incorporates a concrete tile ridge detail.</p> <p>The flat roofs to the front and rear have a mineral felt covering.</p>
<p>Rainwater fittings</p>	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>The gutters and downpipes are of uPVC and cast-iron construction.</p>
<p>Main walls</p>	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</p> <p>The main walls are of solid stone construction. Wall thickness is approximately 600mm. A gable window has been closed-off historically.</p> <p>The front and rear projections are consistent with being of cavity masonry construction and have a render and facing stone (e.g. 'Yfestone') finish. Wall thickness is approximately 340mm.</p>
<p>Windows, external doors and joinery</p>	<p>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available. Random windows were opened and closed where possible. Doors and windows were not forced open.</p> <p>The windows are mainly of timber framed design, incorporating double glazed units. There are timber single glazed units to the rear.</p> <p>The external doors are timber glazed units.</p> <p>Eaves details are also carried in timber.</p>
<p>External decorations</p>	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>The external joinery is finished in paint coatings.</p>

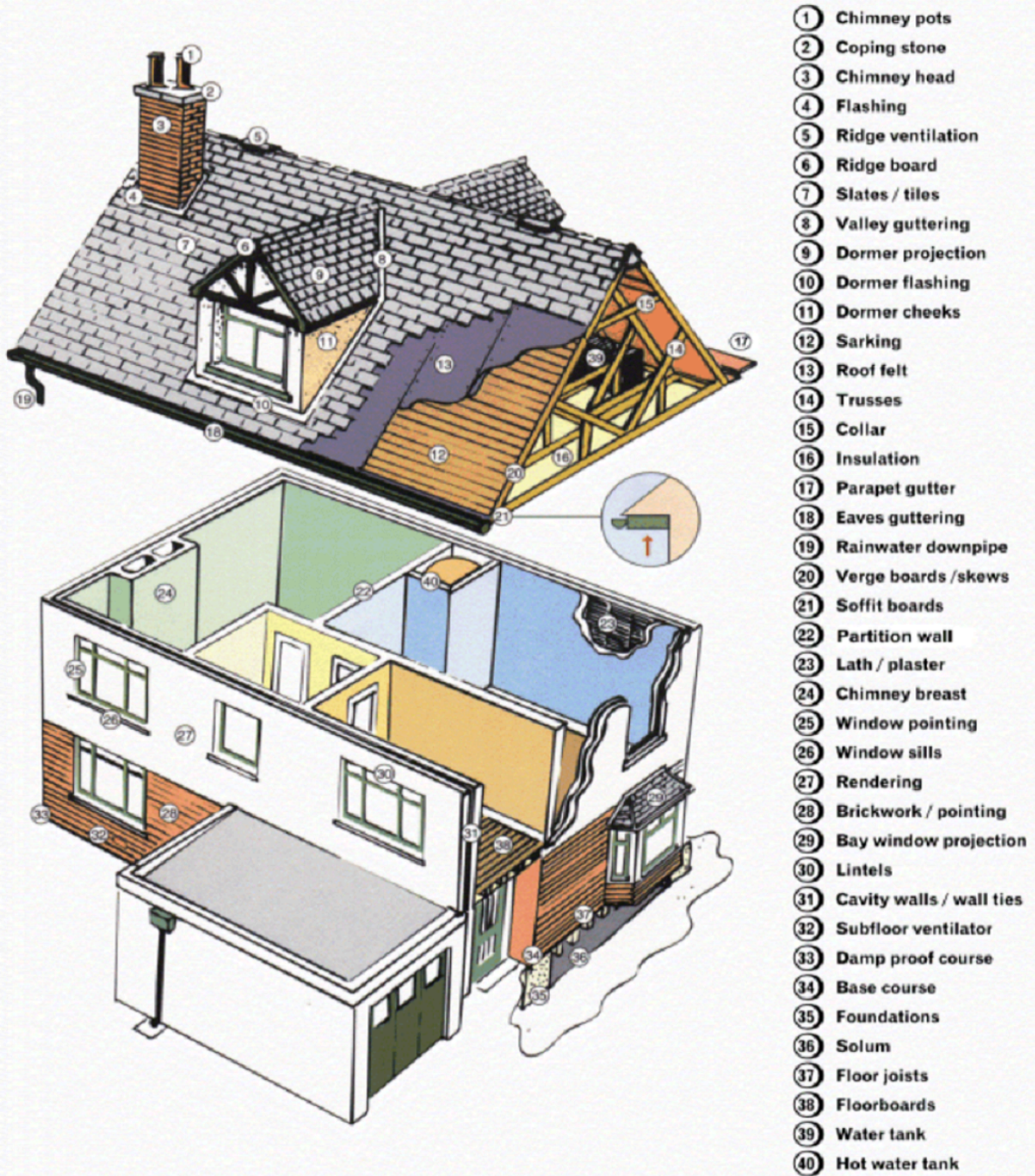
Conservatories / porches	None
Communal areas	None
Garages and permanent outbuildings	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>There is a single attached garage, currently configured as a workshop. The walls are of masonry construction, located under a flat roof with a mineral felt covering.</p> <p>There are also two timber sheds.</p>
Outside areas and boundaries	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>The property has private garden grounds to the front, rear and sides. Gardens are laid to lawn and are paved. There are planted beds and mature trees, including fruit trees.</p> <p>The driveway is laid with Tarmac.</p> <p>Boundaries are suitably formed in hedges and stone walls.</p>
Ceilings	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>Ceilings within the property are mainly of the plasterboard type, with some lath and plaster sections remaining.</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 internal walls are mainly lined with plasterboard, with some lath and plaster sections remaining.</p>

<p>Floors including sub floors</p>	<p>Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted. 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. 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. No sub-floor inspection was possible due to there being no apparent means of access.</p> <p>The ground floor is of solid and suspended timber types. The upper floor is of the suspended timber type.</p>
<p>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings</p>	<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 joinery comprises timber skirtings, door facings and door surrounds.</p> <p>The doors are mainly timber/glazed and flush faced timber units.</p> <p>The staircase is of open tread, metal and timber design.</p> <p>Kitchen fittings comprise a range of wall and base units.</p>
<p>Chimney breasts and fireplaces</p>	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</p> <p>The chimney breasts are plastered masonry. There is a fireplace in the living room which is boarded over. We understand there is an open fire behind. Other fireplaces have been closed off historically.</p>
<p>Internal decorations</p>	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>The ceilings and walls are painted and papered. The internal joinery is painted and finished with a decorative stain.</p>
<p>Cellars</p>	<p>None</p>

<p>Electricity</p>	<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>Mains electricity is connected. The meter and fuse board are located in the garage. Wiring, where visible, is sheathed in PVC and rubber.</p>
<p>Gas</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings</p>	<p>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tank or cylinders (if applicable) and fittings without removing any insulation.</p> <p>Water is assumed to be supplied from the mains. The visible pipework is copper and plastic.</p> <p>The bathroom contains a four piece suite consisting of a bath with shower over, wash hand basin, toilet and bidet. The shower room contains a shower, wash hand basin and toilet.</p>
<p>Heating and hot water</p>	<p>Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. The system was not running at the time of our inspection.</p> <p>The property is centrally heated by means of an oil fired system. The central heating boiler is located in the garage. The foam insulated hot water cylinder is located in the shower room cupboard.</p> <p>Heating to rooms is provided by water filled radiators which are of mixed age and design.</p> <p>The plastic oil storage tank is located within the garden grounds.</p>
<p>Drainage</p>	<p>Drainage covers etc were not lifted.</p> <p>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</p> <p>Drainage is understood to be to a private septic tank which is located within the property's garden grounds. We understand this was installed pre 1983.</p>

<p>Fire, smoke and burglar alarms</p>	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>The property has smoke detection devices installed.</p> <p>Scottish government regulations came into effect on 1st February 2022 which requires each property to have linked smoke and heat detectors and if gas/carbon burning appliances are present then a carbon monoxide alarm fitted. Upgrading may be required to comply with these regulations.</p> <p>The subjects have a burglar alarm/security system installed.</p>
<p>Any additional limits to inspection</p>	<p>The property was vacant, furnished and fixed floor coverings were in place. The owner's personal belongings were not removed from cupboards.</p> <p>This report does not constitute a full and detailed description of the property and a structural investigation was not carried out. No inspection was undertaken of woodwork or other parts of the structure which are covered, unexposed or otherwise inaccessible and as a result no guarantee can be given that such parts of the structure are free from rot, beetle or other defects.</p> <p>No removal of internal linings has been carried out in order to ascertain the condition of hidden parts and no warranty can be given regarding the areas not specifically referred to in this report.</p> <p>The external building fabric has been inspected from ground level only from the subjects grounds and where possible from adjoining public property. Exposure work has not been carried out.</p> <p>The flat roofs were not completely visible within the limits of inspection.</p> <p>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 and you have concerns you should engage a qualified asbestos surveyor.</p>

Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house



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.

2. CONDITION

This section identifies problems and tells you about the urgency of any repairs by using one of the following 3 categories:

Category 3 3	Category 2 2	Category 1 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	There is evidence of previous movement in the form of cracking to the external building fabric. The movement is considered to be longstanding in nature with no indication of recent structural deterioration. On the basis of a limited single inspection, no further significant movement is anticipated.

Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category:	2
Notes	<p>An electronic moisture meter was used to measure levels of dampness, at random locations, to lower wall surfaces and floors, where accessible and without moving furniture or lifting floor coverings, if present.</p> <p>Localised higher than normal meter readings were recorded to internal wall surfaces (e.g. bedroom 1 corner).</p> <p>Within the roof space, localised darker/stained areas were noted. Localised flight holes (wood-boring beetle) were also noted.</p> <p>In the absence of valid guarantees for previous timber specialist treatment works, it is recommended that a reputable Timber/ damp specialist firm be employed to carry out a detailed inspection of the entire subjects (including exposure works). Thereafter implement all necessary remedial works under the cover of a long term guarantee.</p> <p>Localised evidence of rodents was noted. Rodent management will continue to be required, given the semi-rural/agricultural location of the property.</p>

Chimney stacks	
Repair category:	1
Notes	<p>Normal age and weathering were noted. Ongoing maintenance will be required.</p> <p>It should be noted that unused chimney heads are a common source of water ingress with the resultant risk of deterioration to the brickwork and surrounding timbers within the roof void.</p>

Roofing including roof space	
Repair category:	2
Notes	<p>Slate roof coverings show signs of weathering and some chipped corners were noted. The ridge and ridge pointing are weathered.</p> <p>The flat roof coverings show signs of weathering and moss accumulation was noted. It should be fully appreciated that a flat roof, even when new, does have a limited life and always requires regular and careful ongoing maintenance to ensure it remains in a wind and watertight condition.</p> <p>A reputable roofing contractor can advise on life expectancy of these roofs. Ongoing and increasing maintenance expenditure should be anticipated.</p> <p>Within the roof space, localised darker/stained areas were noted. Localised flight holes (wood-boring beetle) were also noted. The owner tells us the property had timber treatments in the late 1960's. In the absence of valid guarantees for previous timber specialist treatment works, it is recommended that a reputable Timber/ damp specialist firm be employed to carry out a detailed inspection of the entire subjects (including exposure works). Thereafter implement all necessary remedial works under the cover of a long term guarantee.</p>

Rainwater fittings	
Repair category:	1
Notes	<p>No significant disrepair was noted to the rainwater goods, allowing for normal age and weathering.</p> <p>Allowing leaves, moss, and other debris to accumulate and create blockages is one of the most frequent causes of gutter-related dampness problems. The weight of the accumulated material can cause gutters to leak at joints or even to collapse completely. However, all of this may be prevented by cleaning gutters frequently, preferably twice a year.</p>

Main walls	
Repair category:	1
Notes	<p>Localised weathered stonework and mortar pointing were noted. This is considered to be commensurate with the age and type of property. Normal and ongoing maintenance/expenditure will be required.</p> <p>Hairline cracking was also noted to the external building fabric.</p>

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category:	2
Notes	<p>A number of double glazed sealed units have failed as a result of defective seals, allowing condensation to build between the panes. Repair or replacement will be required. The windows are of an older type, showing signs of age and wear, and the life expectancy of same should be fully appreciated.</p> <p>Doors and external joinery show signs of weathering.</p>

External decorations	
Repair category:	2
Notes	<p>Weathering and flaking paintwork was noted to the external joinery and the need for general timber repairs may become apparent upon redecoration.</p>

Conservatories / porches	
Repair category:	
Notes	Not applicable

Communal areas	
Repair category:	
Notes	Not applicable

Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category:	1
Notes	<p>The garage is in a reasonable condition having regard to its age and intended purpose.</p> <p>It should be fully appreciated that a flat roof, even when new, does have a limited life and always requires regular and careful ongoing maintenance to ensure it remains in a wind and watertight condition.</p> <p>Timber sheds are worn and may require repair/replacement or removal as desired.</p>

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category:	1
Notes	<p>Paved/concrete areas are cracked and weathered. Pointed stone walls will require normal and ongoing maintenance.</p> <p>There are a number of mature trees growing within potential influencing distance of the property, growing within the subject's garden grounds. Trees will grow progressively larger with time and the risk of damage will increase. Tree roots can cause damage to structures and services, particularly in shrinkable soils.</p>

Ceilings	
Repair category:	1
Notes	<p>There is a blemish in bedroom 2. There are areas of hairline cracking and minor blemishes to the ceiling surfaces elsewhere. These can be attended to during the course of normal redecoration.</p> <p>As age increases, it is not unusual for the plaster to lose its key with the timber lathing, and such defects are only revealed when decorative surfaces are stripped to allow redecoration to take place.</p>

Internal walls	
Repair category:	1
Notes	<p>The plaster finishes appear generally sound with only minor blemishes noted. If present, the removal of wallpaper is likely to result in the necessity for plaster repairs.</p> <p>Localised higher than normal meter readings were recorded to internal wall surfaces (e.g. bedroom 1 corner). See 'Dampness, rot and infestation' section for further comment.</p>

Floors including sub floors	
Repair category:	1
Notes	<p>Some floors are off-level, consistent with age. Spillage was noted to the utility room floor.</p> <p>It will be appreciated that concealed floor timbers cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect.</p>

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category:	1
Notes	<p>No obvious significant defects were noted to internal joinery or kitchen fittings, allowing for normal age, wear and tear.</p> <p>There are openings between the treads on the staircase. This poses a potential health and safety issue, particularly if there are young children in the property. Based on age, internal glazing may not be 'safety glass'.</p>

Chimney breast and fire places	
Repair category:	1
Notes	<p>No obvious significant defects were noted to the chimney breasts or fireplaces, within the limitations of the inspection. Flues should be checked and swept before being brought back in to regular use.</p>

Internal decorations	
Repair category:	1
Notes	Localised blemishes were noted.

Cellars	
Repair category:	
Notes	Not applicable

Electricity	
Repair category:	3
Notes	<p>Only the most recently rewired properties will have electrical installations that fully comply with current regulations.</p> <p>The electrical system is of mixed age. Some elements of the installation will not comply with current regulations, e.g. rewirable fuses. A suitably qualified electrician should inspect the electrical installation and advise on what upgrading and/or re-wiring may be required. There is no evidence of a recent test.</p> <p>It is recommended good practice that all electrical installations should be checked periodically, approximately every ten years or when a property changes hands. This should be regarded as a routine safety and maintenance check.</p>

Gas	
Repair category:	
Notes	Not applicable

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	
Repair category:	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects noted to accessible plumbing or sanitary fittings, allowing for normal age and wear. It is essential that all wall linings, tile grout, seals, etc are maintained in good condition. Failure to do so can lead to concealed defects behind wall finishes, and below the bath/shower tray.

Heating and hot water	
Repair category:	2
Notes	<p>The central heating boiler is dated and its remaining lifespan may be short. It will not be as energy efficient as a modern boiler. Repair or replacement should be anticipated.</p> <p>The hot water cylinder is of an older type and its remaining life span will be limited. Repair or replacement should be anticipated.</p> <p>Radiators show signs of age and wear.</p> <p>All oil appliances should be tested and thereafter maintained by an appropriate registered contractor on an annual basis. This should be regarded to be routine maintenance and safety check.</p>

Drainage	
Repair category:	1
Notes	<p>No obvious significant defects were noted to the drainage system, within the limitations of the inspection.</p> <p>It is understood that drainage is to a septic tank. The valuation reported assumes that where required, the septic tank has been registered with and is fully compliant with all requirements of the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), both with regard to the tank and its outfall.</p>

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

Structural movement	1	Category 3 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.
Dampness, rot and infestation	2	
Chimney stacks	1	
Roofing including roof space	2	Category 2 2 Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.
Rainwater fittings	1	
Main walls	1	Category 1 1 No immediate action or repair is needed.
Windows, external doors and joinery	2	
External decorations	2	
Conservatories / porches		
Communal areas		
Garages and permanent outbuildings	1	
Outside areas and boundaries	1	
Ceilings	1	
Internal walls	1	
Floors including sub floors	1	
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	1	
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	1	
Internal decorations	1	
Cellars		
Electricity	3	
Gas		
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	1	
Heating and hot water	2	
Drainage	1	

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
2. Are there three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property?	Yes
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	No
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	No
5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?	Yes
6. Is there a toilet on the same level as a bedroom?	Yes
7. Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?	No
8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?	Yes

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 re-instatement cost for insurance purposes.

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

The tenure is Outright Ownership.

In line with our normal practice, it is specifically assumed that the property and its value are unaffected by any matters which would or should be revealed to a competent Completing Solicitor by a local search and replies to the usual enquiries, or by any statutory notice and planning proposal.

Where defects or repairs have been identified within this report it is recommended that, prior to entering into any legally binding sale or purchases contracts, further specialists advice and estimates should be obtained, to establish the implications, if any, on a potential offer to purchase or the sale price likely to be achieved for the property.

Drainage, we understand is to an exclusive septic tank, installed pre 1983, which we understand lies within the feu. This was not checked or tested. It should be ensured that appropriate registration documents are available, where required.

The property has been extended by means of single storey extensions, constructed to the front and rear, which incorporated some layout changes. We understand the extensions were constructed in the 1960's. The staircase has been replaced historically. The valuation assumes necessary certification in respect of the planning permissions, building warrants and completion certificates were issued for these works.

Estimated re-instatement cost (£) for insurance purposes

The estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes is £620,000 (SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND POUNDS).

This figure is the estimate of the cost of rebuilding the premises and bears no direct relationship to current market value.

Valuation (£) and market comments

In its present condition the opinion of valuation for the Outright Ownership interest with vacant possession on 21/08/2024 is £200,000 (TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS).

Report author:	Donna Shields
Company:	Harvey Donaldson & Gibson Chartered Surveyors
Address:	Caledonian House Business Centre, 164 High St, Elgin IV30 1BD
Electronically Signed By:	Donna Shields
Date of report:	28/08/2024

Mortgage Valuation Report

CASE DETAILS

Seller Name(s):	Mrs A Wilson; Mrs A Scott and Mrs A Stewart.		
Property Address:	Newmill Cottage .		
	Alves		
Town:	Forres	County	
Postcode:	IV36 2RB		
Date of Inspection (dd/mm/yyyy):	21/08/2024		

PROPERTY DETAILS

Property Type:	House		
Property Style:	Detached		
Was the property built for the public sector?	No		
For Flats and Maisonettes:		Floor the Property is on:	
Number of Units in the Block:		Does the Block have a Lift?	
		Number of Floors in the Block:	

TENURE

Tenure	Absolute Ownership		
If leasehold:			
Unexpired term (Years):		Ground Rent (pa):	£

ACCOMMODATION

No. of Living Room(s):	1	No. of Bedroom(s):	3	No. of Kitchen(s):	1
No. of Bathroom(s):	2	No. of WC(s):	0	No. of Other room(s):	1
Description of Other room(s) :	Utility room				
Floor Area (m ²):	156	Floor Area type:	External		

GARAGES & OUTBUILDINGS

Garages:	Single garage.
Permanent Outbuildings:	None

CONSTRUCTION

Wall Construction:	Solid Stone. Cavity wall, render and facing stone.		
Roof Construction:	Pitched, slate. Flat, felt.		
Approximate Year of Construction:	1900	Any evidence of alterations or extensions?	Yes
Alterations / Extensions details:	The property has been altered / extended with a single storey extension. Our valuation assumes these works have been carried out with all necessary consents. Legal advisors to confirm.		

RISKS

Is there evidence of movement to the property?	Yes	If Yes, does this appear longstanding?	Yes
Are there any other risk matters?	Yes		
If yes to any of the above, please provide details:	Movement was noted in the form of cracking to masonry. On the basis of our single inspection the movement appeared to be long-standing and non-progressive in nature.		

SERVICES

Electricity:	Mains	Gas:	None	Water:	Mains
Central Heating:	Full	Drainage:	Private		
Provide comments:	No gas. Heating fuel: Oil Heating type: Radiators. Private drainage to septic tank on site.				

LEGAL MATTERS

Are there any apparently legal issues to be verified by the conveyancer?	No
If yes, please provide details:	

LOCATION

Location details:	The property is situated within a semi rural area near a main road and a small village, with a limited level of local amenities. Larger amenities are available in Forres or Elgin.
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ROADS

Road description:	The road has been adopted.
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GENERAL REMARKS

The general condition of the property is consistent with age and type of construction. Ongoing maintenance and repairs will be required.

ESSENTIAL REPAIRS

None

MORTGAGEABILITY REMARKS

The property is suitable for mortgage purposes, subject to the individual lender's criteria.

VALUATION

Market Value in present condition:		£ 200000
Market Value after essential repairs:		£
Insurance reinstatement value:		£ 620000
Retention required?	<input type="text" value="No"/>	Retention amount:
		£
Are repairs required?	<input type="text" value="No"/>	Estimated cost of repairs:
		£

DECLARATION

Surveyor's Name	<input type="text" value="Donna Shields"/>	Surveyor's Qualifications	<input type="text" value="ASSOC.RICS"/>	Report Date (dd/mm/yyyy):	<input type="text" value="23/08/2024"/>
Company Name	<input type="text" value="Harvey Donaldson & Gibson Chartered Surveyors"/>	Address	<input type="text" value="Caledonian House Business Centre, 164 High St, Elgin IV30 1BD"/>		
Telephone Number	<input type="text" value="01343 730018"/>	Email Address	<input type="text" value="Elgin.residential@hdg.co.uk"/>		

Surveyor's Signature

Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Scotland

Dwellings

NEWMILL COTTAGE, ALVES, FORRES, IV36 2RB

Dwelling type: Detached house
Date of assessment: 21 August 2024
Date of certificate: 22 August 2024
Total floor area: 132 m²
Primary Energy Indicator: 388 kWh/m²/year

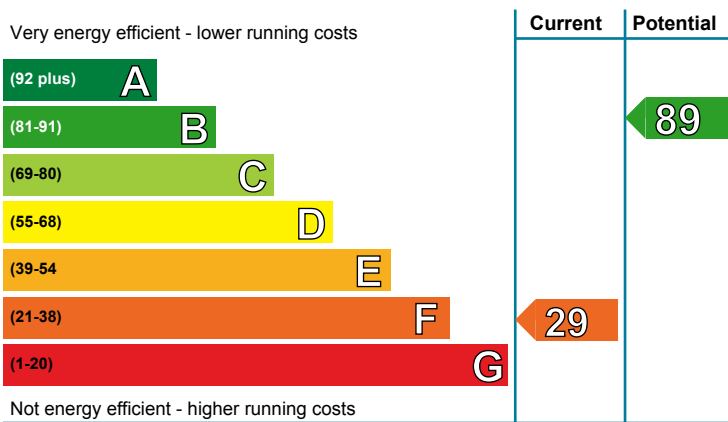
Reference number: 0170-2009-9080-2624-5631
Type of assessment: RdSAP, existing dwelling
Approved Organisation: Elmhurst
Main heating and fuel: Boiler and radiators, oil

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*	£10,581	See your recommendations report for more information
Over 3 years you could save*	£5,577	

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

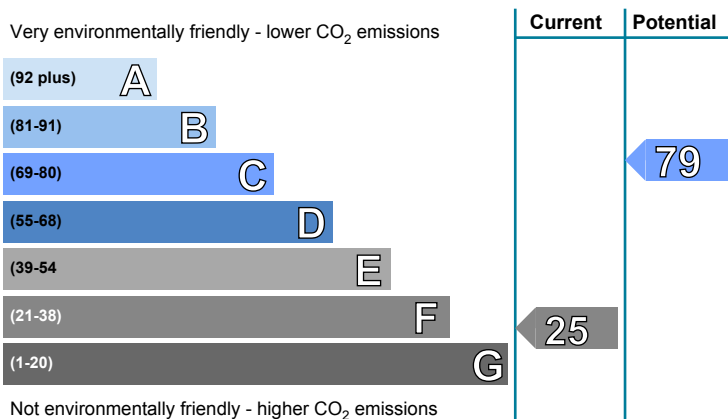


Energy Efficiency Rating

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 F (29)**. 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 (25)**. 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 Increase loft insulation to 270 mm	£100 - £350	£951.00
2 Flat roof or sloping ceiling insulation	£850 - £1,500	£468.00
3 Cavity wall insulation	£500 - £1,500	£318.00

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	Granite or whinstone, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
	Cavity wall, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Roof	Pitched, 12 mm loft insulation	★☆☆☆☆	★☆☆☆☆
	Flat, limited insulation (assumed)	★☆☆☆☆	★☆☆☆☆
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed)	—	—
	Solid, 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, no cylinder thermostat	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 79% 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 100 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 13 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 9.8 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	£9,081 over 3 years	£4,101 over 3 years	
Hot water	£996 over 3 years	£399 over 3 years	
Lighting	£504 over 3 years	£504 over 3 years	
Totals	£10,581	£5,004	

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 Increase loft insulation to 270 mm	£100 - £350	£317	F 34	F 29
2 Flat roof or sloping ceiling insulation	£850 - £1,500	£156	F 36	F 31
3 Cavity wall insulation	£500 - £1,500	£106	F 38	F 32
4 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£759	E 53	E 45
5 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£146	D 57	E 48
6 Floor insulation (solid floor)	£4,000 - £6,000	£106	D 59	E 50
7 Add additional 80 mm jacket to hot water cylinder	£15 - £30	£16	D 59	E 51
8 Hot water cylinder thermostat	£200 - £400	£98	D 62	E 53
9 Replace boiler with new condensing boiler	£2,200 - £3,000	£89	D 64	D 56
10 Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£68	D 66	D 58
11 Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£3,500 - £5,500	£471	C 74	D 65
12 Wind turbine	£15,000 - £25,000	£1025	B 89	C 79

Alternative measures

There are alternative improvement measures which you could also consider for your home. It would be advisable to seek further advice and illustration of the benefits and costs of such measures.

- External insulation with cavity wall insulation

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 Loft insulation

Loft insulation laid in the loft space or between roof rafters to a depth of at least 270 mm will significantly reduce heat loss through the roof; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Insulation should not be placed below any cold water storage tank, any such tank should also be insulated on its sides and top, and there should be boarding on battens over the insulation to provide safe access between the loft hatch and the cold water tank. The insulation can be installed by professional contractors but also by a capable DIY enthusiast. Loose granules may be used instead of insulation quilt; this form of loft insulation can be blown into place and can be useful where access is difficult. The loft space must have adequate ventilation to prevent dampness; seek advice about this if unsure. Further information about loft insulation and details of local contractors can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk).

2 Flat roof or sloping ceiling insulation

Insulating a flat roof or sloping ceiling will significantly reduce heat loss through the roof; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Insulation can be placed on top of the roof under the waterproof membrane and should particularly be considered when the waterproofing needs to be replaced. Further information about roof 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 with your local authority building standards department.

3 Cavity wall insulation

Cavity wall insulation, to fill the gap between the inner and outer layers of external walls with an insulating material, reduces heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. The insulation material is pumped into the gap through small holes that are drilled into the outer walls, and the holes are made good afterwards. As specialist machinery is used to fill the cavity, a professional installation company should carry out this work, and they should carry out a thorough survey before commencing work to ensure that this type of insulation is suitable for this home and its exposure. They should also provide a guarantee for the work and handle any building standards issues. Further information about cavity wall insulation and details of local installers can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk).

4 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.

5 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.

6 Floor insulation (solid floor)

Insulation of a floor will significantly reduce heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Insulating solid floors can present challenges; insulation laid on top of existing solid floors may impact on existing doors and finishes whilst lifting of a solid floor to insert insulation below will require consideration of the potential effect on both structural stability and damp proofing. It is advised to seek advice from a Chartered Structural Engineer or a registered Architect 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 and may also require a building warrant so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department.

7 Hot water cylinder insulation

Increasing the thickness of existing insulation by adding an 80 mm cylinder jacket around the hot water cylinder will help maintain the water at the required temperature; this will reduce the amount of energy used and lower fuel bills. The jacket should be fitted over the top of the existing foam insulation and over any thermostat clamped to the cylinder. Hot water pipes from the hot water cylinder should also be insulated, using pre-formed pipe insulation of up to 50 mm thickness, or to suit the space available, for as far as they can be accessed to reduce losses in summer. All these materials can be purchased from DIY stores and installed by a competent DIY enthusiast.

8 Cylinder thermostat

A hot water cylinder thermostat enables the boiler to switch off when the water in the cylinder reaches the required temperature; this minimises the amount of energy that is used and lowers fuel bills. The thermostat is a temperature sensor that sends a signal to the boiler when the required temperature is reached. To be fully effective it needs to be sited in the correct position and hard wired in place, so it should be installed by a competent plumber or heating engineer. Building regulations apply to this work, so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department whether a building warrant will be required.

9 Condensing boiler

A condensing boiler is capable of much higher efficiencies than other types of boiler, meaning it will burn less fuel to heat this property. This improvement is most appropriate when the existing central heating boiler needs repair or replacement, however there may be exceptional circumstances making this impractical. Condensing boilers need a drain for the condensate which limits their location; remember this when considering remodelling the room containing the existing boiler even if the latter is to be retained for the time being (for example a kitchen makeover). Building regulations generally apply to this work and a building warrant may be required, so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department and seek advice from a qualified heating engineer.

10 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.

11 Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels

A solar PV system is one which converts light directly into electricity via panels placed on the roof with no waste and no emissions. This electricity is used throughout the home in the same way as the electricity purchased from an energy supplier. 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 with your local authority. The assessment does not include the effect of any Feed-in Tariff which could appreciably increase the savings that are shown on this EPC for solar photovoltaic panels, 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.

12 Wind turbine

A wind turbine provides electricity from wind energy. This electricity is used throughout the home in the same way as the electricity purchased from an energy supplier. Wind turbines are not suitable for all properties. The system's effectiveness depends on local wind speeds and the presence of nearby obstructions, and a site survey should be undertaken by an accredited installer. Planning permission might be required and 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. The assessment does not include the effect of any Feed-in Tariff which could appreciably increase the savings that are shown on this EPC for a wind turbine, 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: There are none provided for this home

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)	28,081	(3,004)	(995)	(7,028)
Water heating (kWh per year)	3,656			

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.

Assessor's name:	Miss Donna Shields
Assessor membership number:	EES/019504
Company name/trading name:	Harvey Donaldson & Gibson Chartered Surveyors
Address:	Kintail House Beechwood Business Park Highland Inverness IV2 3BW
Phone number:	01463718440
Email address:	help@hdg.co.uk
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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PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Property Address	Newmill Cottage, Alves, Forres, IV36 2RB
Vendor(s)	Mrs Arlene Wilson
Completion Date of Property Questionnaire	20/08/2024 09:49
System Ref:	QV548020-1

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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.

Information to be given to prospective buyer(s)

1.	Length of ownership	
	How long have you owned the property? 21 years and 8 months	
2.	Council Tax	
	Which Council Tax band is your property in?	
	A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> H <input type="checkbox"/>	
3.	Parking	
	What are the arrangements for parking at your property? Please tick all that apply?	
	Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Allocated parking space <input type="checkbox"/> Driveway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shared parking <input type="checkbox"/> On street <input type="checkbox"/> Resident permit <input type="checkbox"/> Metered parking <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):	
4.	Conservation area	
	Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (that is an area of special architectural or historical interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Listed buildings	
	Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (that is a building recognised and approved as being of special architectural or historical interest)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6.	Alterations/additions/extensions	
a.	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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(i)	If you have answered yes , please describe below the changes which you have made:	
(ii)	Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
(iv)	If you have answered yes , the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have the documents yourself, please note below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange to obtain them:	



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6. Alterations/additions/extensions		
b.	Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property? If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(i)	Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(ii)	Did the work involve any changes to the window or door openings?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(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.	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). If you have answered yes or partial – what kind of central heating is there? (Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air) Oil If you have answered yes. please answer the three questions below	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(i)	When was your central heating system or partial central heating installed?	1966
(ii)	Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system? If you answered yes please give details of the company with whom you have a maintenance contract	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(iii)	When was your maintenance contract 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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? If you have answered yes is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b.	Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property? If you have answered yes please give details:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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10. Services																									
Please tick which services are connected to your property and give details of the supplier																									
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b.	Is there a septic tank at your property? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>If you have answered yes</u> please answer the questions below No <input type="checkbox"/>																								
(i)	Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge of your septic tank? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>																								
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11. Responsibilities for shared or common areas																									
a.	Are you aware of any responsibility to contribute to the cost of anything used jointly, such as repair of a shared drive, private road, boundary, or garden area? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> <u>If you answered yes</u> please give details																								
b.	Are you aware of any responsibility to contribute to the cost of repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell, or other common areas? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> <u>If you answered yes</u> please give details No																								
c.	Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the building? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																								
d.	Do you have the right to walk over any of your neighbours' property, for example to put out your bins, or to maintain your boundaries? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>If you answered yes</u> please give details																								



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11.	Responsibilities for shared or common areas	
e.	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? If you answered yes please give details	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f.	As far as you are aware, is there a public right of way across any part of your property? (public right of way is a way over which the public has a right to pass, whether or not the land is privately owned.) If you answered yes please give details	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12.	Charges associated with your property	
a.	Is there a factor or property manager for your property? If you answered yes please provide name and address and give details relating to deposits held and charges	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b.	Is there a common buildings insurance policy?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	If you answered yes is the cost of insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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, for example to a residents' association, or maintenance or stair fund. None	
13.	Specialist works	
a.	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? If you answered yes please give further details	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Do you have any guarantees for this work? Guarantees are held by :	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property? If you answered yes please give further details	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b.	Do you have any guarantees for this work? Guarantees are held by :	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>



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14. Guarantees						
a.	Are there any warranties or guarantees for any of the following	No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(i) b.	Electrical work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(ii) b.	Roofing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(iii) b.	Central heating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(iv) b.	National House Building Council (NHBC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(v) b.	Damp course	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(vi) b.	Any other work or installation? (for example cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c.	Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed above?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	<u>If you answered yes</u> please give details					
15. Boundaries						
a.	Are you aware has any boundary of your property been moved in the last ten years?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>				
	<u>If you answered yes</u> please give details					



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16. Notices that affect your property			
In the past three years have you ever received a notice :			
a.	Advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b.	that affects your property in some other way?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c.	that requires you to perform any maintenance, repairs, or improvements to the property?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If you 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 purchaser of your property			

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

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

Signatures:

Arlene Wilson

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Date:

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