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Scottish
Single Survey



survey report on:

Property address	The Lighthouse Blackcraig Newton Stewart DG8 7AL
Customer	Susan Walker
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Prepared by	Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
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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 marking 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 Rules of Conduct.

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 Report².

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.

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;

- 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 <u>Category 3:</u> 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 <u>Category 2:</u> 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 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	Detached single storey cottage.
Accommodation	Ground Floor:
	Sun Room, Lounge, Hall, Kitchen, Bedroom 1 and Shower Room with w.c.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	81m² or thereby.
Neighbourhood and location	The property is situated on an elevated plot within the rural village of Blackcraig where limited facilities are available. The main shopping, educational and transport amenities are located within the neighbouring town of Newton Stewart. The property benefits from a rural outlook.
Age	It is estimated that the property was constructed circa 1820 and subsequently extended in the 1970s.
Weather	Heavy rain.
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	There are two chimneystacks of solid stone construction externally painted with clay pots and metal flue vent terminal.

Roofing including roof space Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. 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. 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. The main roof is pitched and slated with sandstone skews and ridging. There is a hanging slate dormer that projects from the rear roof pitch with a flat felt roof. The side extension has a flat rubber roof which is laid in gravel and there is a flat felt roof over the sun room. Access into the roof void above the original dwelling was gained through a ceiling hatch in the lounge via a metal sliding ladder. The roof is timber framed and mostly floored and lined out. Where seen, the roof is overlaid with timber sarkingboard although there does not appear to be any felt membrane. There are two timber skylight windows and a UPVC double glazed window within the dormer. No access was gained into any eaves voids. Rainwater fittings Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. The rainwater fittings are formed in PVC. Main walls Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected. The main walls are of solid stone construction externally painted and the walls of the extensions are of cavity brick construction externally rendered.

Windows, external doors and joinery	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. The windows and porch entrance door are UPVC double glazed. There is a UPVC double glazed door within the sun room. The front entrance door into the sun room is of timber design incorporating a glazed unit.
External decorations	Visually inspected.
	Painted masonry.
Conservatories / porches	Visually inspected.
	There is a basic UPVC panel double glazed front entrance porch with a mono pitched and polycarbonate roof. This porch is separated from the main dwelling via a timber glazed door. There is a sun room to the front of the property with cavity brick base walls which are rendered externally under a flat felt
	roof. The floors are of solid concrete construction and the windows are UPVC double glazed. There are UPVC double glazed and timber incorporating a glazed unit external doors. The sun room is separated from the main dwelling via a timber panelled door.
Communal areas	Not applicable.
Garages and permanent outbuildings	Visually inspected. There is an attached single car garage of single skin brick construction under a flat rubber roof extending to 17m² or
	thereby. Vehicular access is through a metal up and over door (not tested) and there is a timber panelled personnel door to the side.
Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected.
	There are sloping garden grounds surrounding the property bounded by post and wire fencing. There are a number of large trees.

Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level.	
	The ceilings appear to be lined with plasterboard.	
	The ceilings in the kitchen, bedroom and hallway are clad with timber panels. There are polystyrene ceiling tiles within the lounge.	
Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level.	
	Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.	
	The main walls are a mixture of plaster on the hard and dry lined internally and the partitions are a mixture of solid construction and timber stud design. There are painted stone walls in the lounge and hallway.	
	The walls in the kitchen and shower room are partially tiled and the lower walls within the shower room are clad with timber panels. The rear of the hallway cupboard is clad with polystyrene tiles.	
Floors including sub floors	The floors are of solid concrete construction.	
	It was not possible to inspect the floor surfaces due to the presence of fitted floor coverings throughout. No access was gained into any sub-floor areas.	
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.	
	Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.	
	There are a range of fitted base units within the kitchen which are on modern lines.	
	The internal doors are a mixture of timber panelled, flush hollow core timber and timber and glazed design.	
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	Visually inspected.	
	No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.	
	There are two stone fireplaces within the lounge with the chimneys blocked off.	
Internal decorations	Visually inspected.	
	The internal decoration is a papered and painted finish.	

College	Not applicable
Cellars	Not applicable.
Electricity	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. Mains electricity. The electric meter and fusebox are located in the kitchen.
Gas	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. Mains gas. The gas meter is located in an external box to the side of the property.
Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings	Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Water is assumed to be from the mains supply. The kitchen units are fitted with a ceramic sink. The sanitary fittings are on modern lines and comprise a three piece white suite in the shower room. There is redundant galvanised steel cold water storage tank in the loft.

Heating and hot water

Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.

No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.

Space heating and domestic hot water are provided by a gas fired 'Glow-Worm Hideaway 50' boiler located in the kitchen. Some of the radiators are fitted with thermostatic valves and there is a room thermostat in the lounge.

The hot water storage tank is located in the loft and is insulated with spray foam.

Drainage

Drainage covers etc. were not lifted.

Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.

Drainage is understood to be connected to a septic tank within the garden grounds. This tank is exclusively used by the subject property.

Fire, smoke and burglar alarms

Visually inspected.

No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.

All Scottish homes require a smoke alarm to be installed in the room most frequently used for living purposes and in every circulation space on each floor. A heat alarm also needs to be installed in each kitchen. The alarms need to be ceiling mounted and interlinked. Where there is a carbonfuelled appliance such as a boiler, open fire or wood burner, a carbon monoxide detector is also required. We have not assessed or tested any existing equipment and it is the purchasers responsibility to confirm that the property will comply with these standards following a change of ownership.

In the interests of security, no comment is made in relation to the presence or otherwise of a burglar alarm.

Any additional limits to inspection

An inspection for Japanese Knotweed was not carried out. This is a plant which is subject to control regulation, is considered to be invasive and one which can render a property unsuitable for some mortgage lenders. It is therefore assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed within the boundaries of the property or its neighbouring property. Identification of Japanese Knotweed is best undertaken by a specialist contractor.

The property was fully furnished and had fitted floor coverings, therefore no detailed inspection was possible of the floors and accordingly, no comment can be made on their condition. Internal cupboards were generally filled with storage items. No access was available beneath sanitary or kitchen fittings.

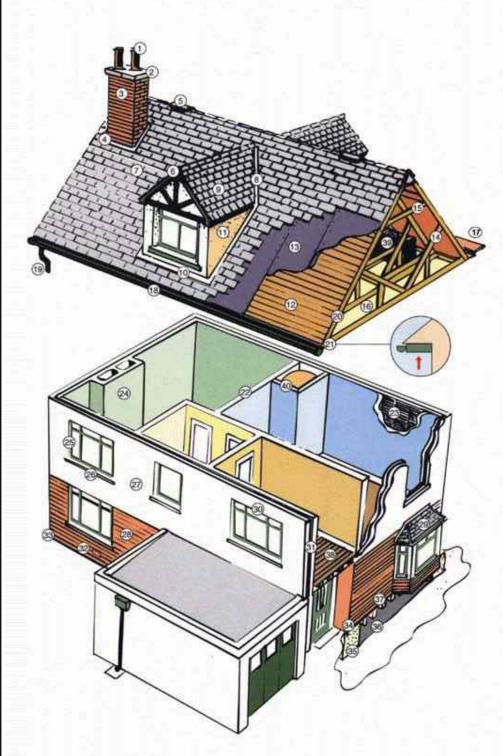
Windows and external doors were not all fully opened or tested.

With properties of this type and age various parts of the structure, such as joists and lintels, are in direct contact with the main external walls, but are hidden from view behind wall linings etc and cannot be seen.

Those areas which were not inspected cannot be reported as being free from defect, and any comments regarding the condition of the property must be read in this context.

Some areas of the external building fabric including some roof pitches and chimneys were not fully or closely inspectable from the surrounding ground level, due to the confines of the site. The flat felt roof over the sun room was not closely inspectable.

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.

- 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
- 9) Water tank
- (40) Hot water tank

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

Structural movemen	nt
Repair category	1
Notes	There was no evidence of significant structural movement within the limitations of our inspection.

Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	3
Notes	High damp meter readings were recorded to walls and partitions in a number of areas throughout the property. There is also damp ingress to the chimney. Rot related defects are affecting the shower room and cupboard door frames. Concealed timbers may also be affected by decay. A reputable timber and damp specialist must carry out a full and thorough inspection of the entire property with exposure works prior to purchase. It is understood that a damp proof course was installed circa 2009. Guarantee documentation should be obtained. There is high external ground level to the rear of the property. Traces of woodworm were noted to timbers within the roof void. In the absence of valid guarantees for previous timber specialist treatment works, a reputable timber specialist should carry out a full and thorough inspection
	of all timbers within the property and provide estimates for any recommended remedial works.

Chimney stacks	
Repair category	2
Notes	Cracking was noted to the stonework and there is a lean to the right and side clay pot. There is evidence of damp penetration to the chimney stacks. Chimneys are vulnerable to defect and should be regularly maintained.

Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	2
Notes	A number of loose and broken roof slates were visible. Roof coverings are of an age and style where a degree of regular ongoing maintenance should be anticipated. More extensive overhaul work may be required in future.
	None of the roof timbers could be accessed, as the loft is fully lined. There is damp ingress at the chimneys, and concealed adjacent roof timbers may be affected by decay.
	The flat roof rubber roof is showing signs of ponding and may be approaching the end of its efficient life span. Whilst no evidence of recent water ingress was noted within the property, roof coverings could fail at any time.
	As advised, woodworm was noted to the roof timbers within the roof void. The attic is partially lined with polystyrene ceiling tiles which poses a health and safety risk in the event of a fire. The timber skylights are weathered.

Rainwater fittings	
Repair category	2
Notes	The downpipe adjacent to the kitchen is not trapped and there is a leaking gutter to the rear.

Main walls	
Repair category	2
Notes	There are areas of bossed/cracked render.

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category	1
Notes	Windows were not all fully opened or tested, and it should be appreciated that some defects are only evident during certain weather conditions. Within the limitations of our inspection, no significant defects were noted.

External decorations	
Repair category	1
Notes	Paint finished and decorated external surfaces will require redecoration on a regular basis.

Conservatories/porches	
Repair category	2
Notes	As advised, high damp meter readings were recorded to the wall linings within the sun room. The flat felt roof will have a limited lifespan and will require a higher than normal degree of maintenance and eventual replacement.
	The entrance porch is of a insubstantial construction type. Accordingly, insulation qualities may be limited and the structure will require a degree of regular ongoing maintenance.

Communal areas	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category	2
Notes	There are saturated/damp roof timbers. Rot was noted to be affecting the timber personnel door frame, window frame and vehicular access door posts. The flat rubber roof will have a limited lifespan and there is evidence of ponding. Some patch repairs and regular ongoing maintenance should be anticipated.

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category	2
Notes	There is rot affecting the timber fence posts.
	Mature trees within the grounds of the property will require future ongoing professional maintenance by an experienced contractor. There are large trees within close proximity to the property.

Ceilings	
Repair category	2
Notes	Polystyrene tiles were noted to the lounge ceiling. This could cause a hazard in the event of a fire and the tiles should be removed. Textured coatings were noted to ceiling areas. On rare occasions, these materials can have an asbestos content. We have not tested these materials nor carried out an asbestos survey however, until the material is professionally tested the linings should be left undisturbed and the material handled by a competent contractor only.

Internal walls	
Repair category	2
Notes	As advised, high damp meter readings were recorded to the internal walls and partitions in a number of areas. A reputable timber/damp specialist should carry out a full and thorough inspection of the entire property with exposure works prior to purchase.

Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category	1
Notes	Due to fitted carpets and floor coverings no detailed inspection of floors was possible and accordingly no comment can be made on their condition.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category	2
Notes	As advised, rot related defects were noted to be affecting the cupboard and shower room door frames. Damp meter readings were recorded to skirting boards.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category	2
Notes	High damp meter readings were recorded to the lefthand chimney breast within the roof void and to the adjacent timbers. The area is visibly wet. A reputable timber/damp specialist should carry out a full and thorough inspection of the area with exposure works prior to purchase.
	The fireplaces have been covered over. It is assumed that the chimneys are adequately vented with the chimneys capped. Ventilators should be fitted to prevent the build-up of dampness within the chimney flue.

Internal decorations	
Repair category	1
Notes	The property is in reasonable decorative order.

Cellars	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.

Electricity	
Repair category	2
Notes	Aspects of the electrical installation are dated, and the system must be checked by a registered electrician and upgraded if necessary.

Gas	
Repair category	1
Notes	In the interests of safety and in light of recent regulations it would be prudent to have all gas appliances checked by a Gas Safe registered contractor.

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	No tests have been undertaken of the system, however within the limitations of our inspection, no significant defects were noted. No inspection has been possible to enclosed timbers beneath wet appliances and no comment has been made on the condition of unseen areas. Watertight seals will require to be regularly checked and replaced, to prevent water damage to adjoining areas.

Heating and hot water		
Repair category	2	
Notes	The central heating boiler is on dated lines and was last manufactured in 2003. Further advice should be obtained from a gas safe registered contractor to fully ascertain the condition, life expectancy and efficiency of the system. It is assumed that the central heating system has been properly installed, updated and maintained to meet with all current regulations and standards with particular regard to fluing and ventilation requirements. Service records should be obtained and checked. In the absence of service documentation further advice should be obtained from a qualified heating engineer to ascertain the condition, efficiency, and life expectancy of the system.	

Drainage	
Repair category	1
Notes	There are understood to be private drainage arrangements in the form of a septic tank. The maintenance liability, rights of access and SEPA consents should be confirmed.

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	2
Rainwater fittings	2
Main walls	2
Windows, external doors and joinery	1
External decorations	1
Conservatories/porches	2
Communal areas	N/A
Garages and permanent outbuildings	2
Outside areas and boundaries	2
Ceilings	2
Internal walls	2
Floors including sub-floors	1
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	2
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	2
Internal decorations	1
Cellars	N/A
Electricity	2
Gas	1
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	1
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. Wherea 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	X	No	
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	Yes		No	X
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	Yes		No	X
5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?	Yes	X	No	
6. Is there a toilet on the same level as a bedroom?	Yes	X	No	
7. Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?	Yes	X	No	
8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?	Yes	X	No	

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

- 1) The assumed tenure is Absolute Ownership.
- 2) The road adjoining the property is made up and adopted by the Local Authority.
- 3) The property has been altered and extended to provide the current accommodation and it is assumed that all necessary Local Authority consents are in order.
- 4) Previous damp specialist treatment works have been carried out within the property and it is assumed that all specialist reports and guarantees are available and in order. Confirmation should be obtained.
- 5) There are understood to be private drainage arrangements in the form of a septic tank. The maintenance liability, rights of access for maintenance purposes and availability of SEPA consents should be confirmed.

Where defects or repairs have been identified within this report it is recommended that, prior to entering into any legally binding sale or purchase contract, further specialist's or contractor's 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.

Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

For Reinstatement Cost Assessment purposes, it is recommended that the subjects be insured for a sum of not less than £630,000.

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

Having considered matters, taking account of our general observations on site, we are of the opinion that the Market Value of the subjects in their present condition and with the benefit of vacant possession may be fairly stated in the sum of £135,000 (ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

The valuation figure is on the assumption that the cost of Category 3 repairs does not greatly exceed £5,000. It should be appreciated that this is not an indication of costs and detailed reports and estimates should be obtained from all appropriate contractors and specialists to establish the full extent of the works.

Signed	Taylor Hall Electronically signed :- 29/01/2025 12:01
Report author	Taylor Hall
Company name	J & E Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
Address	18 Castle Street Dumfries DG1 1DR
Date of report	22/01/2025



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Property Address	
Address	The Lighthouse, Blackcraig, Newton Stewart, DG8 7AL
Seller's Name	Susan Walker
Date of Inspection	22/01/2025
Property Details	
Property Type House	X Bungalow Purpose built maisonette Converted maisonette
Purpose built flat	Converted flat Tenement flat Flat over non-residential use
	Other (specify in General Remarks)
Property Style X 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 military, police?	property was built for the public sector, e. g. local authority,
Flats/Maisonettes only Floor(s) on wh	nich located No. of floors in block Lift provided? Yes No
Tidds, maiddinatae bing a second	No. of units in block
Approximate Year of Construction	1820
Tenure	
X Absolute Ownership	Other
Accommodation	
Number of Rooms 2 Living room	n(s) 1 Bedroom(s) 1 Kitchen(s)
1 Bathroom(s	o Other (Specify in General remarks)
Gross Floor Area (excluding garage	es and outbuildings) 81 m² (Internal) 97 m² (External)
Residential Element (greater than 4)	<u> </u>
Nesidential Element (greater than -	///) // // // // // // // // // // // //
Garage / Parking / Outbuildings	
X Single garage Double gar	rage Parking space No garage / garage space / parking space
Available on site?	No
Permanent outbuildings:	
None.	

Construction
Walls Brick X Stone Concrete Timber frame Other (specify in General Remarks) Roof Tile X Slate Asphalt Felt Other (specify in General Remarks)
Special Risks
Has the property suffered structural movement?
If Yes, is this recent or progressive?
Is there evidence, history, or reason to anticipate subsidence, heave, landslip or flood in \square Yes \boxtimes No the immediate vicinity?
If Yes to any of the above, provide details in General Remarks.
Service Connections
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
Electricity X Mains Private None Gas X Mains Private None Central Heating X Yes Partial None
Brief description of Central Heating and any non mains services:
Gas fired boiler with radiators. Septic tank drainage 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
Ill-defined boundaries Agricultural land included with property X Other (specify in General Remarks)
Location
Residential suburb Residential within town / city Mixed residential / commercial Shared service connections
X Commuter village
Planning Issues
Has the property been extended / converted / altered? X Yes No If Yes provide details in General Remarks.
Roads
■ Made up road ■ Unmade road ■ Partly completed new road ■ Pedestrian access only ▼ Adopted ■ Unadopted

General Remarks

The property is situated on an elevated plot within the rural village of Blackcraig where limited facilities are available. The main shopping, educational and transport amenities are located within the neighbouring town of Newton Stewart. The property benefits from a rural outlook.

At the time of inspection the property was found to be in a condition generally consistent with its age and type of construction but some elements of the property are aging and likely to require attention. The fittings internally are on modern lines with the decoration to an adequate standard.

The property has been altered and extended to provide the current accommodation and it is assumed that all necessary Local Authority consents are in order.

Previous damp specialist treatment works have been carried out within the property and it is assumed that all specialist reports and guarantees are available and in order. Confirmation should be obtained.

There are understood to be private drainage arrangements in the form of a septic tank. The maintenance liability, rights of access for maintenance purposes and availability of SEPA consents should be confirmed.

Essential Repairs	
the chimney. Rot related defects are aff	ed to walls and partitions in a number of areas throughout the property. There is also damp ingress to ecting the shower room and cupboard door frames. Concealed timbers may also be affected by decay. must carry out a full and thorough inspection of the entire property with exposure works prior to
Estimated cost of essential repairs	£5,000
Retention recommended?	X Yes No
Retention amount	£5,000

The property forms suitable security for mortgage purposes subject to the specific lending criteria of any mortgage provider.

Valuation		
Market value in present condition	£	135,000
Market value on completion of essential repairs	£	140,000
Insurance reinstatement value	£	630,000
(to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT)		
Is a reinspection necessary?		Yes X No

Comment on Mortgageability

Declaration

Signed Taylor Hall

Electronically signed :- 29/01/2025 12:01

Surveyor's name Taylor Hall

Professional qualifications BSc (Hons) MRICS

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Date of Inspection 22/01/2025



Energy Performance Certificate



Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Dwellings

Scotland

The Lighthouse, Blackcraig, Newton Stewart, DG8 7AL

Dwelling type: Detached bungalow
Date of assessment: 23 January 2025
Date of certificate: 29 January 2025

Total floor area: 79 m²

Primary Energy Indicator: 526 kWh/m²/year

Reference number: 2475-1048-0239-2185-2224
Type of assessment: RdSAP, existing dwelling

Approved Organisation: Elmhurst

Main heating and fuel: Boiler and radiators, mains

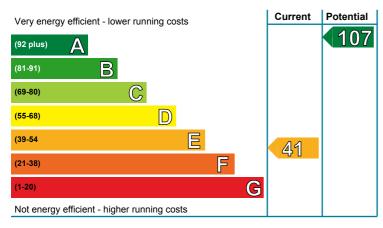
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You can use this document to:

- 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*	£6,348	See your recommendations report for more information	
Over 3 years you could save*	£3,693		

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

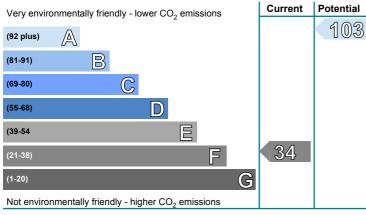


Energy Efficiency Rating

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 (41)**. 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 (CO_2) emissions. The higher the rating, the less impact it has on the environment.

Your current rating is **band F (34)**. 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	£732.00
2 Flat roof or sloping ceiling insulation	£850 - £1,500	£702.00
3 Cavity wall insulation	£500 - £1,500	£354.00

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, no insulation	****	****
	Flat, limited insulation (assumed)	***	\bigstar \updownarrow \updownarrow \updownarrow \updownarrow
Floor	Solid, no insulation (assumed)	_	_
Windows	Fully double glazed	***	***
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, mains gas	★★★☆	★★★★ ☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	****☆	★★★★☆
Secondary heating	None	_	_
Hot water	From main system, no cylinder thermostat	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in all 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 93 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 7.4 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 7.5 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	£5,151 over 3 years	£2,100 over 3 years	
Hot water	£948 over 3 years	£306 over 3 years	You could
Lighting	£249 over 3 years	£249 over 3 years	save £3,693
Totals	£6,348	£2,655	over 3 years

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	Rating after improvement		
		indicative cost	per year	Energy	Environment	
1	Increase loft insulation to 270 mm	£100 - £350	£244	E 47	E 40	
2	Flat roof or sloping ceiling insulation	£850 - £1,500	£234	E 53	(E 46	
3	Cavity wall insulation	£500 - £1,500	£118	D 57	E 49	
4	Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£105	D 59	E 52	
5	Floor insulation (solid floor)	£4,000 - £6,000	£161	D 64	D 58	
6	Add additional 80 mm jacket to hot water cylinder	£15 - £30	£19	D 64	D 59	
7	Hot water cylinder thermostat	£200 - £400	£100	D 67	D 63	
8	Replace boiler with new condensing boiler	£2,200 - £3,000	£194	C 72	C 70	
9	Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£56	C 74	C 73	
10	Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£3,500 - £5,500	£419	B 85	B 82	
11	Wind turbine	£15,000 - £25,000	£865	A 107	A 103	

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
- Micro CHP

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 (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.

6 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.

7 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.

8 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.

9 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.

10 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.

11 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)	18,372	(2,855)	(1,326)	(1,163)
Water heating (kWh per year)	3,479			

Addendum

This dwelling has stone walls and may be exposed to wind driven rain 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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Use of this energy performance information

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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 greeners cotland.org or contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

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Property Questionnaire



Property address	The Lighthouse Blackcraig Newton Stewart DG8 7AL
Seller(s)	Susan Walker
Completion date of property questionnaire	20/01/2025

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 prope	ng have you owned the property?		
2.	Council tax			
	Which Council Tax band is your prop	erty in?	D	
3.	Parking			
	What are the arrangements for parking (Please tick all that apply)			
	Garage	Yes		
	Allocated parking space	Yes		
	• Driveway	No		
	Shared parking	No		
	On street	No		
	Resident permit	No		
	Metered Parking	No		
	Other (please specify):			
4.	Conservation area			
	Is your property in a designated Con special architectural or historical int which it is desirable to preserve or e	erest, the character or	an area of No appearance of	

5. 6. a.	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)? Alterations/additions/extensions (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)? 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?	No		
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	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:			
b.	Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property?	Yes		
	If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:			
	(i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?	Yes		
	(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?	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.			
	Replaced single glazed window with double glazed unit in lounge. About 8 years ago			
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).	Yes		
	If you have answered yes or partial – what kind of central heating is there?			

	Gas					
	If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:					
	i) When was your central hea installed?	ting system or partial	central heating system			
	Before we moved in	Before we moved in				
	(ii) Do you have a maintenand	(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?				
	If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:					
	(iii) When was your maintena (Please provide the month ar		newed?			
8.	Energy Performance Certification	ate				
	Does your property have an than 10 years old?	Energy Performance (Certificate which is less	No		
9.	Issues that may have affected your property					
a.	Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to the property while you have owned it?		No			
	If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?					
b.	Are you aware of the existen	ce of asbestos in you	property?	No		
	If you have answered yes, 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 or liquid petroleum gas	Yes	Scottish Gas			
	Water mains or private water supply	Yes	Scottish Water			
	Electricity	Yes	Scottish Gas			
	Mains drainage	No				
	Telephone	Yes	Vodaphone			

	Cable TV or satellite	No		
	Broadband	Yes	Vodaphone	
b.	Is there a septic tank system at your property?			Yes
	If you have answered yes, pl	ease answer the two	questions below:	
	(i) Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic tank?			
	(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank?			
	If have answered yes, details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:			
	WC in Fields every 18 months.			
11.	Responsibilities for shared or common areas			
a.	Are you aware of any responsed jointly, such as the reboundary, or garden area?			No
	If you have answered yes, p	olease give details:		
b.	Is there a responsibility to contribute to repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell or other common areas?			No
	If you have answered yes,	olease give details:		
C.	Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the property?			No
d.	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?		No	
	If you have answered yes, p	please give details:		
e.	As far as you are aware, do walk over your property, fo maintain their boundaries?	r example to put out		No
	If you have answered yes, p	please give details:		
f.	As far as you are aware, is your property? (public right right to pass, whether or no	t of way is a way ove	r which the public has a	No
	If you have answered yes, please give details:			

12.	Charges associated with the property				
a.	Is there a factor or property manager for your property?	No			
	If you have answered yes, please provide the name and address, and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:				
b.	Is there a common buildings insurance policy?	No			
	If you have answered yes, is the cost of the insurance included in monthly/annual factor's charges?				
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.				
13.	Specialist work				
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?	No			
	If you have answered yes, 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.				
b.	As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot,wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property?	No			
	If you have answered yes, please give details:				
C.	If you have answered yes to 13(a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work?				
	If you have answered yes, 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 please write below who has these documents 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.				
	Guarantees are held by:				
14.	Guarantees				
a.	Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following?				
	(i) Electrical work	No			
	(ii) Roofing	No			
	(iii) Central heating	No			
	(iv) National House Building Council (NHBC)	No			

	(v) Damp course	No		
	(vi) Any other work installations? (for example, cavity wall installation, underpinning, indemnity policy)	No		
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.	Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed above? If you have answered yes, please give details:	No		
15.	Boundaries			
	So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in thelast 10 years?	No		
	If you have answered yes, please give details:			
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?	No		
b.	that affects your property in some other way?	No		
C.	that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?	No		
	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 purchaser 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

Name(s): Michael & Susan Walker

Date: 20/01/2025

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Valuation Report

Executory Valuation

Tax Valuations

Separation Valuation

Private Sale Valuation

New Build & Plot Valuation

Insurance Reinstatement Valuation

Portfolio Valuation

Rental Valuation

Drive By & Desktop Valuation

Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Level Two Survey & Valuation Report

Level Two Condition Report

Expert Witness Report





Commercial Valuation

Commercial Agency

Acquisitions Consultancy

Commercial Lease Advisory

Rent Reviews

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Development Appraisals & Consultancy

Auctions

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Professional Services

Licensed Trade & Leisure

Expert Witness Report

Rating

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Public Sector



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