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- 1. Single Survey
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- 3. Property Questionnaire



survey report on:

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Property address	Fern Cottage, 21 Albert Place, Dufftown, Keith, AB55 4AY
Customer	Ms CA Flett
Customer address	
Prepared by	Harvey Donaldson And Gibson
Date of inspection	1st October 2020



PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 THE SURVEYORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The ultimate holding company of Harvey Donaldson & Gibson is Countrywide plc. In Scotland, Countrywide plc also own Slater Hogg & Howison and Countrywide North. A full list of estate agents owned or under franchise to Countrywide plc is available on request. Harvey Donaldson & Gibson trades as an entirely separate company and has no financial interest whatsoever in the disposal of the property being inspected.

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

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

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.

1.1 DEFINITIONS

- the "Lender" is the party who has provided or intends or proposes to provide financial assistance to the Purchaser towards the purchase of the Property and in whose favour a standard security will be granted over the Property;
- the "Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor, prepared from information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report, but in a style and format required by the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes will be prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected from a surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and who is competent to survey, value and report on the Property;
- the "Generic Mortgage Valuation Report" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor from information in the Report but in the Surveyor's own format;

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

- 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 Category 2: Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.
- 3 Category 1: No immediate action or repair is needed.

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

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

2.4 SERVICES

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

2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

"Market Value" The estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion. In arriving at the opinion of the Market Value the Surveyor also makes various standard assumptions covering, for example, vacant possession; tenure and other legal considerations; contamination and hazardous materials; the condition of un-inspected parts; the right to use mains services; and the exclusion of curtains, carpets etc. from the valuation. In the case of flats, the following further assumptions are made that:

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

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

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

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

1. Information and scope of inspection

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

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

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

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

Description	The subjects comprise a link semi-detached house which was extended to the rear in 2006. The extension is currently being utilised as an annex.	
Accommodation	The Accommodation comprises -	
	Ground floor - Entrance hall, dining kitchen, living room/bedroom, bathroom, rear hall, second kitchen and family room.	
	First floor - Landing, bedroom with ensuite shower room and two further bedrooms.	
Gross internal floor area (m²)	146	
Neighbourhood and location	The property is situated in a residential area in the village of Dufftown. Surrounding properties are of similar age and character. There are usual village amenities and transport links nearby however a wider range of facilities can be found in the towns of Keith and Elgin.	
Age	120 years.	
Weather	It was raining at the time of the inspection.	
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.	
	The chimneyheads are of pointed stone construction, with clay pots and dressed in lead flashings, where visible from ground level.	

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 and extension roofs are pitched, timber framed and covered with slates.

Access to the main roof space is via a ceiling hatch located on the landing. Insulation material has been laid between the joists.

Access to the extension eaves space is via hatches located in the bedroom cupboard. The hatches were screwed shut at the time of our inspection.

Rainwater fittings

Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.

Rainwater discharge is via uPVC and cast iron gutters and downpipes.

Main walls

Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.

Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.

The main external walls are of pointed solid stone construction.

The rear extension external walls are timber framed with an outer leaf of brickwork with rendered externally with timber features.

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 are double glazed and a mixture of timber and aluminium construction. There is a velux window located on the first floor level of the extension.

The front door is of timber construction and the rear door is of timber construction with a glazed insert.

There are timber double glazed patio and balcony doors to the extension.

External decorations	Visually inspected.
	The external decorations are painted and finished with a decorative stain.
Conservatories / porches	None.
Communal areas	None.
Garages and permanent outbuildings	Visually inspected. There is a rendered blockwork store located in the rear garden under profiled metal sheeting. The store has lighting/power and
	workshop units installed.
Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected.
	There are garden grounds to the rear and a small strip to the front of the property which are suitably bounded by blockwork walls and timber fencing.
	The grounds mostly consist of laid grass, planted shrubs, paving, decking and gravelled areas.
Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level.
.	Ceilings throughout the property appear to be a mixture of plasterboard lined and timber strapped, lathed and plastered construction whereby the wet plaster is floated onto a timber framework of lathing fixed to the underside of the ceiling joists.
Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level.
	Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.
	The internal walls are a mixture of lath & plaster and plasterboard lined. Some walls are finished with timber panels.
Floors including a set (1)	
Floors including sub floors	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.
	The ground floor is mainly suspended timber construction.
	The first floor is timber.
	Subfloor access is via a hatch located in the dining kitchen.

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Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.
	Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.
	The internal doors are a mixture of timber panelled, hollow flush units and timber with glazed inserts.
	The skirting boards and door surrounds are timber.
	The staircases are timber.
	The main and extension kitchen fittings consist of floor and wall mounted units with stainless steel sinks.
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	Visually inspected.
	No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.
	Fireplaces throughout the property have been removed, sealed and are vented.
Internal decorations	Visually inspected.
	The ceilings and walls are painted and papered.
	The internal joinery is finished with a decorative stain and paint.
	The kitchen's, bathroom and ensuite shower room are finished with tiles and/or wet- wall.
Cellars	None.
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 is installed. The meter and consumer unit are located in the hall. The system appears to be of a 13 amp type and design. The switch and socket outlets are plastic and the wiring is sheathed with PVC, where visible.
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.
	Gas is supplied from the mains. The meter is located in an external meter box located to the front 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 supplied from the mains.
	The bathroom contains a bath, wash hand basin, separate shower cubicle and w.c.
	The ensuite shower room contains a shower cubicle, wash hand basin and w.c.
	The visible pipework is a mixture of copper and plastic.
Heating and hot water	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 property is centrally heated by means of a gas fired system, comprising a condensing combination boiler located in the extension kitchen. Heating to the rooms is provided by water filled radiators. The system is of a type designed to provide instantaneous hot water upon demand.
	There are some old storage heaters still present within the main proeprty, however these are no longer operational.
Drainage	Drainage covers etc were not lifted.
	Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.
	Mains drainage is understood to be connected.
Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	Visually inspected.
-	No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.
	The property has smoke detectors and a carbon monoxide alarm.

Any additional limits to inspection

For flats / maisonettes

Only the subject flat and internal communal areas giving access to the flat were inspected.

If the roof space or under-building / basement is communal, reasonable and safe access is not always possible. If no inspection was possible, this will be stated. If no inspection was possible, the surveyor will assume that there are no defects that will have a material effect on the valuation.

The building containing the flat, including any external communal areas, was visually inspected only to the extent that the surveyor is able to give an opinion on the general condition and standard of maintenance.

The property was inspected within the limits imposed by occupation within the annex part of the house and storage in one room of the main house. Within the property this included, throughout, closely nailed and fixed fitted carpeting, floor coverings, stored items, furnishings etc. The personal belongings were not removed from cupboards.

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.

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.

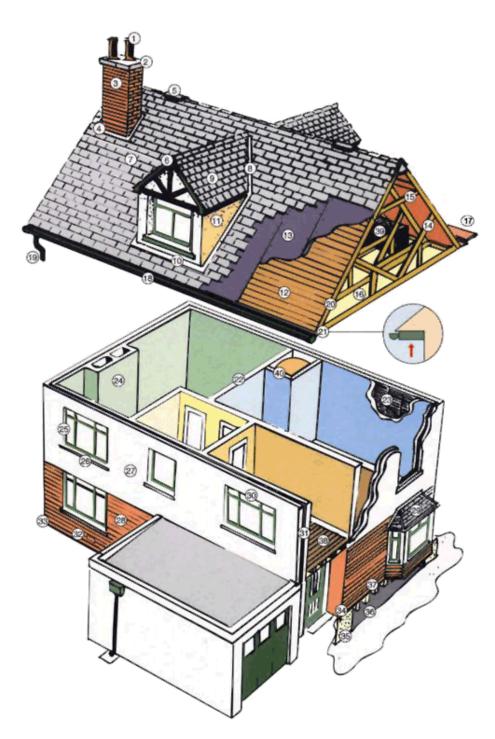
The gable roof slopes could not be fully inspected from ground level due to the elevation and site restrictions.

The subfloor inspection was restricted to an inverted head and shoulders inspection.

The roof space inspection was limited to a head and shoulders style basis only, due to the presence of stored items and insulation material being laid between the ceiling joists. The extension eaves space hatches were screwed shut at the time of our inspection.

No close inspection was possible to enclosed areas beneath and around washing appliances and sanitary fittings.

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
- Rainwater downpipe
- 20) Verge boards /skews
- 21) Soffit boards
- 22) Partition wall
- 23) Lath / plaster
- 24) Chimney breast
- (25) Window pointing
- 6) Window sills
- 27) Rendering
- (28) Brickwork / pointing
- 29) Bay window projection
- 30 Lintels
- (31) Cavity walls / wall ties
- 32) Subfloor ventilator
- (33) Damp proof course
- 34) Base course
- 35) Foundations
- (36) Solum
- 37) Floor joists
- 38) Floorboards
- 39) Water tank
- 40) Hot water tank

2. Condition

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

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

Structural movement		
Repair category	1	
Notes	There is evidence of previous movement in the form of localised hairline cracking to the external building fabric and off floor levels internally. 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	3
Notes	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.
	Localised high damp meter readings were recorded adjacent the front door and to the rear of the kitchen, on the gable wall.
	There is evidence of scattered black spot mould growth within the property. Condensation is a lifestyle issue which can be remedied by a combination of adequate heating and ventilation.
	There is evidence of woodworm holes within the loft however, previous damp and timber treatments have been carried out to the property in the past. All reports and guarantees should be transferred to the new occupant.
	Damp staining was noted in the kitchen, front living room/bedroom and around some of the flue vents, however proved dry when tested.

Chimney stacks	
Repair category	2
Notes	General weathering and missing/deteriorating pointing was noted to the chimneyheads, which provides an entrance point for water ingress.
	Chimneys can be vulnerable to defects and should be regularly maintained.

Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	2
Notes	Roof slating, where viewed from ground level, appears to have been laid to generally even courses however a few chipped and slipped slates were noted. A roof of this age and type will be an increasingly frequent source of maintenance expenditure. There is evidence of previous staining and woodworm holes within the loft
	however, previous damp and timber treatments have been carried out to the property in the past. All reports and guarantees should be transferred to the new occupant.

Rainwater fittings	
Repair category	2
Notes	A number of gutter joints/downpipes are leaking, which has resulted in staining to the external wall finishes. In buildings of this form of construction, leakage from gutter joints can lead to damp penetration and decay to internal timbers. There is also vegetation growth visible within the guttering. Choked rainwater units can lead to serious defects in other parts of the building if not repaired timeously. Corrosion was noted to the front downpipe.

Main walls	
Repair category	2
Notes	There are areas of weathering and staining to the external walls, particularly behind downpipes and below gutter joints. Prolonged dampness increases the risk of timber defects within concealed areas of the building fabric.
	A front window sill is damaged and will require repair.
	Sub-floor ventilation provision in the outer walls appears limited. This can lead to moisture build-up and decay beneath the flooring. Further advice can be obtained from a specialist contractor.

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category	2
Notes	A double glazed window unit to an upstairs bedroom has failed, as a result of defective seals, allowing condensation to build between the panes.
	The windows to the main house are not modern and the life expectancy of same should be fully appreciated.
	The front door is showing signs of wear and tear.

External decorations	
Repair category	2
Notes	The external paintwork finishes are in reasonable condition but are beginning to deteriorate and show signs of weathering.
	Paint finishes and decorated external surfaces will require redecoration on a regular basis.

Conservatories/porches	
Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.

Communal areas	
Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category	1
Notes	The store is in reasonable condition having regard to its age and intended purpose.

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category	2
Notes	Areas of damage and cracking was noted to the blockwork walls, including missing coping stones. The timber fencing is also damaged and sits at a slant in places.
	Paving was noted to be chipped and cracked and deterioration/weathering was noted to the decking. We have been advised by the vendor that the decking will be replaced prior to sale.

Ceilings	
Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects were noted to the ceiling surfaces, allowing for areas of cracking and deterioration. 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.

Internal walls	
Repair category	2
Notes	The plaster finishes appear generally sound however areas of unevenness, impact damage and localised damage by the owners pet dog was noted. A section on the landing also requires finishing.

Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category	1
Notes	Within the limitations imposed on the inspection, no indications were noted to suggest any serious disrepair. It will however be appreciated that concealed floor timbers cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect.
	Some uneven/loose floorboards were detected underfoot probably due to previous removal and wear and tear.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category	2
Notes	Internal joinery is of mixed design and vintage, and although worn in some areas, appears generally serviceable. Timberwork, door ironmongery, etc have all suffered wear and deterioration, consistent with age. It should be confirmed that all glass doors contain safety glass to comply with current regulations.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects noted. Damp staining is evident around some of the flue vents, however proved dry when tested. It is generally regarded as good building practice to keep disused flues permanently vented to prevent condensation damage.

Internal decorations	
Repair category	2
Notes	Internal decorations to the main house are dated and show evidence of wear and tear.

Cellars	
Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.

Electricity	
Repair category	1
Notes	It is likely that only the most recently rewired properties will have electrical installations that fully comply with current regulations. The installation in this property has been tested with the next test due in 2022. 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.

Gas	
Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects noted, however the gas box lid is damaged. All gas appliances should be tested and thereafter regularly maintained by a Gas Safe registered contractor.

► Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects noted to the accessible plumbing or ensuite sanitary fittings. The main bathroom sanitary fittings, whilst functional, are dated and the toilet seat is missing.
	Discolouration was also noted to some of the seals. It is important to maintain a watertight seal around the various fittings to prevent water spillage causing damage to surrounding surfaces and concealed areas.
	In a property of this age it is possible for lead pipework to be present in concealed areas however; none was noted within the limitations of the inspection.

Heating and hot water	
Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects were noted to the heating system or hot water system, although these have not been tested. It is recommended good practice that gas boilers are serviced on an annual basis by an appropriately qualified person. The boiler's service history should be checked by referring to the service records. If there is no record of a recent service, the boiler should be checked by an appropriately qualified person.

Drainage	
Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects were noted to the drainage system, within the limitations of the inspection.

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	2
External decorations	2
Conservatories/porches	-
Communal areas	-
Garages and permanent outbuildings	1
Outside areas and boundaries	2
Ceilings	1
Internal walls	2
Floors including sub-floors	1
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	2
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	1
Internal decorations	2
Cellars	-
Electricity	1
Gas	1
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	1
Heating and hot water	1
Drainage	1

Category 3

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

Category 2

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

Category 1

No immediate action or repair is needed.

Remember

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

Warning

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

3. Accessibility information

Guidance notes on accessibility information

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

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

Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:

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

1. Which floor(s) is the living accommodation on?	Ground floor
2. Are there three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property?	Yes 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 No X
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

The tenure is understood to be 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, or where access was not possible to significant parts of the structure, it is recommended that, prior to entering into any legally binding sale or purchase contract, further specialists or contractors advice and estimates must 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.

The property has been extended to comprise its existing layout, whereby a two storey extension has been added to the rear of the property. It is assumed that all necessary Local Authority consents and approvals are in place for these works.

The property appears to have access over the land of a neighbour to gain access to the rear garden. The legal adviser should investigate this further.

The legal adviser should obtain documentary evidence of the full extent of any woodworm treatment.

Following consultation with ukradon.org.uk, the location within which the subject property is located is in bands of elevated radon gas potential. The maximum radon potential is given as 1-3%.

Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

£425,000 (Four hundred and twenty five thousand pounds).

Valuation and market comments

In its present condition the opinion of valuation for the Outright Ownership interest with vacant possession on 1 October 2020 is:

£160,000 (One hundred and sixty thousand pounds sterling).

Signed	Security Print Code [468632 = 7410]O Electronically signed
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Report author	India Hill

Company name	Harvey Donaldson And Gibson
Address	Caledonian House Business Centre, High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BD
Date of report	7th October 2020



Property Address	
Address Seller's Name Date of Inspection	Fern Cottage, 21 Albert Place, Dufftown, Keith, AB55 4AY Ms CA Flett 1st October 2020
Property Details	
Property Type	X House 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	□ Detached □ Semi detached □ Mid terrace □ End terrace □ Back to back □ High rise block □ Low rise block ▼ Other (specify in General Remarks)
Does the surveyor be e.g. local authority, m	elieve that the property was built for the public sector, \square Yes \square No nilitary, police?
Flats/Maisonettes on	ly Floor(s) on which located No. of floors in block Lift provided? Yes No No. of units in block
Approximate Year of	Construction 1900
Tenure	
X Absolute Ownership	Leasehold Ground rent £ Unexpired years
Accommodation	
Number of Rooms	2 Living room(s) 3 Bedroom(s) 2 Kitchen(s) 2 Bathroom(s) 0 WC(s) 0 Other (Specify in General remarks)
Gross Floor Area (ex	cluding garages and outbuildings) [146] m² (Internal) [178] m² (External)
Residential Element	(greater than 40%) X Yes No
Garage / Parking /	Outbuildings
Single garage Available on site?	□ Double garage □ Parking space X No garage / garage space / parking space □ Yes □ No
Permanent outbuildin	igs:
Block store.	

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 s	suffered struct	ural movemen	it?		X	Yes No
If Yes, is this rece	nt or progress	ive?				Yes X No
Is there evidence, immediate vicinity		ason to anticipa	ate subsidence	, heave, landslip or	flood in the	Yes X No
If Yes to any of the	e above, provi	de details in G	General Remark	S.		
Service Connec	tion					
Based on visual in of the supply in Ge			es appear to be	non-mains, please	comment on the ty	/pe and location
Drainage	X Mains	Private	None	Water	X Mains Priv	vate None
Electricity	X Mains	Private	None	Gas	X Mains Priv	vate None
Central Heating	X Yes	Partial	None			
Brief description o	of Central Heat	ting:				
Heating fuel: Ga						
Heating type: Ra	adiators					
Site						
Apparent legal iss	ues to be verif	fied by the cor	nveyancer. Plea	se provide a brief	description in Gene	ral Remarks.
X Rights of way	X Shared drive	es / access	Garage or other	amenities on separate s	site Shared service	e connections
Ill-defined boundar	ies	Agricultui	ral land included wi	th property	Other (specify	in General Remarks)
Location						
Residential suburb	Res	idential within tow	n / city Mixe	d residential / commerc	cial Mainly comm	ercial
Commuter village	X Rem	note village	Isola	ted rural property	Other (specify	in General Remarks)
Planning Issues	5					
Has the property b	een extended	d / converted /	altered? X	Yes No		
If Yes provide deta						
Roads						
X Made up road	Unmade road	Partly co	ompleted new road	Pedestrian ac	cess only Adop	oted Unadopted

General Remarks

The subjects comprise a link semi-detached house which was extended to the rear in 2006. The extension is currently being utilised as an annex.

The property is situated in a residential area in the village of Dufftown. Surrounding properties are of similar age and character. There are usual village amenities and transport links nearby however a wider range of facilities can be found in the towns of Keith and Elgin.

The property requires some works of repair, upgrade and maintenance as elements of the property are ageing.

The property has been extended to comprise its existing layout, whereby a two storey extension has been added to the rear of the property. It is assumed that all necessary Local Authority consents and approvals are in place for these works.

The property appears to have access over the land of a neighbour to gain access to the rear garden. The legal adviser should investigate this further.

The legal adviser should obtain documentary evidence of the full extent of any woodworm treatment.

Following consultation with ukradon.org.uk, the location within which the subject property is located is in bands of elevated radon gas potential. The maximum radon potential is given as 1-3%.

There is evidence of previous movement in the form of localised hairline cracking to the external building fabric and off floor levels internally. 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.

Essential Repairs						
None apparent within the limitations of our inspection.						
Estimated cost of essential repairs £	Retention recommended? Yes	X No	Amount £			

Comment on Mortgagea	bility		
The property affords adeq lender's criteria.	uate security for loan purposes based on the valuation figure, subject to i	ndividual	
Valuations			
Market value in present condition Market value on completion of essential repairs Insurance reinstatement value (to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT) Is a reinspection necessary?			
Buy To Let Cases			
month Short Assured Tenails the property in an area w	ge of monthly rental income for the property assuming a letting on a 6 ncy basis? here there is a steady demand for rented accommodation of this type?	£ Yes No	
Declaration			
Signed Surveyor's name Professional qualifications	Security Print Code [468632 = 7410]O Electronically signed by:- India Hill AssocRICS		
Company name Address	Harvey Donaldson And Gibson Caledonian House Business Centre, High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BD		
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Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Dwellings

Scotland

FERN COTTAGE, 21 ALBERT PLACE, DUFFTOWN, KEITH, AB55 4AY

Dwelling type: Semi-detached house
Date of assessment: 01 October 2020
Date of certificate: 03 October 2020

Total floor area: 146 m²

Primary Energy Indicator: 285 kWh/m²/year

Reference number: 2810-7420-9009-0409-5206
Type of assessment: RdSAP, existing dwelling

Approved Organisation: Elmhurst

Main heating and fuel: Boiler and radiators, mains

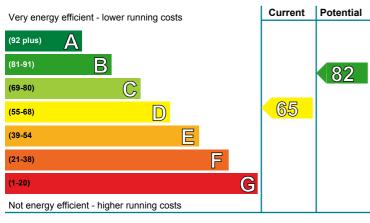
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You can use this document to:

- 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*	£4,551	See your recommendations
Over 3 years you could save*	£1,407	report for more information

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

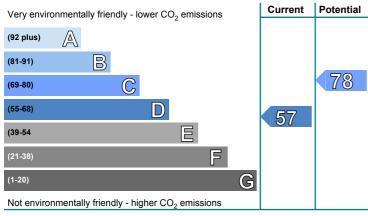


Energy Efficiency Rating

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 D (65)**. 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 D (57)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (59)**.

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

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

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical savings over 3 years
1 Room-in-roof insulation	£1,500 - £2,700	£810.00
2 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£150.00
3 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£225.00

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

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

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

Summary of the energy performance related features of this home

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

Element	Description	Energy Efficiency	Environmental
Walls	Sandstone or limestone, as built, no insulation (assumed)	***	***
	Timber frame, as built, insulated (assumed)	★★★★☆	★★★★ ☆
Roof	Pitched, no insulation (assumed)	****	\bigstar \updownarrow \updownarrow \updownarrow \updownarrow
	Pitched, insulated (assumed)	★★★★ ☆	★★★★ ☆
	Roof room(s), ceiling insulated	****	\bigstar \updownarrow \updownarrow \updownarrow \updownarrow
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed)	_	_
	Suspended, insulated (assumed)	_	_
Windows	Fully double glazed	***	***
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, mains gas	****	★★★ ☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, TRVs and bypass	***	★★★☆☆
Secondary heating	None	_	_
Hot water	From main system	****	★★★ ☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 69% 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 50 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 3.3 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	£3,855 over 3 years	£2,538 over 3 years	
Hot water	£318 over 3 years	£318 over 3 years	You could
Lighting	£378 over 3 years	£288 over 3 years	save £1,407
Totals	£4,551	£3,144	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.

December 1 and management		Indiantive and	Typical saving	Rating after improvement	
Re	commended measures	I indicative cost 1 2.		Energy	Environment
1	Room-in-roof insulation	£1,500 - £2,700	£270	C 71	D 66
2	Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£50	C 72	D 67
3	Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£75	C 74	C 70
4	Low energy lighting for all fixed outlets	£20	£26	C 74	C 70
5	Upgrade heating controls	£350 - £450	£49	C 75	C 72
6	Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£3,500 - £5,500	£295	B 82	C 78

Choosing the right improvement package

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



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

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

1 Room-in-roof insulation

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

2 Internal or external wall insulation

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

3 Floor insulation (suspended floor)

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

4 Low energy lighting

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

5 Heating controls (room thermostat)

The heating system should have a room thermostat to enable the boiler to switch off when no heat is required. A competent heating engineer should be asked to do this work. Insist that the thermostat switches off the boiler as well as the pump and that the thermostatic radiator valve is removed from any radiator in the same room as the thermostat. 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.

6 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.

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

You could receive Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) payments and help reduce carbon emissions by replacing your existing heating system with one that generates renewable heat and, where appropriate, having your loft insulated and cavity walls filled. The estimated energy required for space and water heating will form the basis of the payments. For more information go to www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/rhi.

Heat demand	Existing dwelling	Impact of loft insulation	Impact of cavity wall insulation	Impact of solid wall insulation
Space heating (kWh per year)	24,983	(1,654)	N/A	(999)
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,316			

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 India Hill Assessor membership number: EES/019913

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Related party disclosure: No related party

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

Use of this energy performance information

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

Advice and support to improve this property

There is support available, which could help you carry out some of the improvements recommended for this property on page 3 and stop wasting energy and money. For more information, visit greeners cotland.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 address	21, Albert Place Dufftown Banffshire AB55 4AY
Seller	Carol Flett
Completion date of property	
questionnaire	4/10/2020





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? 22 years 6months		
2.	Council tax		
	Which Council Tax band is your property in? (Please tick)		
	Ax B C D E F G H		
3.	Parking		
	What are the arrangements for parking at your property? (Please tick all that apply)		
	● Garage □		
	● Allocated parking space □		
	• Driveway		
	Shared parking		
	On street		
	Resident permit		
	Metered parking		
	Other (please specify):		
4.	Conservation area		
	Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (that is an area of	Yes	
	special architectural or historical interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)?	No	X
	appearance of which it is desirable to preserve of enhance):	Don't know	
5.	Listed buildings		
	Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one	Yes	
	(that is a building recognised and approved as being of special architectural or historical interest)?	No	X
6.	Alterations/additions/extensions		
a.	(i) During your time in the property, have you carried out any	Voc	
	structural alterations, additions or extensions (for example, provision of an extra bath/shower room, toilet, or bedroom)?	Yes No	X



	If you have answered yes, please describe below the changes which you have made:		
	Garden Shed built in 2006 Extension to rear of property built in 2006/07. Extension includes living room with patio doors, Spiral staircase up to ensuite bedroom with balcony. Also back porch and good storage.		
	(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work? 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:	Yes No	x
	I have the Planning Permission and Completion Certificate. Although I don't have a copy of the Building Warrant, I do have a copy of the Building Warrant Fee, the Receipt of the Building Warrant Fee and the Notification of Commencement of Building Operations. I understand a copy of the Building Warrant can be obtained from Moray Council should the purchaser require this. Building Warrant Reference 04/01723/AEX.		
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 No	x
	(i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?	Yes No	
	(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?	Yes No	
	(iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or approximate dates when the work was completed):	patio doors (wit	th
	Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to yestate agent.	our solicitor or	
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 No Partial	x



	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). Gas Central Heating If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:		
	i) When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed?	1999 and 2007	
	(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?	Yes No	□ x
	If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract: There has been a regular, Gas Safety Inspection at the property since 2013, the current Landlord Gas Safety Record is dated 28 th August 2020.		
	(iii) When was your maintenance agreement last renewed? (Please provide the month and year).		
8.	Energy Performance Certificate		
	Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?	Yes No	x
9.	Issues that may have affected your property		
a.	Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it?	Yes No	X
	If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?	Yes No	
b.	Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property? If you have answered yes, please give details:	Yes No	x
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10.	Services				
a. Ple suppli		e connected to your property	and give o	letails of the	
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Servi	ces	Connected	Supplier		
Gas	or liquid petroleum gas	Gas	Scottish G	as	
Water mains or private		Mains Water	Moray Cou	y Council	
water	supply				
Elect	ricity	Electricity	Scottish H	ish Hydro	
Mains	s drainage	Mains Drainage	Moray Cou	ray Council	
Telep	hone	Not Connected			
Cable	e TV or satellite	Not Connected			
Broadband		Not Connected			
b.	Is there a septic tank syst	em at your property?			
Σ.		, please answer the two que	stions	Yes No	∐ X
	(i) Do you have appropriat	te consents for the discharg	e from	Yes	
	your septic tank? (ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank?		No Don't know		
			Yes No		
	If you have answered yes with which you have a ma				
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11.	Responsibilities for share				
a.	Are you aware of any respo anything used jointly, such	Yes No	x □		
	road, boundary, or garden area?			Don't know	
	If you have answered yes, p				
	There is common ownershiplace. There has not been	ed out on			
	this while I have owned 21, Place to have responsibility				
	50% shared equally between				
b.		contribute to repair and main	tenance of	Yes	
	the roof, common stairwell or other common areas? If you have answered yes, please give details:			No Don't know	x □



C.	Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the property?	Yes No	x
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?	Yes No	х
	If you have answered yes, please give details: Right of access across the back garden of 23 Albert Place to backdoor and garden of the house.		
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?	Yes No	X
	If you have answered yes, please give details:		
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.)	Yes No	x
	If you have answered yes, please give details:		
12.	Charges associated with your property		
a.	Is there a factor or property manager for your property? If you have answered yes, please provide the name and address,	Yes No	x
	and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:		
b.	Is there a common buildings insurance policy?	Yes No	X
	If you have answered yes, is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?	Don't know	
C.	Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regular upkeep of common areas or repair works, for example to a resident maintenance or stair fund.		r
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?	Yes No	x
	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.		
	Insecticidal treatment against common furniture beetle was		



	carried out in 1979, before I owned the property. I have the guarantee which has now run out.					
	As far as you are aware, has any preventa rot, or damp ever been carried out to your			ot, wet	Yes No	x
	If you have answered yes, please give details:					
b.	A survey was carried out before I purchased the property in 1998. The purpose of the survey was to determine the presence and extent of attack of wood boring insects, wood rotting fungi and rising damp. The survey showed that no specialised treatments were required. I have the paperwork.					
	If you have answered yes to 13(a) or (b), do guarantees relating to this work?	o you ha	ve any		Yes No	x
	If you have answered yes, these guarantees will be needed by the					
	purchaser and should be given to your sol possible for checking. If you do not have t			and		
C.	your solicitor or estate agent will arrange	for them	to be obta	ained.		
	You will also need to provide a description out. This may be shown in the original esti		ork carrie	ed		
	Guarantees are held by:					
	Myself, but it has run out as explained in 1	3a above	9.			
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14.	Guarantees					
14. a.	Guarantees Are there any guarantees or warranties for	any of th	ne followi	ng:		
		any of th	ne followi Yes	ng: Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
		<u> </u>		Don't		Lost
a.	Are there any guarantees or warranties for	No	Yes	Don't		Lost
a. (i)	Are there any guarantees or warranties for Electrical work Roofing Central heating	No x	Yes	Don't know	deeds	
(i) (ii)	Are there any guarantees or warranties for Electrical work Roofing	No x x	Yes	Don't know	deeds	
a. (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v)	Are there any guarantees or warranties for Electrical work Roofing Central heating National House Building Council	No x x x	Yes	Don't know	deeds	
a. (i) (ii) (iii) (iv)	Are there any guarantees or warranties for Electrical work Roofing Central heating National House Building Council (NHBC) Damp course Any other work or installations?	No x x x x	Yes	Don't know	deeds	
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15.	Boundaries		
	So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in the last 10 years? If you have answered yes, please give details:	Yes No Don't know	□ x □
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 No	X
b.	that affects your property in some other way?	Yes No	X
C.	that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?	Yes No	□ x
	If you have answered yes to any of a-c above, please give the no solicitor or estate agent, including any notices which arrive at ar date of entry of the purchaser of your property.		he

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

I confirm that the information in this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and be lief.

Signature(s): Carol A Flett

Date: 04/10/2020





