







- 1. Single Survey
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### survey report on:

Property address	Thornton Croft, Grange, Keith, AB55 6SB
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Customer	Mr & Mrs N Boyd
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Customer address	

Prepared by Harvey Donaldson And Gibson
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Date of inspection	24th March 2021
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HARVEY DONALDSON & GIBSON CHARTERED SURVEYORS

Thornton Croft, Grange, Keith, AB55 6SB 24th March 2021 Roz Melen

### 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 Property<sup>1</sup>.

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

The 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

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

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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.<sup>2</sup>

### 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;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Which shall be in accordance with the current RICS Valuation Standards (The Red Book) and RICS Rules of Conduct

### Terms and Conditions

- 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.

set in large garden grounds. The original dwelling has been extended.
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Accommodation	The Accommodation comprises -
	Ground floor: Entrance Hall, Living room, Sitting room/Bedroom 3, Kitchen with dining area, Utility room and Bathroom.
	First floor: Landing, Two Bedrooms and Shower room.

Gross internal floor area (m <sup>2</sup> )	145

Neighbourhood and location	The property is located in a rural area, situated approximately 3.5 miles or thereabouts east of Keith, off the A95 trunk road.
	There are no amenities in the immediate vicinity, but amenities are available in Keith, including schools.
	This area has been identified as being affected by radon gas emissions from the ground. Radon is an odourless and invisible radioactive gas that is given off by some types of subsoil. Historically this gas did not build up inside properties to a significant degree because of high ventilation rates commonly associated with solid fuel fires and open chimney flues. The tendency to build modern houses in a more draught proof manner to prevent excessive heat loss increases the risk that a build up of radon gas can occur inside a building. High levels of radon gas increase the risk of lung cancer.

Age	121 years.
Weather	It was dry at the time of the inspection.
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.

The chimneys are stone.

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 roof is pitched, timber supported and clad externally in slates, topped in ridging.
	Access to the roof space is from a hatch in the upper landing ceiling. Inspection reveals a traditionally constructed roof structure comprising timber joists, rafters and sarking with a brick party wall.
	The rear extension roof is flat and understood be to clad in a single ply waterproof membrane.
Rainwater fittings	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	Rainwater discharge is via uPVC and cast iron gutters and uPVC and cast iron downpipes.
	A parapet gutter is present to the rear extension.
Main walls	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.
	The main walls of the property are of 600mm sandstone masonry construction, all timber strapped, lathed and plastered or dry lined internally.
	Solid stone walls are a traditional method of building that has been established for several hundred years.
	The rear extension appears to be of solid rendered brick construction.
	Solid brick walls rely on their thickness to prevent weather penetration. Over time experience has shown that solid 225mm thick walls (a brick length thick) will be able to provide a reasonable level of performance under normal conditions, although low level dampness can occur during winter months.

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.
	Replacement uPVC framed double glazed windows.
	Timber framed double glazed doors.
	Some windows are of a Velux window type.
	Cladding in PVC/or a composite thereof.

External decorations	Visually inspected.
	External surfaces are painted, where applicable.

Conservatories / porches	None.
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Communal areas	None.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	Visually inspected.
	Single garage with workshop and upper floor adjacent to the main dwelling formed by conversion of an older structure.
	Solid stone walls under a pitched timber-supported roof covered with slates.

Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected.
	There are garden grounds surrounding the main dwelling with driveway parking, adequately bounded.
	The drive is gravel.

Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level.
	Ceilings throughout the property appear to be mainly of plasterboard materials with some lath & plater.
	It is sometimes difficult or impossible to conclusively determine the exact nature of the construction from a simple visual inspection because the decorative finish can conceal the construction. The description of the construction is the surveyor's opinion provided on the basis of a visual inspection.

Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level.
	Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.
	Internal partitions appear to be of timber stud design, plasterboard lined on both faces, some with lath and plaster, and some masonry in the form of exposed stone or plastered.

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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 and partly of solid construction.
	The first floor is timber.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.
	Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.
	Kitchen fittings comprise a range of wall and base units and work surfaces.
	The internal doors are timber panelled.
	The staircase is timber.
	Various timber cupboards.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	Visually inspected.
	No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.
	There is a stove in the Dining area and in the Living room.
	There is an unused fireplace in the Sitting room/Bedroom 3.
	It is understood that fireplaces were an original feature of the building; however, a number of the fireplaces have been blocked, the surrounds removed and are no longer operational. It is assumed that any unused flues are suitably vented.

Internal decorations	Visually inspected.
	The ceilings and walls are painted.

Cellars	None.

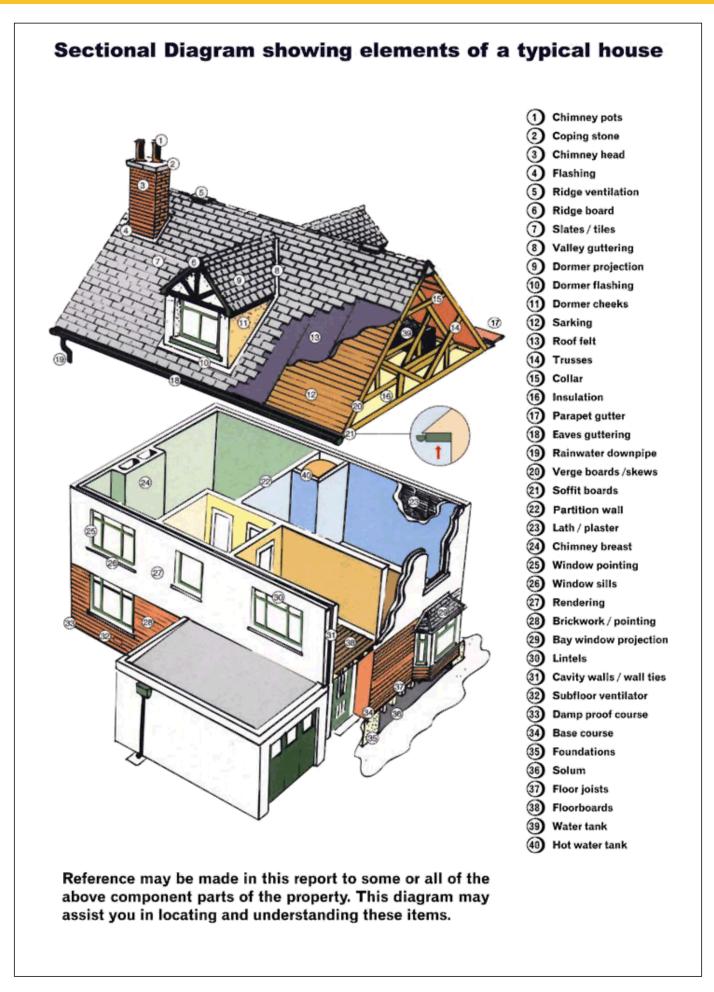
Electricity	Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on. A mains supply of electricity is connected to the property, the electrical meter and circuit breaker consumer unit located in the hallway and serving 13 Amp square pin sockets throughout.
	Wiring, where visible, is sheathed in uPVC.

Gas	No gas.
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.
	Cold water is from the mains supply and via the cold water storage tank located in the roof space which is lagged.
	Visible plumbing comprises copper and uPVC supply pipework.
	The bathroom contains a bath tub, wash hand basin and WC.
	The shower room contains a modern shower cubicle, wash hand basin and WC.

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 boiler is oil-fired, a domestic heating oil tank being situated to the rear of the main dwelling.
Heating to the rooms is provided by water filled radiators.
Hot water is stored in a storage cylinder.
Local heating is provided by solid fuel stoves.

Drainage	Drainage covers etc were not lifted.
	Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.
	Foul drainage is believed to be taken a septic tank.
	Under Government legislation the provision of a septic tank within a property requires SEPA consent. This agency has powers to ensure that tanks comply with the latest criteria; therefore, it is important that you seek the necessary approval.

Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	Visually inspected. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. The property has hard-wired smoke detectors.
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 report does not include an asbestos inspection. However asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 2000, when it became a banned substance. If the possibility of asbestos based products has been reported within the limitations of the inspection and you have concerns you should engage a qualified asbestos surveyor.



### 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. The movement is considered to be longstanding in nature with no indication of recent structural deterioration. On the basis of a limited single inspection, no further significant movement is anticipated.

Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	2
Notes	There is evidence of wood boring beetles in the roof timbers:
	- On the basis of a single inspection at this time of year it is often difficult or impossible to tell whether an infestation is still active or not.
	- Evidence of fresh activity is only usually only visible during the flight season between April and August.
	- The appearance of the flight holes would however suggest that this is old and there is no evidence of fresh activity.
	- A period of monitoring will be required to confirm whether the infestation is still active or not.
	- Further investigation will be required by a suitably qualified person.

Chimney stacks	
Repair category	1
Notes	From a ground level inspection, no obvious significant defects were noted to chimneyheads, allowing for normal weathering.

Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	1
Notes	Roof slating, where viewed from ground level, appears to have been laid to generally even courses with no obvious significant defects noted.
	The roof covering has been repaired where individual slates have slipped but is generally satisfactory.
	Some slates have minor chips.
	A slated roof of this age will be a constant maintenance priority.
	It should be fully appreciated that a flat roof, even when new does have a limited life and always requires regular and careful ongoing maintenance to ensure it remains in a wind and watertight condition.

Rainwater fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	No significant disrepair was noted to rainwater goods. It will however be appreciated that the inspection was carried out during dry weather conditions. Sometimes defects in rainwater goods are only apparent during, or after heavy rainfall.
	Cast iron components show signs of corrosion. Parapet gutters are notorious for problems as any leakage tends to be directed back into the fabric of the building. This can, in due course, lead to timber decay.

Main walls	
Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects were noted to accessible wall surfaces.
	As is typical of properties of this age and type in this location, stone erosion has occurred.
	The walls are affected by normal weathering.
	Wall render is satisfactory.

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects were noted to windows, doors or external joinery. Whilst there was no obvious defect on the date of inspection, it should be appreciated that double glazed sealed units do have a limited life expectancy, and defective seals can lead to condensation between the panes, necessitating in the replacement of the unit. This can sometimes only be obvious during adverse weather conditions.

External decorations	
Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects noted.

Conservatories/porches	
Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.

Communal areas	
Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category	2
Notes	Garage timbers show signs of damage, weathering, deterioration, staining and may not offer adequate support to the roof structure.
	Open jointing, cracking and staining was noted to garage stone work.
	Slates are cracked, chipped and have slipped, with ridge covering missing to part of the roof.
	Rainwater run-off is ineffective as there are no gutters.
	Staining to garage flooring.
	There is evidence of wood boring beetle in the garage roof timbers:
	- On the basis of a single inspection at this time of year it is often difficult or impossible to tell whether an infestation is still active or not.
	- Evidence of fresh activity is only usually only visible during the flight season between April and August.
	- The appearance of the flight holes would however suggest that this is old and there is no evidence of fresh activity.
	- A period of monitoring will be required to confirm whether the infestation is still active or not.
	- Further investigation will be required by a suitably qualified person.

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category	1
Notes	Outside areas and boundaries appear adequate for purpose.
	The property is situated close to mature trees. Whilst no obvious physical damage was evident, it should be noted that is not recommended that trees be planted closer to a building than a distance equal to their fully grown height. Tree roots can cause damage to structures and services, particularly in shrinkable soils. The requirement for gutter maintenance in the autumn should also be recognised, along with the risk of storm damage.
	There are trees growing within potential influencing distance of the property. The trees will, of course, grow progressively larger with time and the risk of damage will increase. The trees should be managed to prevent them from increasing in size.
	Stonework to garden walls is damaged in places.
	The outlying boundaries were not inspected and are assumed to be in satisfactory condition.

Ceilings	
Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects were noted to ceiling surfaces.

Internal walls	
Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects were noted to the internal walls.

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.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	Internal joinery is of mixed design and vintage, and appears serviceable.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects were noted to the chimney breasts or fireplaces.
	It is generally regarded as good building practice to keep disused flues permanently vented to prevent condensation damage.
	No inspection of inner flue linings was possible.
	Where redundant fireplaces are sealed off, it is important the flues are sufficiently ventilated to prevent a built up of condensation within the redundant flue. The internal condition and serviceability of any flue cannot be determined from a visual inspection. If any of the fireplaces are to be opened up and used, the flues should be smoke tested before use and swept and lined if necessary.

Internal decorations	
Repair category	1
Notes	Internal decorations are fresh throughout.

Cellars	
Repair category	-
Notes Not applicable.	

Electricity	
Repair category	2
Notes	It is likely that only properties recently constructed or rewired will have electrical installations that fully comply with current regulations.
	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.
	The electrical system is relativity modern but there is no evidence of a recent test.

Gas	
Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.

T-         Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects noted to accessible plumbing or sanitary fittings. Given the presence of a shower over the tray, it is essential that all wall linings, tile grout, seals, etc are maintained in good condition. Failure to do so can lead to concealed defects behind wall finishes, and below the shower tray. As the tray is boxed in, it will be appreciated that it is not possible to comment on concealed locations. The plumbing in the majority of properties built before 1945 was carried in lead. Given the age of the property, there is a risk that there could be lead piping in concealed locations. Should this be encountered, it would be essential to have this replaced, on health grounds.

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.

Drainage	
Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects were noted to the drainage system, within the limitations of the inspection.
	It is understood that drainage is to a septic tank. The valuation reported assumes that the septic tank is for the sole use of the subjects under report, that it has been registered with and is fully compliant with all requirements of the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), both with regard to the tank and its outfall.

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	2
Chimney stacks	1
Roofing including roof space	1
Rainwater fittings	1
Main walls	1
Windows, external doors and joinery	1
External decorations	1
Conservatories/porches	-
Communal areas	-
Garages and permanent outbuildings	2
Outside areas and boundaries	1
Ceilings	1
Internal walls	1
Floors including sub-floors	1
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	1
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	1
Internal decorations	1
Cellars	-
Electricity	2
Gas	-
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.

The legal adviser should check that all necessary statutory approvals have been obtained for the alterations to the ground floor layout.

Drainage, it is understood is to a exclusive septic tank which we understand lies within the feu. This was not checked or tested. It should be ensured that appropriate registration documents are available.

This area has been identified as being affected by radon gas emissions from the ground. Radon is an odourless and invisible radioactive gas that is given off by some types of subsoil. Historically this gas did not build up inside properties to a significant degree because of high ventilation rates commonly associated with solid fuel fires and open chimney flues. The tendency to build modern houses in a more draught proof manner to prevent excessive heat loss increases the risk that a build up of radon gas can occur inside a building. High levels of radon gas increase the risk of lung cancer.

### Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

£420,000 (Four hundred and twenty thousand pounds).

### Valuation and market comments

In its present condition the opinion of valuation for the Outright Ownership interest with vacant possession on 24th March 2021 is:

£240,000 (Two hundred and forty thousand pounds sterling).

Property market activity has been impacted due to the current response to Covid-19. This has resulted in an unprecedented set of circumstances on which to make a valuation judgement. The advice is therefore reported on the basis of "material valuation uncertainty" as per the RICS Red Book Global definition. Consequently, less certainty can be attached to the valuation than would otherwise be the case. It is recommended that the valuation of this property is kept under frequent review as more market evidence becomes available.

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	Electronically signed

Report author	Mark McClelland-Jones

Company name	Harvey Donaldson And Gibson

Address	Caledonian House Business Centre, High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BD
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Date of report	25th March 2021



Property Address	
Address Seller's Name Date of Inspection	Thornton Croft, Grange, Keith, AB55 6SB Mr & Mrs N Boyd 24th March 2021
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	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 be e.g. local authority, mi	lieve that the property was built for the public sector, Yes X No ilitary, police?
Flats/Maisonettes only	y 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	1       Living room(s)       3       Bedroom(s)       1       Kitchen(s)         2       Bathroom(s)       0       WC(s)       0       Other (Specify in General remarks)
Gross Floor Area (exc	cluding garages and outbuildings) 145 m <sup>2</sup> (Internal) 172 m <sup>2</sup> (External)
Residential Element (	greater than 40%) 🗶 Yes 🗌 No
Garage / Parking / 0	Outbuildings
X Single garage Available on site?	Double garage       Parking space       No garage / garage space / parking space         X Yes       No
Permanent outbuilding	gs:
No permanent outbu	uildings.

Construction								
Walls	Brick	X Stone	Concr	ete 🗌 Tim	ber frame	Othe	r (specify in Ger	eral Remarks)
Roof	Tile	X Slate	Aspha	lt 🗌 Felt		Othe	r (specify in Ger	neral Remarks)
Special Risks								
Has the property s	uffered struct	ural moveme	ent?				Yes	X No
If Yes, is this recer	nt or progress	ive?					Yes	No
Is there evidence, immediate vicinity?		ason to antic	ipate subside	nce, heave,	landslip o	or flood in the	e Yes	X No
If Yes to any of the	above, provi	de details in	General Ren	narks.				
Service Connect	tion							
Based on visual in of the supply in Ge			ces appear to	be non-mai	ns, please	e comment o	on the type a	nd location
Drainage	Mains	X Private	None		Water	X Mains	Private	None
Electricity	X Mains	Private	None		Gas	Mains	Private	X None
Central Heating	X Yes	Partial	None					
Brief description of	Central Heat	ting:						
Heating fuel: Oil Heating type: Ra	diators							
Site								
Apparent legal issu	ies to be veri	fied by the c	onvevancer	Please provi	de a brief	description	in General R	emarks
Rights of way	Shared drive	•	_ ·	ther amenities		· _	red service conr	
Ill-defined boundarie	es	Agricul	tural land include				er (specify in Ge	
Location								
Residential suburb     Commuter village		idential within to		Mixed residenti Isolated rural p		_	nly commercial er (specify in Ge	neral Remarks)
Planning Issues								
Has the property b If Yes provide deta			/ altered?	X Yes N	lo			
Roads								
X Made up road	Unmade road	l Partly	completed new	road 🗌 F	Pedestrian a	ccess only	Adopted	Unadopted

### **General Remarks**

When inspected within limits imposed by occupation, the general condition of the property appears consistent with its age and type of construction, and no obvious significant defects were noted which would adversely affect the subjects as a mortgage security.

Private drainage in the form of a septic tank.

Property has been extended to the rear and altered internally.

#### **Essential Repairs**

None noted.			
Estimated cost of essential repairs £	Retention recommended?	X No	Amount £

### **Comment on Mortgageability**

The property affords adequate security for loan purposes based on the valuation figure, subject to individual
lender's criteria.

Valuations	
Market value in present condition	£ 240,000
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)	£ 420,000
Is a reinspection necessary?	Yes X No
Buy To Let Cases	
What is the reasonable range of monthly rental income for the property assuming a letting on a 6 month Short Assured Tenancy basis?	£
Is the property in an area where there is a steady demand for rented accommodation of this type?	Yes No
Declaration	

Signed	Security Print Code [452558 = 9290]O Electronically signed by:-
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Professional qualifications	AssocRICS
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Report date	25th March 2021

### **Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)**

# Scotland

Dwellings

### THORNTON CROFT, GRANGE, KEITH, AB55 6SB

Dwelling type:	Detached house
Date of assessment:	24 March 2021
Date of certificate:	24 March 2021
Total floor area:	145 m²
Primary Energy Indicator:	246 kWh/m²/year

#### **Reference number:** Type of assessment: Approved Organisation: Main heating and fuel:

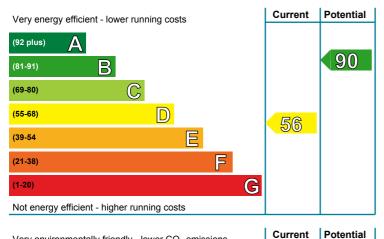
2245-1003-6207-9479-4204 RdSAP, existing dwelling Elmhurst Boiler and radiators, oil

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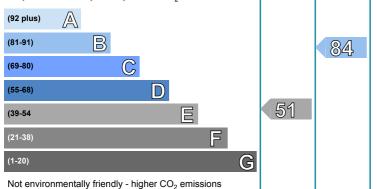
- Compare current ratings of properties to see which are more energy efficient and environmentally friendly
- Find out how to save energy and money and also reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by improving your home

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	£4,560	See your recommendations
Over 3 years you could save*	£1,236	report for more information

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



Very environmentally friendly - lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



### **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 (56). 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 (CO<sub>2</sub>) 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 E (51)**. 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 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£471.00
2 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£405.00
3 Floor insulation (solid floor)	£4,000 - £6,000	£123.00

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)	**☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
	Solid brick, as built, insulated (assumed)	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Roof	Pitched, 400+ mm loft insulation	$\star \star \star \star \star$	****
	Flat, insulated (assumed) Roof room(s), insulated	★★★☆☆ ★★★★☆	★★★☆☆ ★★★★☆
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed) Solid, no insulation (assumed)		
Windows	Fully double glazed	<b>★★★★☆</b>	★★★★☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, oil	<b>★★★</b> ☆☆	★★★☆☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, TRVs and bypass	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Secondary heating	Room heaters, wood logs	—	
Hot water	From main system	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 64% 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, CO<sub>2</sub> 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 58 kg  $CO_2/m^2/yr$ .

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 8.5 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 5.1 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.

### Estimated energy costs for this home

Estimated energy costs for this nome				
	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings	
Heating	£3,687 over 3 years	£2,706 over 3 years		
Hot water	£477 over 3 years	£327 over 3 years	You could	
Lighting	£396 over 3 years	£291 over 3 years	save £1,236	
Totals	£4,560	£3,324	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.

De		Indicative cost	Typical saving	Rating after improvement		
Re	commended measures	indicative cost	per year	Energy	Environment	
1	Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£157	D 61	D 56	
2	Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£135	D 65	D 60	
3	Floor insulation (solid floor)	£4,000 - £6,000	£41	D 66	D 62	
4	Low energy lighting for all fixed outlets	£20	£30	<b>D</b> 67	D 62	
5	Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£50	C 69	D 65	
6	Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£3,500 - £5,500	£298	C 76	C 71	
7	Wind turbine	£15,000 - £25,000	£676	B 90	B 84	

### 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.



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### 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 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 longlasting 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.

### 2 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.

### 3 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.

### 4 Low energy lighting

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

### 5 Solar water heating

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

#### 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.

### 7 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:

Biomass secondary heating

### 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)	20,049	N/A	N/A	(2,684)
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,680			

### 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:	Mr. Mark McClelland-Jones
Assessor membership number:	EES/020000
Company name/trading name:	Harvey Donaldson & Gibson Chartered Surveyors
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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 greenerscotland.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.







Property address	Thornton Croft Grange Keith Moray AB55 6SB	
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Seller(s)	Mr N and Mrs A S Boyd
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Completion date of property	
questionnaire	



VALUATION REPORT



### 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? 11		
2.	Council tax		
	Which Council Tax band is your property in? (Please tick)		
	A D B D C D D E F G 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 special architectural or historical interest, the character or	Yes No	$\square$
	appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)?	Don't know	
5.	Listed buildings		
	Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (that is a building recognised and approved as being of special	Yes	
	architectural or historical interest)?	No	$\square$
6.	Alterations/additions/extensions		
a.	(i) During your time in the property, have you carried out any		
	structural alterations, additions or extensions (for example, provision of an extra bath/shower room, toilet, or bedroom)?	Yes No	$\boxtimes$
	provision of an exit a bathyshower room, tonet, or bear oom)?		



	<u>If you have answered yes,</u> please describe below the changes which you have made:		
	<ul> <li>(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work?</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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:</li> </ul>	Yes No	
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	
	(i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?	Yes No	$\Box$
	(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?	Yes No	$\square$
	<ul> <li>(iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or approximate dates when the work was completed):</li> <li>Approx 2011 the back door was moved to the side in an existing The width and height of the opening was not altered. The origina partially blocked up and replaced with a window. In February 202 windows were replaced.</li> <li>Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to y estate agent.</li> </ul>	window openin al back door was 21 the 4 front	g.
7.	Central heating		
а.	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	
	<u>If you have answered yes or partial</u> – what kind of central heating is there? (Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air). <u>If you have answered yes</u> , please answer the three questions	Oil	
	below:		



	i) When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed?	Not known, prior to our ownership	
	<ul> <li>(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?</li> <li>If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:</li> </ul>	Yes No	
	(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	$\square$
9.	Issues that may have affected your property		
а.	Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it?	Yes No	
	If you have answered 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	



10.	Services					
	a. Please tick which services are connected to your property and give details of the supplier:					
Servi	Services Connected Supplie					
Gaso	or liquid petroleum gas					
	Water mains or privateYes, mainsScottish Wawater supply		/ater			
Elect		Yes	Scottish P	ower		
	s drainage					
	bhone					
-	e TV or satellite					
	dband					
БГОА	ubanu					
b.	Is there a septic tank syst	om at your proporty?				
<b>D</b> .		, please answer the two que	estions	Yes No	$\square$	
	(i) Do you have appropria your septic tank?	te consents for the dischar	ge from	Yes No Don't know	$\boxtimes$	
	(ii) Do you have a mainter	nance contract for your sep	tic tank?	Yes No	X	
	If you have answered yes with which you have a ma	, please give details of the intenance contract:	company			
11.	Responsibilities for share	d or common areas				
a.		nsibility to contribute to the as the repair of a shared dri area?		Yes No Don't know		
	<u>If you have answered yes</u> , p	blease give details:				
b.	Is there a responsibility to o the roof, common stairwell	contribute to repair and main or other common areas?	ntenance of	Yes No Don't know		
	<u>If you have answered yes,</u> p	blease give details:				
C.	Has there been any major r roof during the time you ha	epair or replacement of any ve owned the property?	part of the	Yes 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?	Yes No	
	<u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u>		
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	
	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	
	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?	Yes No	
	If you have answered yes, please provide the name and address, and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:	NU	
b.	Is there a common buildings insurance policy?	Yes	
	If you have answered yes, is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?	No Don't know	
C.	Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regulu upkeep of common areas or repair works, for example to a resident maintenance or stair fund.		r
13.	Specialist works		
а.	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	
	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.		
	As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property?	Yes No	
b.	<u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u>	Approx 2011 v removed the cement rende	



		from both gable ends and replaced with lime mortar pointing.
	If you have answered yes to 13(a) or (b), do you have any	Yes 🗌
	guarantees relating to this work?	No 🛛
c.	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, 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:							
		No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost		
(i)	Electrical work	$\boxtimes$						
(ii)	Roofing	$\boxtimes$						
(iii)	Central heating	$\boxtimes$						
(iv)	National House Building Council (NHBC)	$\boxtimes$						
(v)	Damp course	$\boxtimes$						
(vi)	Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)							
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):							
с.	Are there any outstanding claims under an listed above? If you have answered yes, please give det	es	Yes No					
	<u>n you have answered yes,</u> please give det							
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			
16.	Notices that affect your property							
	In the past three years have you ever re							
a.	advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a				Yes			



	planning application?	No	$\boxtimes$
b.	that affects your property in some other way?	Yes No	
c.	that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?	Yes No	
	<u>If you have answered yes to any of a-c</u> above, please give solicitor or estate agent, including any notices which arriv date of entry of the purchaser of your property.	the notices to you e at any time befo	ur re the

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

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

Signature(s): Adele Boyd

Date: 22/03/2021





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