

# Single Survey

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survey report on:

<b>Property address</b>	FIR COTTAGE MOUSWALD DUMFRIES DG1 4LU
<b>Customer</b>	Mr & Mrs Anderson
<b>Customer address</b>	Fir Cottage Mouswald Dumfries DG1 4LU
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## PART 1 - GENERAL

### 1.1 THE SURVEYORS

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

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

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

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

The individual Surveyor will be a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors who is competent to survey, value and report upon Residential Property<sup>1</sup>.

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

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

### 1.2 THE REPORT

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

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

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

To date, 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 the expectation that the successful Purchaser will have relied upon it. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors rules require disclosure of any potential conflict of interest when acting for the Seller and the Purchaser in the same transaction. The Single Survey may give rise to a conflict of interest and if this is of concern to any party they are advised to seek their own independent advice.

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

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<sup>2</sup> will be from information contained in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report.

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

## 1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

All intellectual property rights whatsoever (including copyright) in and to the Report, excluding the headings and rubrics, are the exclusive property of the Surveyors and shall remain their exclusive property unless they assign the same to any other party in writing.

## 1.7 PAYMENT

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

## 1.8 CANCELLATION

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

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

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

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

## 1.9 PRECEDENCE

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

## 1.10 DEFINITIONS

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

- the "Market Value" is the estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion;
- the "Property" is the property which forms the subject of the Report;
- the "Purchaser" is the person (or persons) who enters into a contract to buy the Property from the Seller;
- a "prospective Purchaser" is anyone considering buying the Property;
- the "Report" is the report, of the kind described in Part 2 of these Terms and Conditions and in the form set out in part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008;
- the "Seller" is/are the proprietor(s) of the Property;
- the "Surveyor" is the author of the Report on the Property; and
- the "Surveyors" are the firm or company of which the Surveyor is an employee, director, member or partner (unless the Surveyor is not an employee, director, member or partner, when the "Surveyors" means the Surveyor) whose details are set out at the head of the Report.
- the "Energy Report" is the advice given by the accredited Energy Company, based on information collected by the Surveyor during the Inspection, and also includes an Energy Performance Certificate, in a Government approved format.

## PART 2 - DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT

### 2.1 THE SERVICE

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

### 2.2 THE INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

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

## 2.3 THE REPORT

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

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

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

### **WARNING:**

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

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

## 2.4 SERVICES

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

## 2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

## 2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

## 2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

"Market Value" 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. 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.

<b>Description</b>	Detached single storey cottage.
<b>Accommodation</b>	Ground Floor: Entrance Hallway, Lounge, 2 Bedrooms, Kitchen/Dinette and Bathroom with w.c.
<b>Gross internal floor area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	75 sq.m or thereby.
<b>Neighbourhood and location</b>	The property is situated in a small commuter village approximately 7 miles southeast of the town of Dumfries where main facilities can be found. There is a burn across the road from the property but there is no known liability to flooding affecting the dwelling. There is a Telephone Exchange Building to the side.
<b>Age</b>	The property is understood to have been constructed in 1892.
<b>Weather</b>	Llght showers.
<b>Chimney stacks</b>	<b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b>  There are two chimney heads of solid stone construction with lead flashings.
<b>Roofing including roof space</b>	<b>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b>  <b>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.</b>  <b>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.</b>  The roof is pitched and laid in slates with tiled ridging.



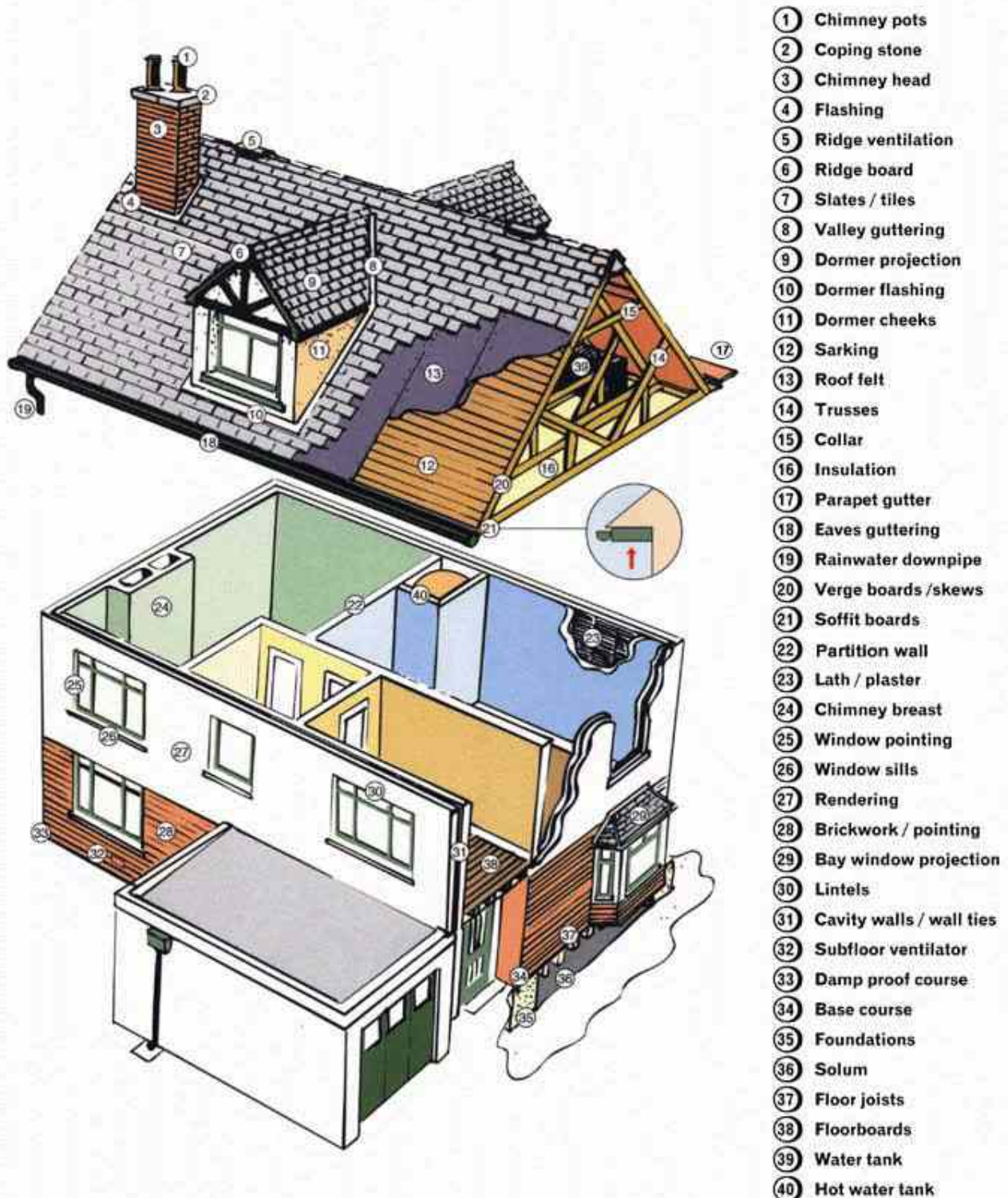
	<p>Access to the roof voids was via hatches in the ceilings of the hallways. There were head and shoulders inspections only. They are insulated but not floored.</p>
<b>Rainwater fittings</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b></p> <p>The gutters and downpipes are a mixture of PVC and cast iron.</p>
<b>Main walls</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b></p> <p><b>Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</b></p> <p>The main walls are of solid stone construction externally painted, extended in cavity brick part rendered and painted.</p>
<b>Windows, external doors and joinery</b>	<p><b>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</b></p> <p><b>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</b></p> <p><b>Doors and windows were not forced open.</b></p> <p>The main entrance door is UPVC with a UPVC double glazed rear door.</p> <p>The windows are UPVC sealed unit double glazed of casement design.</p>
<b>External decorations</b>	<b>Visually inspected.</b>
<b>Conservatories / porches</b>	None.
<b>Communal areas</b>	None.
<b>Garages and permanent outbuildings</b>	There is no garage and there are no permanent outbuildings.
<b>Outside areas and boundaries</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p>There are garden grounds surrounding the property bounded by stone dykes, concrete block walling and post and wire fencing. There is also an area of ground on the opposite side of the road used for parking.</p>

<b>Ceilings</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected from floor level.</b></p> <p>The ceilings appear to be mainly of plasterboard with some timber lath and plaster ceilings possibly remaining.</p>
<b>Internal walls</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected from floor level.</b></p> <p><b>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</b></p> <p>The internal walls are a mixture of plaster on the hard and timber stud and plasterboard.</p>
<b>Floors including sub floors</b>	<p><b>Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p>The floors are solid concrete construction part timber. The property was fully furnished and the floors were covered throughout and accordingly our view of the floor timbers/surfaces was restricted. We were unable to locate an access hatch to any sub floor areas which may exist.</p>
<b>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings</b>	<p><b>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</b></p> <p><b>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</b></p> <p>The internal doors are a mixture of timber panelled and timber and glazed. The kitchen has modern wall and base storage units.</p>
<b>Chimney breasts and fireplaces</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</b></p> <p>The lounge has a solid fuel stove with a tiled hearth.</p>
<b>Internal decorations</b>	<b>Visually inspected.</b>
<b>Cellars</b>	None.

Electricity	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p>There is a mains supply of electricity. There is a 13 amp circuit. The electric meter and consumer units are in the left hand bedroom's wall cupboard.</p>
Gas	None.
Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings	<p><b>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p>There is a mains supply of water. The kitchen has a stainless steel sink unit. The bathroom has a modern three piece white suite with an electric shower fitted over the bath. There is no cold water storage tank required for this system.</p>
Heating and hot water	<p><b>Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p>Space heating is by means of an oil fired central heating system with radiators located in the main apartments linked by copper piping. The majority of radiators have individual thermostatic controls and there is a programmer in the kitchen. There is a plastic oil storage tank at the rear. The system is operated via a free standing 'Boulter' central heating boiler, in the kitchen, having a balanced flue. It is a combi boiler which heats the hot water with no hot water storage tank required.</p>
Drainage	<p><b>Drainage covers etc. were not lifted.</b></p> <p><b>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</b></p> <p>Drainage is connected to a septic tank in the garden on the opposite side of the road.</p>
Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p>There is a mains connected smoke detection system.</p> <p>No comment is made on the existence or otherwise of a burglar alarm.</p>

<b>Any additional limits to inspection</b>	An inspection for Japanese Knotweed was not carried out. This is a plant which is subject to control regulation, is considered to be invasive and one which can render a property unsuitable for some mortgage lenders. It is therefore assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed within the boundaries of the property or its neighbouring property. Identification of Japanese Knotweed is best undertaken by a specialist contractor.
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**Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house**





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


**2. Condition**


This section identifies problems and tells you about the urgency of any repairs by using one of the following 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	No significant evidence noted.

 Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	2
Notes	There is evidence of woodworm in the roof timbers. There is slight damp mould to walls at the front door and in the right hand bedroom.

 Chimney stacks	
Repair category	1
Notes	No immediate action or repair is needed.

 Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	2
Notes	There is evidence of woodworm in the roof timbers. There are signs of bats in the roof void. This is a protected species. There are spalling ridge tiles.

 Rainwater fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	No immediate action or repair is needed.



## Main walls

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Spalling brickwork on the right hand gable has been painted over.



## Windows, external doors and joinery

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No immediate action or repair is needed.



## External decorations

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No immediate action or repair is needed.



## Conservatories/porches

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Not applicable.



## Communal areas

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Not applicable.



## Garages and permanent outbuildings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Not applicable.



## Outside areas and boundaries

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	There is cracking to the concrete block wall at the side.



## Ceilings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No immediate action or repair is needed.



## Internal walls

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No immediate action or repair is needed.



## Floors including sub-floors

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No immediate action or repair is needed.



## Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No immediate action or repair is needed.



## Chimney breasts and fireplaces

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No immediate action or repair is needed.



## Internal decorations

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No immediate action or repair is needed.



## Cellars

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Not applicable.



**Electricity**

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No immediate action or repair is needed.  The Institute of Electrical Engineers recommends that inspection and testings are undertaken at least every 10 years and on a change of occupancy. It should be appreciated that only the most recently constructed or rewired properties will have installations which fully comply with present IEE Regulations.

**Gas**

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Not applicable.

**Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings**

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No immediate action or repair is needed.

**Heating and hot water**

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No immediate action or repair is needed.

**Drainage**

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No immediate action or repair is needed.

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

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

**4. Valuation and conveyancer issues**

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

**Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer**

The main road fronting the property is made but is understood to be private. It is assumed that the relevant access rights are in place and that there is a liability for an equitable share in the upkeep.

The property has a septic tank drainage system and it is assumed that all the relevant permissions are in order.

The property has been extended in the past, likely to have been in the mid 1970s.

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

**Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes**

In our opinion the reinstatement cost assessment for insurance purposes may be fairly stated at £195,000.

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

**Valuation and market comments**

Having considered matters, taking into account the foregoing and our observations on site, we are of the opinion that the current Market Value of the subjects, in their present condition and having the benefit of full vacant possession, may be fairly stated in the capital sum of £130,000 (ONE HUNDRED & THIRTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

<b>Signed</b>	Security Print Code [484030*DRAFT* ] Electronically signed
<b>Report author</b>	J Malcolm Hunter
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<b>Address</b>	18 Castle Street, Dumfries, DG1 1DR
<b>Date of report</b>	6th September 2017



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## Property Address

Address **FIR COTTAGE, MOUSWALD, DUMFRIES, DG1 4LU**  
 Seller's Name **Mr & Mrs Anderson**  
 Date of Inspection **4th September 2017**

## Property Details

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

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

Approximate Year of Construction

## Tenure

Absolute Ownership  Leasehold Ground rent £  Unexpired years

## Accommodation

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

Gross Floor Area (excluding garages and outbuildings)  m<sup>2</sup> (Internal)  m<sup>2</sup> (External)

Residential Element (greater than 40%)  Yes  No

## Garage / Parking / Outbuildings

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

Permanent outbuildings:

None.

## Construction

Walls  Brick  Stone  Concrete  Timber frame  Other (specify in General Remarks)  
 Roof  Tile  Slate  Asphalt  Felt  Other (specify in General Remarks)

## Special Risks

Has the property suffered structural movement?  Yes  No

If Yes, is this recent or progressive?  Yes  No

Is there evidence, history, or reason to anticipate subsidence, heave, landslip or flood in the immediate vicinity?  Yes  No

If Yes to any of the above, provide details in General Remarks.

## Service Connections

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

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

Brief description of Central Heating:

Oil fired boiler to radiators.

## Site

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

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

## Location

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

## Planning Issues

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

If Yes provide details in General Remarks.

## Roads

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

## General Remarks

The property has been generally well maintained having due regard to its age and nature. Fittings are on modern lines with the decoration to a generally good standard. A few items were noted during the inspection which are capable of remedy by routine maintenance and repair. There is evidence of woodworm in the roof timbers which should be checked and treated as necessary by a competent firm of timber specialists.

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There is a burn flowing nearby but there is no known liability to flooding affecting the dwelling.

## Essential Repairs

None.

Estimated cost of essential repairs £  Retention recommended?  Yes  No Amount £

## Comment on Mortgageability

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

## Valuations

Market value in present condition £

Market value on completion of essential repairs £

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

Is a reinspection necessary?  Yes  No

## Buy To Let Cases

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

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

## Declaration

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