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Single Survey

survey report on:

Property address	Garrochar Farm House Creetown Newton Stewart DG8 7EU
Customer	Mr Edward Downs
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Prepared by	Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
Date of inspection	24/11/2025



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PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 THE SURVEYORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.2 THE REPORT

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

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

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

Prior to 1 December 2008, Purchasers have normally obtained their own report from their chosen Surveyor. By contrast, a Single Survey is instructed by the Seller and made available to all potential Purchasers in expectation that the successful Purchaser will have relied upon it. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors rules require disclosure of any potential conflict of interest when acting for the Seller and the Purchaser in the same transaction. The Single Survey may give rise to a conflict of interest and if this is of concern to any party they are advised to seek their own independent advice.

The Report and any expressions or assessments in it are not intended as advice to the Seller or Purchaser or any other person in relation to an asking price or any other sales or marketing decisions.

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

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The Report is based solely on the Property and is not to be relied upon in any manner whatsoever when considering the valuation or condition of any other property.

If certain minor matters are mentioned in the Report it should not be assumed that the Property is free of other minor defects.

Neither the whole nor any part of the Report may be published in any way, reproduced or distributed by any party other than the Seller, prospective purchasers and the Purchaser and their respective professional advisers without the prior written consent of the Surveyors.

1.3 LIABILITY

The Report is prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected of a competent residential surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

The Report is addressed to the Seller and was prepared in the expectation that it (or a complete copy) along with these Terms and Conditions (or a complete copy) would (or, as the case might be, would have been) be disclosed and delivered to:

- the Seller;
- any person(s) noting an interest in purchasing the Property from the Seller;
- any person(s) who make(s) (or on whose behalf is made) an offer to purchase the Property, whether or not that offer is accepted by the Seller;
- the Purchaser; and
- the professional advisers of any of these.

The Surveyors acknowledge that their duty of skill and care in relation to the Report is owed to the Seller and to the Purchaser. The Surveyors accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever in relation to the Report to persons other than the Seller and the Purchaser. The Seller and Purchaser should be aware that if a Lender seeks to rely on this Report they do so at their own risk. In particular, the Surveyors accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever to any Lender in relation to the Report. Any such Lender relies upon the Report entirely at their own risk.

1.4 GENERIC MORTGAGE VALUATION REPORT

The Surveyors undertake to the Seller that they will prepare a generic Mortgage Valuation Report, which will be issued along with the Single Survey. It is the responsibility of the Seller to ensure that the generic Mortgage Valuation Report is provided to every potential Purchaser.

1.5 TRANSCRIPT MORTGAGE VALUATION FOR LENDING PURPOSES

The Surveyors undertake that on being asked to do so by a prospective purchaser, or his/her professional advisor or Lender, they will prepare a Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes on terms and conditions to be agreed between the Surveyors and Lender and solely for the use of the Lender and upon which the Lender may rely. The decision as to whether finance will be provided is entirely a matter for the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report will be prepared from information contained in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report².

1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

All intellectual property rights whatsoever (including copyright) in and to the Report, excluding the headings and rubrics, are the exclusive property of the Surveyors and shall remain their exclusive property unless

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

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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;

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- 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

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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" 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

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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.

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1. Information and scope of inspection

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

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

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

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

Description	One and a half storey detached house.
Accommodation	Ground Floor: Front and Rear Porches, Lounge, Dining Room, Office, Kitchen, Store, Tea Preparation Room, Shower Room with w.c., and Bathroom with w.c. First Floor: Bedroom 1, Loft Storeroom, Bedroom 2 and Box Room/Store. NOTE: The front section of the house is currently used as an office, and a partition has been erected within the mid-section of the hallway to separate the two parts.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	131m ² or thereby (attic rooms with sloping ceilings measured to 1.5m height), including the front and rear porches.
Neighbourhood and location	The property is situated in a rural location. Local amenities are available in the neighbouring village of Creetown, and the main shopping, social educational facilities are provided in Newton Stewart which lies approximately 8.5 miles distant. There are commercial/agricultural buildings nearby.
Age	It is estimated that the property was constructed in the mid-to-late 1800s.
Weather	Dry and sunny.

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Chimney stacks	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>The chimneys are of stone pointed and painted construction. The two chimneys to the front part of the house have clay pots.</p>
Roofing including roof space	<p>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The main roof is pitched and slated with stone ridging and skewers, and the front dormers have metal ridging.</p> <p>There are no hatches providing access into the attic roof voids, but limited access to the roof timbers was gained adjoining the rear gable where there is missing ceiling plaster. The roof is of timber frame construction overlaid with sarkingboard, and there appears to be a felt membrane beneath the slates.</p> <p>The mono-pitched roof over the rear outshoot has a felt covering.</p>
Rainwater fittings	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>The rainwater fitting are formed in a mixture of cast iron and PVC.</p>
Main walls	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</p> <p>The main walls are of solid stone construction which are pointed and painted externally, and the rear gable end of the building is rendered. The walls of the store room off the kitchen are of brick roughcast construction.</p>

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Windows, external doors and joinery	<p>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</p> <p>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</p> <p>Doors and windows were not forced open.</p> <p>The double glazed windows are a mix of timber and UPVC casement types, there are some single glazed timber framed windows, and the loft store room has double glazed Velux rooflights.</p> <p>The external door to the front porch (see below) is timber glazed, and there is a part glazed timber panelled external door to the rear porch.</p>
External decorations	Visually inspected.
Conservatories / porches	Visually inspected. <p>The walls of the front porch are of brick roughcast construction. The timber windows and door are single glazed. The mono-pitched roof is slated. The walls and ceiling are lined internally with timber. The concrete floor was covered with vinyl and not inspected.</p> <p>The rear porch walls are stone and part timber. There is a double glazed timber framed window, and a part glazed timber panelled door. The mono pitched roof is covered with felt tiles.</p>
Communal areas	Not applicable.
Garages and permanent outbuildings	Visually inspected. <p>Attached to the rear of the property is a 4m² boiler room. The walls are of brick roughcast construction and the mono-pitched roof is covered with felt.</p>
Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected. <p>The gardens adjoining the property are partly enclosed with a mix of stone dykes and metal fencing. There is parking adjacent to the shared access road. Details of the extent of the property must be confirmed with the title deeds.</p>

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Ceilings	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>The ceilings appear to be lined with a mix of timber lath and plaster and plasterboard.</p> <p>The ceiling in the loft storeroom is clad with OSB sheets.</p>
Internal walls	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</p> <p>The main walls are dry lined internally, and the partitions are a mix of solid construction and timber studs.</p> <p>The walls in the loft storeroom are lined with OSB sheets.</p>
Floors including sub floors	<p>The floors are a mix of suspended timber and solid construction construction.</p> <p>It was not possible to inspect the floor surfaces due to the presence of fitted coverings in all rooms. No access was gained into the sub-floor areas.</p>
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	<p>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</p> <p>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</p> <p>The internal doors are a mix of timber panelled, tongue and groove timber boarded, timber glazed and flush timber types.</p> <p>There are fitted units in the kitchen and the tea preparation room which are on semi modern lines.</p> <p>A timber carpeted staircase provides access to the first floor landing from the hall.</p>
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</p> <p>There is a wood burning stove in the rear right hand public room. The attic bedroom directly above has a tiled fireplace with open fire.</p> <p>All other fireplaces have been removed and the openings blanked off.</p>

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Internal decorations	Visually inspected.
Cellars	Not applicable.
Electricity	<p>Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.</p> <p>Mains electricity.</p> <p>The electric meters and the consumer unit are in the rear part of the hall.</p>
Gas	No gas supply.
Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings	<p>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>Water is assumed to be from the mains supply.</p> <p>There are stainless steel sinks in the kitchen and the tea preparation room.</p> <p>The bathroom and shower room have three piece semi modern white suites.</p>

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Heating and hot water	<p>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>The 'Worcester Greenstar Heatslave II 18/25 2022+' oil fired boiler is in the attached boiler room. The boiler provides domestic hot water and it also heats radiators in the main rooms. The radiators are fitted with thermostatic valves and there is wireless programmer with room thermostat.</p> <p>Hot water is supplemented by a 'Triton' electric shower (not tested).</p> <p>There is a large thermal store hot water tank in the room off the kitchen. It is assumed that this provides hot water to the dwellinghouse only, but details must be ascertained.</p>
Drainage	<p>Drainage covers etc. were not lifted.</p> <p>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</p> <p>Drainage is assumed to be connected to the public sewer.</p>
Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>All Scottish homes require a smoke alarm to be installed in the room most frequently used for living purposes and in every circulation space on each floor. A heat alarm also needs to be installed in each kitchen. The alarms need to be ceiling mounted and interlinked. Where there is a carbon-fuelled appliance such as a boiler, open fire or wood burner, a carbon monoxide detector is also required. We have not assessed or tested any existing equipment and it is the purchasers responsibility to confirm that the property will comply with these standards following a change of ownership.</p> <p>In the interests of security no comment is made in relation to the presence or otherwise of a burglar alarm.</p>

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Any additional limits to inspection	<p>The property was occupied at the time of the inspection, and the survey was restricted by floor coverings, furniture, stored articles and personal items. Those parts of the property concealed behind fitted units and sanitary fittings etc were not viewed. No access was gained into the sub-floor areas. There are no hatches providing access to the roof voids.</p> <p>With properties of this type and age, various parts of the structure are hidden from view behind wall linings etc and cannot be seen. Where timbers are affected by dampness due to the inherent nature of the construction, or have become wet as a result of existing or previous defects in the building fabric, or leaking plumbing etc, it is possible for decay to manifest itself within concealed areas and to only become apparent in the future. Hidden areas that were not accessed or inspected cannot be reported as being free from defect, and any comments regarding the condition of the property must be read in this context.</p> <p>The report does not include an Asbestos Inspection. However, asbestos was widely used in residential construction until it was finally banned 1999. If suspected asbestos containing material has been highlighted in this report, or if there are concerns of its potential existence having regard to the age of the property, a qualified asbestos surveyor should be engaged to carry out an inspection should further advice be required.</p> <p>The report is not a Fire Risk Assessment, and the surveyor is not qualified to provide specific advice on fire safety issues.</p> <p>An inspection for Japanese Knotweed was not carried out. This is a plant that is subject to control regulation, is considered invasive, and 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 on neighbouring ground. Identification of Japanese Knotweed is best undertaken by a specialist. If it exists, removal must be undertaken in a controlled manner by a specialist contractor, which can be expensive.</p>
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Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house



- 1 Chimney pots
- 2 Coping stone
- 3 Chimney head
- 4 Flashing
- 5 Ridge ventilation
- 6 Ridge board
- 7 Slates / tiles
- 8 Valley guttering
- 9 Dormer projection
- 10 Dormer flashing
- 11 Dormer cheeks
- 12 Sarking
- 13 Roof felt
- 14 Trusses
- 15 Collar
- 16 Insulation
- 17 Parapet gutter
- 18 Eaves guttering
- 19 Rainwater downpipe
- 20 Verge boards /skews
- 21 Soffit boards
- 22 Partition wall
- 23 Lath / plaster
- 24 Chimney breast
- 25 Window pointing
- 26 Window sills
- 27 Rendering
- 28 Brickwork / pointing
- 29 Bay window projection
- 30 Lintels
- 31 Cavity walls / wall ties
- 32 Subfloor ventilator
- 33 Damp proof course
- 34 Base course
- 35 Foundations
- 36 Solum
- 37 Floor joists
- 38 Floorboards
- 39 Water tank
- 40 Hot water tank

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.

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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 was no evidence of significant structural movement within the limitations of the inspection.

 Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	3
Notes	Dampness was recorded to the timber floors and the sub-floor ventilation is limited. There is also localised dampness to the walls, and damp ingress at the chimneys. High external ground levels against the righthand gable end of the building may be contributing to the issues with damp. Concealed timbers that have been in contact with damp may also be affected by rot. This requires full and thorough investigation, before purchase, by a timber/damp specialist, and thereafter all repairs and treatments recommended must be undertaken to a fully documented and guaranteed standard.

 Chimney stacks	
Repair category	2
Notes	There is damp ingress to the chimney breasts. Chimney repairs must be undertaken to address this issue. Chimney stacks are vulnerable to defect from exposure to extremes in weather and must be regularly inspected and maintained.

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 Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	2
Notes	<p>There are broken, loose and slipped slates to the roof and there is failed pointing at the ridge. The roof metalwork is affected by weathering and the is corrosion to the dormer ridge fasteners.</p> <p>The roof coverings are of an age and style where ongoing maintenance expenditure should be anticipated, and more extensive overhaul work may be required in the future. Roof coverings must be regularly inspected and maintained to ensure that they remain watertight.</p> <p>The mono-pitched felt covered roof over the rear outshoot has a buildup of moss. Roof coverings of this type have a limited life only and early renewal may be required.</p>
 Rainwater fittings	
Repair category	2
Notes	The cast iron rainwater fittings are affected by corrosion. There is evidence of leakage at the gutter joints.
 Main walls	
Repair category	2
Notes	There are high external ground levels against the righthand gable wall.
 Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Rot is affecting the external joinery timbers including the fascias. There are broken double glazed units to the bathroom and rear porch windows. The door to the rear porch is in poor condition and beyond economic repair.</p> <p>The windows were not all fully opened or tested, but they are of an age and style where a degree of ongoing maintenance should be anticipated to sealed units, handles and opening mechanisms, etc. It will be appreciated that some defects may only be evident during certain weather conditions. The condition of windows and doors deteriorates with age and use, and the ad hoc repair or replacement of components is likely to be required over time.</p>

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 External decorations	
Repair category	2
Notes	The external paintwork is weathered.
 Conservatories/porches	
Repair category	3
Notes	<p>There is bossed/hollow and missing roughcast to the walls of the front porch. There is slight rot to the door.</p> <p>The rear porch is in a dilapidated state. Rot is affecting external joinery timbers. There are problem with water/damp ingress to the walls, and there is decay to the internal wall linings. The porch door is in poor condition and beyond economic repair, and the window has broken double glazing. The felt tiled roof is perished and at the end of its life. There are issues with water ingress internally, and there is rot to the roof timbers.</p>
 Communal areas	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.
 Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category	2
Notes	There is defective roughcast to the base of the boiler room walls. Rot is affecting external joinery including the fascias. The felt roof covering is weathered and has a buildup of moss. Roof coverings of this type have a limited life only and early renewal may be required.
 Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category	1
Notes	Boundary walls and fences should be regularly checked and maintained as necessary.

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 Ceilings	
Repair category	2
Notes	Cracked, damaged and uneven ceiling plaster was noted. Repairs will be required at the time of redecoration or in the event of disturbance. Old lath and plaster can deteriorate in condition and come loose with age, and on occasion it may fail without warning.

 Internal walls	
Repair category	3
Notes	High damp meter readings were recorded to the walls in a number of areas. This requires investigation, before purchase, by a timber/damp specialist.

 Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category	3
Notes	There is dampness to the timber floors and the sub-floor ventilation is limited. Concealed timbers may be affected by rot. The shower tray has dropped down, and the floor is suspected to be decayed. This requires investigation, before purchase, by a timber/damp specialist.

 Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category	2
Notes	The internal joinery is affected by wear and tear. There is impact damage to some of the internal doors. There is cracked glass to the door between the front porch and hall.

Single Survey

 Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category	2
Notes	<p>There is damp ingress to the chimney breasts.</p> <p>The flue that serves the open fire must be swept at least annually, to remove the build-up of soot and to clear out any debris. The condition of the flue must also be checked at this time, and any required repairs attended to. Chimney flues are susceptible to developing defects due to the combined effects of heat, combustion gases and chemical attack.</p> <p>It is assumed that the stove has been installed and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, having particular regard to fluing and ventilation requirements, and that it has always burned the correct type of fuel. The appliance has not been tested, and is assumed to be in full, safe and efficient working order. The flue must be regularly swept. Copies of the service records must be obtained.</p> <p>All other fireplaces have been removed. To prevent the ingress of rainwater and to allow the circulation of air, ventilating caps should be fitted to the top of the chimneys. Ventilators should also be installed into the chimney breasts, to draw air through the redundant flues and help maintain them in a dry condition.</p>

 Internal decorations	
Repair category	2
Notes	The internal decoration requires renewal.

 Cellars	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.

Single Survey

 Electricity	
Repair category	1
Notes	<p>The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) recommends that electrical installations are professionally inspected and tested at least every 5 years, and on a change of occupancy. It should be appreciated that only the most recently constructed or rewired properties will have electrical installations that fully comply with IET regulations.</p> <p>The electrical safety certificate from an inspection within the last 5 years by a NICEIC/SELECT registered contractor should be obtained before purchase, and any observations or recommendations must be noted as these items may require attention.</p>
 Gas	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.
 Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	
Repair category	3
Notes	<p>The shower tray has dropped down, and the floor beneath is suspected to be decayed. There are large gaps in the wall tiling in the shower which will not be watertight. Replacement of the shower tray and making good defective flooring and wall linings is required.</p> <p>Silicone seals and waterproof finishes in bath/shower rooms must be regularly checked and maintained in good order, to ensure that they remain watertight. Concealed plumbing and areas hidden beneath sanitaryware and kitchen units etc cannot be confirmed as being free from defect. It is not unusual for the seepage of water or hidden leaks to only become evident when floor coverings or fittings are removed in kitchens and bathrooms, revealing a need for repair works.</p> <p>The property is of an age where lead pipes may be found within the building's internal plumbing or the buried underground water supply, which can be hazardous to health. The cold water rising main was not fully inspectable.</p>

Single Survey

 Heating and hot water	
Repair category	1
Notes	<p>Oil fired heating systems must be examined and serviced annually by a qualified engineer, to ensure safe and efficient operation. A copy of the most recent inspection certificate, dated within the past 12 months, should be obtained before purchase. Any observations or recommendations made by the engineer in relation to the heating system or the condition and positioning of the oil storage tank must be noted, as these items may require attention.</p>

 Drainage	
Repair category	1
Notes	<p>It is understood that the property is connected to an exclusive septic tank that is located outwith the site. It must be confirmed that the private drainage system is registered with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA). It is assumed that the tank has been regularly emptied and maintained, and documentation relating to this must be obtained. The drainage system was not tested and is assumed to be fully functional. However, the condition of underground drainage pipework can only be properly ascertained by a CCTV survey. No inspection covers have been raised.</p> <p>Where any aspects of the drainage system lie outwith the site boundaries, it must be confirmed that the rights of access for use and maintenance are legally enforceable.</p>

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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	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.
Dampness, rot and infestation	3	
Chimney stacks	2	
Roofing including roof space	2	
Rainwater fittings	2	
Main walls	2	
Windows, external doors and joinery	2	
External decorations	2	
Conservatories/porches	3	
Communal areas	N/A	
Garages and permanent outbuildings	2	
Outside areas and boundaries	1	
Ceilings	2	
Internal walls	3	
Floors including sub-floors	3	
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	2	
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	2	
Internal decorations	2	
Cellars	N/A	
Electricity	1	
Gas	N/A	
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	3	
Heating and hot water	1	
Drainage	1	

Remember

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

Warning

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

Single Survey

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

Single Survey

4. Valuation and conveyancer issues

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

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

- 1) The assumed tenure is Absolute Ownership.
- 2) The property is accessed over a shared private road, that is surfaced in concrete. Details of the access rights and maintenance liability must be confirmed with the title deeds.
- 3) It is understood that the property is connected to an exclusive septic tank that is located outwith the site. It must be confirmed that the private drainage system is registered with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA).
- 4) Where any services lie outwith the site boundaries, it must be confirmed that the rights of access for their use and maintenance are legally enforceable.
- 5) The internal layout has been altered (with the front section of house is currently being used as an office). Two porches and a small rear extension have been constructed, but these additions appear to be historic.

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

Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

For Reinstatement Cost Assessment purposes, it is recommended that the subjects be insured for a sum of not less than £675,000.

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

Valuation and market comments

Having considered matters, taking account of our general observations on site, we are of the opinion that the Market Value of the subjects in their present condition and with the benefit of vacant possession may be fairly stated in the sum of £160,000 (ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

Signed	<i>Ian Young</i> Electronically signed :- 05/01/2026 11:38
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Single Survey

Report author	Ian Young
Company name	J & E Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
Address	18 Castle Street Dumfries DG1 1DR
Date of report	24/11/2025

Mortgage Valuation Report



Property Address

Address: Garrochar Farm House, Creetown, Newton Stewart, DG8 7EU
Seller's Name: Mr Edward Downs
Date of Inspection: 24/11/2025

Property Details

Property Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> House	<input type="checkbox"/> Bungalow	<input type="checkbox"/> Purpose built maisonette	<input type="checkbox"/> Converted maisonette
	<input type="checkbox"/> Purpose built flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Converted flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Tenement flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat over non-residential use
				<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify in General Remarks)
Property Style	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detached	<input type="checkbox"/> Semi detached	<input type="checkbox"/> Mid terrace	<input type="checkbox"/> End terrace
	<input type="checkbox"/> Back to back	<input type="checkbox"/> High rise block	<input type="checkbox"/> Low rise block	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 1850 No. of units in block

Tenure

Absolute Ownership Other

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) 131 m² (Internal) 153 m² (External)

Residential Element (greater than 40%) Yes No

Garage / Parking / Outbuildings

<input type="checkbox"/> Single garage	<input type="checkbox"/> Double garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parking space	<input type="checkbox"/> No garage / garage space / parking space
Available on site?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Permanent outbuildings:

Attached boiler room

Mortgage Valuation Report

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Mains	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> None	Water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mains	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> None
Electricity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mains	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> None	Gas	<input type="checkbox"/> Mains	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None
Central Heating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Partial	<input type="checkbox"/> None				

Brief description of Central Heating and any non mains services:

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 Shared service connections
 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

Mortgage Valuation Report

General Remarks

The property is situated in a rural location. Local amenities are available in the neighbouring village of Creetown, and the main shopping, social educational facilities are provided in Newton Stewart which lies approximately 8.5 miles distant. There are commercial/agricultural buildings nearby.

At the time of inspection the property was found to be maintained in fair condition only having regard to its age and character, with fittings internally on semi modern lines. The property is in need of modernisation, repair and upgrading. A number of items were noted which have been reflected in the valuation figure. In general, these are mostly typical of buildings of this age, or are capable of remedy by routine maintenance and repair.

Dampness was recorded to the timber floors, and the sub-floor ventilation is limited. There is also localised dampness to the walls, and damp ingress at the chimneys. High external ground levels against the righthand gable end of the building may be contributing to the issues with damp. Concealed timbers that have been in contact with damp may also be affected by rot. This requires full and thorough investigation, before purchase, by a timber/damp specialist, and thereafter all repairs and treatments recommended must be undertaken to a fully documented and guaranteed standard.

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Essential Repairs

None.

Estimated cost of essential repairs

Retention recommended? Yes No

Retention amount

Comment on Mortgageability

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

Mortgage Valuation Report

Valuation

Market value in present condition	£ <input type="text" value="160,000"/>
Market value on completion of essential repairs	£ <input type="text"/>
Insurance reinstatement value (to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT)	£ <input type="text" value="675,000"/>
Is a reinspection necessary?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Declaration

Signed	<i>Ian Young</i> Electronically signed :- 05/01/2026 11:38
Surveyor's name	Ian Young
Professional qualifications	MRICS
Company name	J & E Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
Address	18 Castle Street, Dumfries, DG1 1DR
Telephone	01387 264333
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Date of Inspection	24/11/2025



Energy Performance Certificate



Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Scotland

Dwellings

GARROCHAR, NEWTON STEWART, DG8 7EU

Dwelling type: Detached house
Date of assessment: 24 November 2025
Date of certificate: 25 November 2025
Total floor area: 147 m²
Primary Energy Indicator: 317 kWh/m²/year

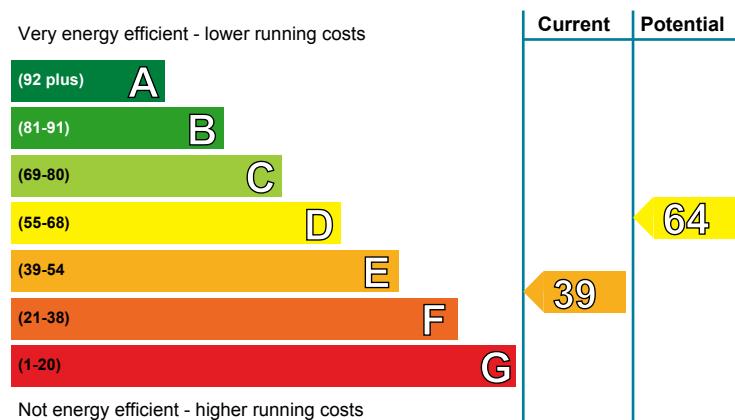
Reference number: 9172-2424-1693-2625-0421
Type of assessment: RdSAP, existing dwelling
Approved Organisation: Elmhurst
Main heating and fuel: Boiler and radiators, oil

You can use this document to:

- Compare current ratings of properties to see which are more energy efficient and environmentally friendly
- Find out how to save energy and money and also reduce CO₂ emissions by improving your home

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	£9,771	See your recommendations report for more information
Over 3 years you could save*	£1,839	

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

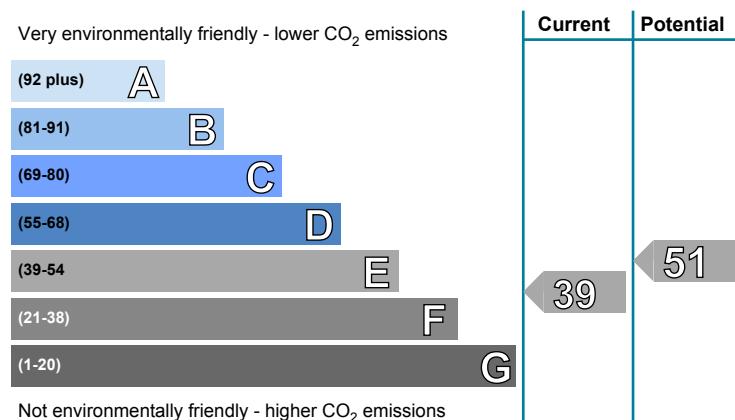


Energy Efficiency Rating

This graph shows the current efficiency of your home, taking into account both energy efficiency and fuel costs. The higher this rating, the lower your fuel bills are likely to be.

Your current rating is **band E (39)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (61)**.

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



Environmental Impact (CO₂) Rating

This graph shows the effect of your home on the environment in terms of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. The higher the rating, the less impact it has on the environment.

Your current rating is **band E (39)**

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 wall insulation	£7,500 - £11,000	£1281.00
2 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£5,000 - £10,000	£423.00
3 Floor insulation (solid floor)	£5,000 - £10,000	£138.00

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

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

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

Summary of the energy performance related features of this home

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

Element	Description	Energy Efficiency	Environmental
Walls	Granite or whin, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
	Cavity wall, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Roof	Pitched, insulated (assumed)	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
	Roof room(s), no insulation (assumed)	★☆☆☆☆	★☆☆☆☆
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed)	—	—
	Solid, no insulation (assumed)	—	—
Windows	Mostly double glazing	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, oil	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Secondary heating	Room heaters, wood logs	—	—
Hot water	From main system	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Lighting	Good lighting efficiency	★★★★☆	★★★★☆

The energy efficiency rating of your home

Your Energy Efficiency Rating is calculated using the standard UK methodology, RdSAP. This calculates energy used for heating, hot water, lighting and ventilation and then applies fuel costs to that energy use to give an overall rating for your home. The rating is given on a scale of 1 to 100. Other than the cost of fuel for electrical appliances and for cooking, a building with a rating of 100 would cost almost nothing to run.

As we all use our homes in different ways, the energy rating is calculated using standard occupancy assumptions which may be different from the way you use it. The rating also uses national weather information to allow comparison between buildings in different parts of Scotland. However, to make information more relevant to your home, local weather data is used to calculate your energy use, CO₂ emissions, running costs and the savings possible from making improvements.

The impact of your home on the environment

One of the biggest contributors to global warming is carbon dioxide. The energy we use for heating, lighting and power in our homes produces over a quarter of the UK's carbon dioxide emissions. Different fuels produce different amounts of carbon dioxide for every kilowatt hour (kWh) of energy used. The Environmental Impact Rating of your home is calculated by applying these 'carbon factors' for the fuels you use to your overall energy use.

The calculated emissions for your home are 71 kg CO₂/m²/yr.

The average Scottish household produces about 6 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Based on this assessment, heating and lighting this home currently produces approximately 10 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 2.1 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.

Estimated energy costs for this home

	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£8,205 over 3 years	£6,363 over 3 years	
Hot water	£1,296 over 3 years	£1,299 over 3 years	
Lighting	£270 over 3 years	£270 over 3 years	
Totals	£9,771	£7,932	 You could save £1,839 over 3 years

These figures show how much the average household would spend in this property for heating, lighting and hot water. This excludes energy use for running appliances such as TVs, computers and cookers, and the benefits of any electricity generated by this home (for example, from photovoltaic panels). The potential savings in energy costs show the effect of undertaking all of the recommended measures listed below.

Recommendations for improvement

The measures below will improve the energy and environmental performance of this dwelling. The performance ratings after improvements listed below are cumulative; that is, they assume the improvements have been installed in the order that they appear in the table. Further information about the recommended measures and other simple actions to take today to save money is available from the Home Energy Scotland hotline which can be contacted on 0808 808 2282. Before carrying out work, make sure that the appropriate permissions are obtained, where necessary. This may include permission from a landlord (if you are a tenant) or the need to get a Building Warrant for certain types of work.

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical saving per year	Rating after improvement	
			Energy	Environment
1 Internal wall insulation	£7,500 - £11,000	£427	 E 47	 E 45
2 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£5,000 - £10,000	£141	 E 50	 E 47
3 Floor insulation (solid floor)	£5,000 - £10,000	£46	 E 51	 E 48
4 Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£8,000 - £10,000	£247	 E 54	 E 49
5 Wind turbine	£5,000 - £20,000	£712	 D 64	 E 51

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 wall insulation

Internal wall insulation involves adding a layer of insulation to the inside 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. Further information can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk).

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 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.

5 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

In this section, you can see how much energy you might need to heat your home and provide hot water. These are estimates showing how an average household uses energy. These estimates may not reflect your actual energy use, which could be higher or lower. You might spend more money on heating and hot water if your house is less energy efficient. The table below shows the potential benefit of having your loft and walls insulated. Visit <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy-at-home> for more information.

Heat demand	Existing dwelling	Impact of loft insulation	Impact of cavity wall insulation	Impact of solid wall insulation
Space heating (kWh per year)	29,254.66	N/A	N/A	N/A
Water heating (kWh per year)	4,025.32			

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.

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Advice and support to improve this property

There is support available, which could help you carry out some of the improvements recommended for this property on page 3 and stop wasting energy and money. For more information, visit greenerscotland.org or contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

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Property Questionnaire



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Property address	Garrochar Farm House Creetown Newton Stewart DG8 7EU
Seller(s)	Mr Edward Downs
Completion date of property questionnaire	01/12/2025

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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?	10 months
2.	Council tax	
	Which Council Tax band is your property in?	C
3.	Parking	
	What are the arrangements for parking at your property? (Please tick all that apply)	
	• Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	• Allocated parking space	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	• Driveway	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
	• Shared parking	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	• On street	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	• Resident permit	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	• Metered Parking	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	• Other (please specify):	<input type="text"/>
4.	Conservation area	
	Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (that is an area of special architectural or historical interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)?	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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5.	Listed buildings	
	Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (that is a building recognised and approved as being of special architectural or historical interest)?	No
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)? <u>If you have answered yes</u> , please describe below the changes which you have made:	No
	(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work? <u>If you have answered yes</u> , the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have the documents yourself, please note below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange to obtain them:	
b.	Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property? <u>If you have answered yes</u> , please answer the three questions below:	No
	(i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced? (ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings? (iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or patio doors (with approximate dates when the work was completed): Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicitor or estate agent.	
7.	Central heating	
a.	Is there a central heating system in your property? (Note: a partial central heating system is one which does not heat all the main rooms of the property — the main living room, the bedroom(s), the hall and the bathroom). <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). Oil	Yes

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	<p>If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:</p> <p>i) When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed?</p> <p>Not sure</p> <p>(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?</p> <p>If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:</p> <p>(iii) When was your maintenance agreement last renewed? (Please provide the month and year).</p>		
8.	Energy Performance Certificate		
	Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?	Yes	
9.	Issues that may have affected your property		
a.	Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to the property while you have owned it? If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?	No	
b.	Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property? If you have answered yes, please give details:	No	
10.	Services		
a.	Please tick which services are connected to your property and give details of the supplier:		
	Services	Connected	Supplier
	Gas or liquid petroleum gas	No	
	Water mains or private water supply	Yes	Scottish Water
	Electricity	Yes	Scottish Power
	Mains drainage	No	
	Telephone	Yes	BT

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	Cable TV or satellite	No	
	Broadband	No	
b.	Is there a septic tank system at your property?		Yes
	If you have answered yes, please answer the two questions below:		
	(i) Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic tank?		Don't know
	(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank?		No
	If have answered yes, details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:		
11.	Responsibilities for shared or common areas		
a.	Are you aware of any responsibility to contribute to the cost of anything used jointly, such as the repair of a shared drive, private road, boundary, or garden area?		No
	If you have answered yes, please give details:		
b.	Is there a responsibility to contribute to repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell or other common areas?		No
	If you have answered yes, please give details:		
c.	Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the property?		No
d.	Do you have the right to walk over any of your neighbours' property — for example to put out your rubbish bin or to maintain your boundaries?		No
	If you have answered yes, please give details:		
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?		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.)		No
	If you have answered yes, please give details:		

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12.	Charges associated with the property	
a.	Is there a factor or property manager for your property? <u>If you have answered yes</u> , please provide the name and address, and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:	No
b.	Is there a common buildings insurance policy? <u>If you have answered yes</u> , is the cost of the insurance included in monthly/annual factor's charges?	Don't know
c.	Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regular basis for the upkeep of common areas or repair works, for example to a residents' association, or maintenance or stair fund.	
13.	Specialist work	
a.	As far as you are aware, has treatment of dry rot, wet rot, damp or any other specialist work ever been carried out to your property? <u>If you have answered yes</u> , 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.	No
b.	As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property? <u>If you have answered yes</u> , please give details:	No
c.	<u>If you have answered yes</u> to 13(a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work? <u>If you have answered yes</u> , 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 <u>please write below who has these documents</u> and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange for them to be obtained. You will also need to provide a description of the work carried out. This may be shown in the original estimate. Guarantees are held by:	
14.	Guarantees	
a.	Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following?	
	(i) Electrical work	Don't know
	(ii) Roofing	Don't know

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	(iii) Central heating	Don't know
	(iv) National House Building Council (NHBC)	Don't know
	(v) Damp course	Don't know
	(vi) Any other work installations? (for example, cavity wall installation, underpinning, indemnity policy)	Don't know
b.	<u>If you have answered 'yes' or 'with title deeds', please give details of the work or installations to which the guarantee(s) relate(s):</u>	
c.	Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed above? <u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u>	No
15.	Boundaries	
	So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in the last 10 years? <u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u>	Don't know
16.	Notices that affect your property	
	In the past three years have you ever received a notice:	
a.	advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?	No
b.	that affects your property in some other way?	No
c.	that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?	No
	<u>If you have answered yes to any of a-c above, please give the notices to your solicitor or estate agent, including any notices which arrive at any time before the date of entry of the purchaser of your property.</u>	

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

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

Name(s): Edward Downs

Date: 01/12/2025



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