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Single Survey

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Survey Report on:

Property Address	The Hermitage, Clarebrand, Castle Douglas, DG7 3AH

Reference	1778359

Customer Name	Ann Davidson

Date of Inspection	28th September 2026

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SINGLE SURVEY TERMS AND CONDITIONS (WITH MVR)

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.[1]

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

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

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

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.

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 adviser or Lender, they will prepare a Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes on terms and conditions to be agreed between the Surveyors and Lender and solely for the use of the Lender and upon which the Lender may rely. The decision as to whether finance will be provided is entirely a matter for the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report will be prepared from information contained in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report.[2]

1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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

1.7 PAYMENT

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

1.8 CANCELLATION

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

The Surveyor will be entitled not to proceed with the inspection (and will so report promptly to the Seller) if after arriving at the property, the Surveyor concludes that it is of a type of construction of which the Surveyor has insufficient specialist knowledge to be able to provide the inspection satisfactorily.

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

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 an asset or liability should exchange on the valuation date, between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm’s length transaction, after proper marketing and where 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.

2.3.1 **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.

2.3.2 **Category 2:** Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.

2.3.3 **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, they 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 reinstatement cost, as defined below.

"Market value" The estimated amount for which an asset or liability should exchange on the valuation date, between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's length transaction,

after proper marketing and where 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.

"Reinstatement 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 will not be inspected or reported on.

Description	The property is a semi-detached bungalow.
Accommodation	Ground Floor: Entrance Porch, Hallway, Living Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Rear Porch.
Gross Internal Floor Area (m2)	Approximately 84m².
Neighbourhood and Location	The property forms part of an established residential area in the village of Clarebrand. The surrounding properties in the immediate vicinity are generally of a similar age and style. A range of typical local amenities can be found in nearby towns and villages including Castle Douglas and Dumfries.
Age	Built around 1963 on the site of the former smithy.
Weather	It was clear and dry, following a period of mixed weather conditions.
Chimney Stacks	**Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.** There are two chimney stacks of masonry construction with lead flashings.
Roofing including Roof Space	**Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.** **Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points**

	within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally. **Roof spaces were visually inspected and were entered where there was safe and reasonable access, normally defined as being from a 3m ladder within the property.** **If this is not possible, then physical access to the roof space may be taken by other means if the Surveyor deems it safe and reasonable to do so.** The roof is pitched and clad in slates. The roof space is accessed via a hatch in the hallway. The roof is of a timber framed construction overlaid in sarking board. The roof space is insulated. The inspection was carried out from the area around the access hatch only.
Rainwater Fittings	**Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.** Gutters and downpipes are a mixture of PVC and cast iron.
Main Walls	**Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.** **Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.** The property appears to be of traditional solid stone and cavity brick construction with an external render finish.
Windows, External Doors and Joinery	**Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.** **Random windows were opened and closed where possible.** **Doors and windows were not forced open.** The windows are of double glazed, timber frame type. The access doors are of a UPVC and timber double glazed design.
External Decorations	**Visually inspected.** There are painted wall finishes.
Conservatories and Porches	**Visually inspected.**

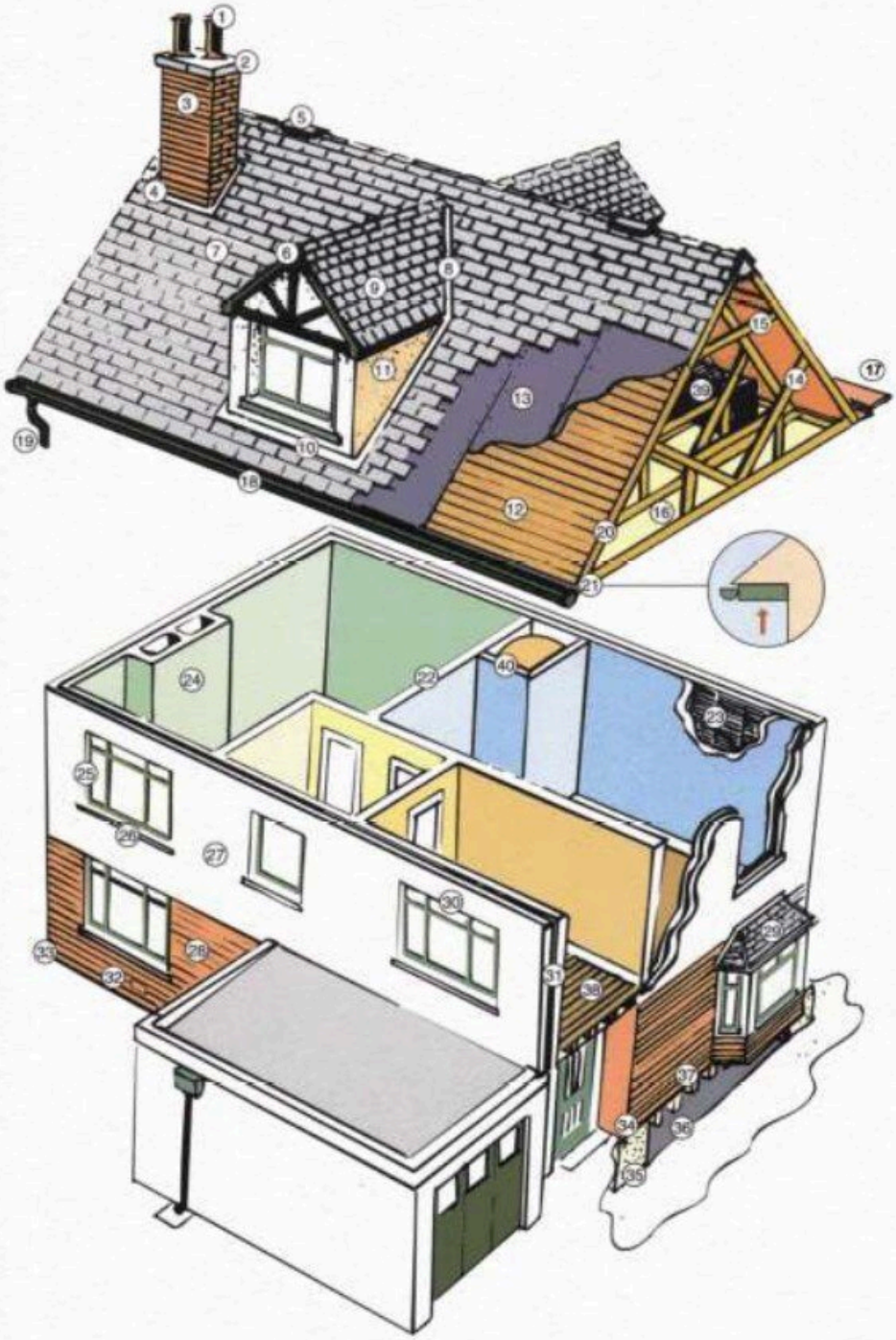
	There are porches to the front and rear of the property. The porches are formed of masonry base walls. The front porch has timber framed double glazed window and door units and a flat, felt covered roof. The rear porch has a double glazed PVC door and double glazed timber window unit and has a mono pitched, slate clad roof.
Communal Areas	There are no communal areas.
Garages and Permanent Outbuildings	There are no outbuildings considered permanent, however, there is a corrugated metal shed in the rear garden.
Outside Areas and Boundaries	**Visually inspected.** The property has garden areas to the rear. There is a parking area to the front of the property. The boundaries are formed in timber fencing, timber and wire fencing and hedging.
Ceilings	**Visually inspected from floor level.** The ceilings spear to be a mixture of lath and plaster and plasterboard. The inspection was limited by wallpaper finishes to a majority of ceilings.
Internal Walls	**Visually inspected from floor level.** **Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.** The internal walls are of masonry construction, plastered on the hard.
Floors including Sub-floors	**Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.** **Sub-floor areas were inspected only to the extent visible from a readily accessible and unfixed hatch by way of an inverted "head and shoulders" inspection at the access point.** **Physical access to the sub-floor area may be taken if the Surveyor deems it is safe and reasonable to do so, and subject to a minimum clearance of 1m between the underside of floor joists and the solum as determined from the access hatch.** The floors are of suspended timber construction. The floors of the front and rear porch are of solid concrete construction. No sub floor access was available. All floors were covered.

Internal Joinery and Kitchen Fittings	**Built-in cupboards were looked into, but no stored items were moved.** **Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.** The door facings and skirting boards are of a timber style. The internal doors consist of a flush timber and timber-glazed type. The kitchen is fitted with a range of base and wall mounted units with laminate worktops.
Chimney Breasts and Fireplaces	**Visually inspected.** **No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.** There is an open fireplace in the living room. The fireplace sits on a tiled hearth with a timber surround.
Internal Decorations	**Visually inspected.** The internal walls and ceilings mainly have a papered and painted finish. There are internal surfaces clad with tiling and panelling.
Cellars	There are no cellars.
Electricity	**Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.** Mains supply installed. The electricity fusebox and meter are located in the kitchen. A range of 13amp sockets are distributed throughout the property.
Gas	There is no gas supply.
Water, Plumbing and Bathroom Fittings	**Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.** **No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.** Water is connected to the mains supply. Visible pipework

	is made with copper and PVC materials. The bathroom is fitted with a WC, wash hand basin and bath with electric shower over.
Heating and Hot Water	**Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected.** **No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.** There is an oil fired Worcester central heating boiler located within the kitchen. This supplies a system of radiators throughout the property. The central heating system is controlled by a programmer, a room thermostat and thermostatic valves on radiators. There is a hot water tank located in the roof space.
Drainage	**Drainage covers etc were not lifted.** **Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.** We understand that drainage is to a septic tank This has not been inspected or tested.
Fire, Smoke and Burglar Alarms	**Visually inspected.** **No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.** There are smoke detectors fitted within the property. Legislation by the Scottish Government, which took effect from February 2022, requires all residential properties to have a system of inter-linked smoke alarms and heat detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors are also required where appropriate. Purchasers should appraise themselves of the requirements of this legislation, and engage with appropriately accredited contractors to ensure compliance.
Any Additional Limits to Inspection	Parts of the property, which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible, cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect. We have not carried out an inspection for Japanese Knotweed and unless otherwise stated, for the purposes of the valuation we have assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plants within the boundaries of the property or in neighbouring properties.

	The report does not include an asbestos inspection. However asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 2000, when it became a banned substance. If the possibility of asbestos based products has been reported within the limitations of the inspection and you have concerns, you should engage a qualified asbestos surveyor. Random testing for dampness was undertaken internally with the use of a moisture meter where accessible and considered appropriate. Concealed areas beneath and around sanitary fittings were not visible. Due to the presence of water, there is an inherent risk of leakage and resultant damage to concealed areas which may only become apparent when the building fabric is opened up for examination. The inspection is not a fire or life safety risk assessment and should not be relied on as a risk assessment inspection. Further advice should be sought if a specific risk assessment of the property and building that it forms part of is required. Where repairs are required at height compliance with Health and Safety legislation often requires the use of scaffolding which can significantly impact on the cost of repair. Pricing repairs is outwith the remit of this report but it would be prudent to consider costs and budgeting before offering. The various trades can advise further. We were unable to inspect the sub floor area as no suitable access hatch was available. The property was unoccupied, unfurnished and floors were covered. The physical inspection of the roof void area was restricted due to insulation material. As a result, the roof void area was only viewed from the access hatch. Not all windows were tested, windows were tested at random.

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.

2. CONDITION

This section identifies problems and tells you about the urgency of any repairs by using one of the following 3 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	3
Notes	There is evidence of movement in the form of cracking internally and externally at the join between the main wall and rear porch. This may be ongoing. A suitably qualified Structural Engineer can be asked to inspect, provide an opinion and specify and cost any required remedial works.

Dampness, Rot and Infestation	
Repair Category	2
Notes	There is evidence of water penetration and dampness to walls to within the rear porch and dampness to the walls within the front porch. A timber/damp contractor should carry out an inspection with a view to providing estimates and carrying out the necessary remedial repairs under cover of a long term guarantee. Best practice recommends an inspection of the whole property is carried out. There is also evidence of condensation within the property which can often be alleviated by achieving a proper balance of heating and ventilation. A competent timber/damp specialist contractor can provide further advice. We noted evidence of wood-boring insect activity to timbers in the roofspace. It should be confirmed if any treatment has been undertaken. In the absence of any treatment documentation, a timber treatment specialist can advise further.

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.**

Chimney Stacks	
Repair Category	2
Notes	The chimney stacks are generally weathered and vegetation growth was present. Chimney stacks in a building of this age can be prone to defect and generally require higher levels of maintenance and upkeep. Ongoing repair should be expected and a competent roofer can advise further.

Roofing including Roof Space	
Repair Category	2
Notes	There are various loose and chipped slates. A reputable roofing contractor can be asked to investigate and implement all required repairs. Inspection at close quarters may reveal more extensive deterioration, especially where materials are original. Natural slates have an expected lifespan of up to 100 years or more depending on slate quality, source, thickness and workmanship. Slates deteriorate over time; nail fixings corrode and loosen resulting in on-going maintenance requirements. Close quarter inspection may reveal damage to roofing materials, especially where these are original. Regular maintenance should be anticipated.

Rainwater Fittings	
Repair Category	2
Notes	Sections of the metal rainwater fittings are corroded and require attention. These will require periodic maintenance to prolong their lifespan. The effectiveness of the rainwater fittings cannot be commented on as it was not raining. Heavy rainfall can often reveal localised leakage and the need for maintenance attention.

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.**

Main Walls	
Repair Category	2
Notes	The render of outer walls is cracked. A building contractor can be asked to inspect and provide cost estimates for either repairing or replacing damaged areas.

Windows, External Doors and Joinery	
Repair Category	2
Notes	Doors and random windows were tested at random but not all. The inspection can be restricted by window blinds, curtains, ornaments etc. Handles, locks and opening mechanisms can deteriorate through usage and repair or replacement can be anticipated on an ad hoc basis. No assurances can be provided that all window fitments are functional. The seals of double glazed units have failed, resulting in condensation between the panes of glass. These units can be repaired/replaced by a glazing contractor.

External Decorations	
Repair Category	1
Notes	The renewal of paintwork should be anticipated in places in due course.

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.**

Conservatories and Porches	
Repair Category	2
Notes	The seals of double glazed units have failed, resulting in condensation between the panes of glass. These units can be repaired/replaced by a glazing contractor. There is evidence of water penetration and dampness to walls to within the rear porch and dampness to the walls within the front porch, requiring further investigation and repair. The roof of the front porch is of flat design and clad with a material which is known to have a limited lifespan. Careful maintenance will be required as this type of roof covering can fail without warning. Periodic renewal of the roofing material is likely to be necessary. A roofing contractor can advise further. As previously mentioned, there is evidence of movement in the form of cracking internally and externally at the join between the main wall and rear porch.

Communal Areas	
Repair Category	**N/A**
Notes	Not applicable.

Garages and Permanent Outbuildings	
Repair Category	**N/A**
Notes	Not applicable. There are no permanent outbuildings.

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.**

Outside Areas and Boundaries	
Repair Category	1
Notes	Garden areas and boundary fences will require ongoing maintenance and ad hoc repair.

Ceilings	
Repair Category	1
Notes	There are some hairline cracks and plaster blemishes to ceilings consistent with age.

Internal Walls	
Repair Category	1
Notes	There are some hairline cracks and plaster blemishes to ceilings consistent with age.

Floors including Sub-floors	
Repair Category	1
Notes	It is not unusual to discover areas of past water spillage when floor coverings are removed in kitchen and bathroom compartments, revealing the need for further repair and maintenance work. No significant defects evident.

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.**

Internal Joinery and Kitchen Fittings	
Repair Category	2
Notes	There is wear and tear to internal joinery finishes and to the kitchen fittings in places. Glazed inserts to interior doors may not be of appropriate toughened glass or meet the recognised safety standards.

Chimney Breasts and Fireplaces	
Repair Category	1
Notes	Flues should ideally be swept and tested on an annual basis. Any records should be obtained. In the absence of recent documentation a sweep should be carried out prior to use, and on a regular basis thereafter.

Internal Decorations	
Repair Category	1
Notes	Decorative finishes are worn and an incoming occupier can redecorate to their own personal taste.

Cellars	
Repair Category	**N/A**
Notes	Not applicable.

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.**

Electricity	
Repair Category	2
Notes	It is recommended that electrical installations be checked every ten years or on change of ownership to keep up to date with frequent changes in Safety Regulations. Further advice will be available from a qualified NICEIC/ SELECT registered Contractor. It should be appreciated that only recently constructed or rewired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations. The electrical installation is dated including older fuse box. An NICEIC/SELECT registered electrician can be engaged to examine the system and implement all necessary upgrading works.

Gas	
Repair Category	**N/A**
Notes	Not applicable.

Water, Plumbing and Bathroom Fittings	
Repair Category	1
Notes	No significant defects evident. To prevent damage to concealed areas, the seal and grout around sanitary fittings should be regularly checked, maintained, and renewed.

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.**

Heating and Hot Water	
Repair Category	1
Notes	It is assumed that the heating and hot water systems have been installed in accordance with all relevant regulations and thereafter maintained on a regular basis. A copy of any relevant documentation in this regard should be obtained. It is common practice for purchasers to have systems checked by an engineer immediately upon taking ownership, as stated in most offers to purchase used by conveyancers.

Drainage	
Repair Category	1
Notes	It is assumed that the septic tank is registered and has been suitably maintained. A copy of relevant documentation in this regard should be obtained prior to purchase. Regular inspection and maintenance should be anticipated.

Set out below is a summary of the condition of the property which is provided for reference only. You should refer to the comments above for detailed information.

Structural Movement	3
Dampness, Rot and Infestation	2
Chimney Stacks	2
Roofing including Roof Space	2
Rainwater Fittings	2
Main Walls	2
Windows, External Doors and Joinery	2
External Decorations	1
Conservatories and Porches	2
Communal Areas	N/A
Garages and Permanent Outbuildings	N/A
Outside Areas and Boundaries	1
Ceilings	1
Internal Walls	1
Floors including Sub-floors	1
Internal Joinery and Kitchen Fittings	2
Chimney Breasts and Fireplaces	1
Internal Decorations	1
Cellars	N/A
Electricity	2
Gas	N/A
Water, Plumbing and Bathroom Fittings	1
Heating and Hot Water	1
Drainage	1

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

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

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

3. ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Guidance Notes on Accessibility Information

Three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property: In flatted developments the 'main entrance' would be the flat's own entrance door, not the external door to the communal stair.

The 'three steps or fewer' are counted from external ground level to the flat's entrance door. Where a lift is present, the count is based on the number of steps climbed when using the lift.

Unrestricted parking within 25 metres: For this purpose, 'Unrestricted parking' includes parking available by means of a parking permit. Restricted parking includes parking that is subject to parking restrictions, as indicated by the presence of solid yellow, red or white lines at the edge of the road or by a parking control sign, parking meters or other coin operated machines.

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

4. VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

Matters for a Solicitor or Licensed Conveyancer
Where items of maintenance or repair have been identified, the purchaser should satisfy themselves as to the costs and implications of these issues prior to making an offer to purchase. We are unaware of any easements, servitudes or rights of way which may adversely affect the property. This point should be confirmed by reference to the Title Deeds. We are unaware of any adverse planning proposals affecting the subjects although this can be confirmed by obtaining a property enquiry certificate from the local authority. Drainage is to a septic tank. It is assumed that the tank is registered with SEPA. The position regarding age, location, condition and maintenance history should be clarified. The access road appears to be private and shared. The completing conveyancer should verify rights of access and liability in respect of future maintenance. Alterations noted include the addition of a front porch. Within the limitations of our inspection these works appear to be historic, having taken place in excess of twenty years ago.
Estimated Reinstatement Cost (£) for Insurance Purposes
Three Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand Pounds: £355,000 It should be noted this sum is an estimate calculated by using a rate per square metre based on information provided by Building Cost Information Service (BCIS). It is prudent to keep the Estimated Reinstatement Cost for insurance under regular review to reflect inflationary effects. RICS guidance recommends that a reassessment be undertaken every three years, or sooner if significant alterations are made to the property.
Valuation (£) and Market Comments
Two Hundred and Ten Thousand Pounds: £210,000 The stated market valuation reflects prevailing market conditions and recent sales evidence.

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Signed:	
Date of report:	28th September 2026

The Hermitage, Clarebrand,
Castle Douglas, DG7 3AH

Mortgage Valuation Report

DM HALL

Property Address: The Hermitage, Clarebrand, Castle Douglas, DG7 3AH

Date of Inspection: 28th September 2026

Reference: 1778359

Location & Description

1. Location:

The property forms part of an established residential area in the village of Clarebrand. The surrounding properties in the immediate vicinity are generally of a similar age and style. A range of typical local amenities can be found in nearby towns and villages including Castle Douglas and Dumfries.

2. Description:

The property is a semi-detached bungalow.

3. Age:

Built around 1963 on the site of the former smithy.

4. Main Construction:

Walls: Solid stone and cavity brick

Roof: Pitched and slated.

5. Accommodation:

Ground Floor: Entrance Porch, Hallway, Living Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Rear Porch.

6. Floor Area - excluding garages and outbuildings:

Gross internal floor area: 84

Gross external floor area: 106

7. Garage and Outbuildings:

No permanent garages or outbuildings.

Services / Roads

8 Main Service:				
Water:	Yes:	✔	No:	
Electricity:	Yes:	✔	No:	
Gas:	Yes:		No:	✔
Drainage:	Yes:		No:	✔

For comments on non-mains services, see section 15.

8a. Heating:

Oil fired boiler.

9. Roads - assumed adopted (If no see section 15. General Remarks)

Yes: No: ✔

General Condition

10. Essential Repairs - comments confined to defects which would materially affect the property and/or value/suitability for mortgage purposes.

There is evidence of movement in the form of cracking internally and externally at the join between the main wall and rear porch. This may be ongoing. A suitably qualified Structural Engineer can be asked to inspect, provide an opinion and specify and cost any required remedial works.

Retention:	Yes:	✔	No:

Retention amount: £5,000

11. Subsidence, Settlement and Landslip:

There is evidence of movement in the form of cracking internally and externally at the join between the main wall and rear porch. This may be ongoing. A suitably qualified Structural Engineer can be asked to inspect, provide an opinion and specify and cost any required remedial works.

12. General Condition:

The property appeared to be in a condition generally consistent with its age and type. Some items of repair and maintenance are required.

Legal & Other Matters

13. Alterations: Has the property been extended/converted/altered? (If yes, see section 15)

Yes: ✔ No:

14. Tenure - assumed ownership with marketable title (If no, see section 15)

Yes: ✔ No:

15. General Remarks:

Where items of maintenance or repair have been identified, the purchaser should satisfy themselves as to the costs and implications of these issues prior to making an offer to purchase.

We are unaware of any easements, servitudes or rights of way which may adversely affect the property. This point should be confirmed by reference to the Title Deeds.

We are unaware of any adverse planning proposals affecting the subjects although this can be confirmed by obtaining a property enquiry certificate from the local authority.

Drainage is to a septic tank. It is assumed that the tank is registered with SEPA. The position regarding age, location, condition and maintenance history should be clarified.

The access road appears to be private and shared. The completing conveyancer should verify rights of access and liability in respect of future maintenance.

Alterations noted include the addition of a front porch. Within the limitations of our inspection these works appear to be historic, having taken place in excess of twenty years ago.

16. Comments on Mortgageability:

The property is considered suitable for mortgage purposes subject, as always, to the policy of the individual lender.

Valuation & Insurance

17.1 Valuation in present condition (words and figures):

Two Hundred and Ten Thousand Pounds: £210,000

17.2 Valuation upon completion of any works required under section 10 (words and figures):

Two Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Pounds: £215,000

17.3 Insurance reinstatement: Approximate current reinstatement cost including site clearance and professional fees, excluding VAT except on fees. (words and figures):

Three Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand Pounds: £355,000

18. Declaration:

Signed:

Valuer's name and Qualifications: Scott Morton BSc (Hons) MRICS 6753881

Date: 28th September 2026

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The Hermitage,
Clarebrand, Castle
Douglas, DG7 3AH

Property Questionnaire

Property Questionnaire

Property Address:

The Hermitage, Clarebrand, Castle Douglas, DG7 3AH

Seller(s):

Mrs Jean Ann Davidson

Completion Date of Property Questionnaire: 23/09/2026

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.**

Property Questionnaire

1. Length of ownership

How long have you owned the property? 46years

2. Council Tax

Which Council Tax band is your property in? D

3. Parking

What are the arrangements for parking at your property? (Please indicate all that apply)

Garage	No	**Allocated parking space**	Yes	**Driveway**	Yes
Shared parking	No	**On street**	Don't know	**Resident permit**	No
Metered parking	No	**Other:**	Space for garage		

4. Conservation Area

Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (i.e. an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)? No

5. Listed Building

Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (i.e. 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)?

No

If you have answered yes, please describe the changes which you have made:

(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work?

If you have answered yes, the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser, and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking.

If you do not have the documents yourself, please note below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent can arrange to obtain them.

B. Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property?

Yes

If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:

(i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?

Yes

(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?

No

(iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or patio doors (with approximate dates when the work was completed):

All windows replaced over several years with hardwood windows.

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).	Yes
If you, have answered yes/partial – what kind of central heating is there? (Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air)	Oil

If you have answered yes, please answer the 3 questions below:

B. When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed?	30 years ago
C. Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?	No
If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance agreement:	
D. When was your maintenance agreement last renewed? (Please provide the month and year).	

8. Energy Performance Certificate

Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?

No

9. Issues that may have affected your property

a. **Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it?**

No

If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?

b. **Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property?**

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

10. Services

a. **Please tick which services are connected to your property and give details of the supplier:**

Services	Connected	Supplier
Gas/liquid petroleum gas	No	
Water mains/private water supply	Yes	Scottish Water
Electricity	Yes	Scottish Power
Mains Drainage	No	
Telephone	Yes	Don’t know
Cable TV/Satellite	Don't know	
Broadband	Don't know	

b. Is there a septic tank system at your property? If you have answered yes, please answer the two questions below:	Yes
c. Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic tank?	Yes
d. Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank?	No
If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:	No maintenance contract

11. Responsibilities for a 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? If you have answered yes, please give details:	Don't know
b. Is there a responsibility to contribute to repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell or other common areas? If you have answered yes, please give details:	No
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? (A 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:

12. Charges associated with your property

a. Is there a factor or property manager for your property?

No

If you have answered yes, please provide the name and address and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:

b. Is there a common buildings insurance policy?

No

If you have answered yes, is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?

c. Please give details of any other charges you must pay on a regular basis for the upkeep of common areas or repair works, e.g. to a Residents' Association, or maintenance or stair fund.

13. Specialist Works

a. As far as you are aware, has treatment of dry rot, wet rot, damp or any other specialist work ever been carried out to your property?

No

If you have answered yes, please say what the repairs were for, whether you carried out the repairs (and when) or if they were done before you bought the property.

b. As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property?

No

If you have answered yes, please give details.

c. If you have answered yes to 13(a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work?

If you have answered yes, these guarantees will be needed by the purchaser and should be given to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have them yourself, please write below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange for them to be obtained. You will also need to provide a description of the work carried out. This may be shown in the original estimate.

Guarantees are held by:

14. Guarantees

A.	**Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following:**	
(i)	**Electrical work**	No
(ii)	**Roofing**	No
(iii)	**Central heating**	No
(iv)	**NHBC**	No
(v)	**Damp course**	No

(vi)	**Any other work or installations?** (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)	No

If you have answered 'yes' or 'with title deeds', please give details of the work or installations to which the guarantee(s) relate(s):

B. Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed above? No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

15. Boundaries

So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in the last 10 years? No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

16. Notices that affect your property

In the past 3 years have you ever received a notice:

a. Advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application? No

b. That affects your property in some other way. No

c. That requires you to do any maintenance, repairs, or improvements to your property. No

If you have answered yes to any of a-c above, please give the notices to your solicitor or estate agent, including any notices which arrive at any time before the date of entry of the purchase of your property.

Energy Performance Certificate

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Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Dwellings

Scotland

THE HERMITAGE, OLD BRIDGE OF URR, CASTLE DOUGLAS, DG7 3AH

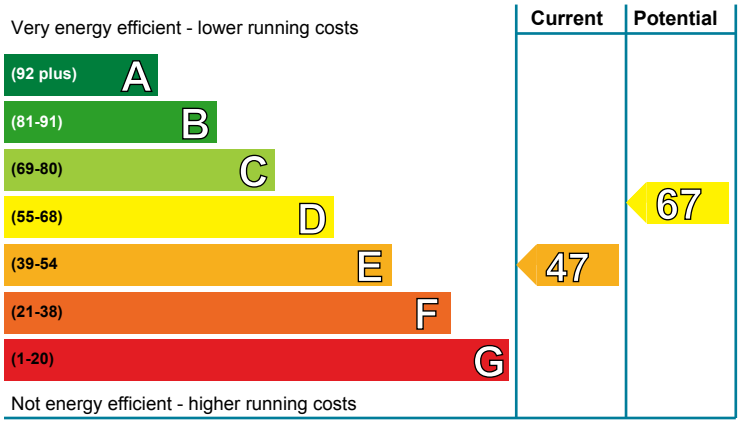
Dwelling type:	Semi-detached bungalow	**Reference number:**	7316-8121-7000-0768-1226
Date of assessment:	28 September 2026	**Type of assessment:**	RdSAP, existing dwelling
Date of certificate:	28 September 2026	**Approved Organisation:**	Elmhurst
Total floor area:	72 m²	**Main heating and fuel:**	Boiler and radiators, oil
Primary Energy Indicator:	356 kWh/m²/year		

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 CO_2 emissions by improving your home**

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	**£5,121**	See your recommendations report for more information
Over 3 years you could save*	**£1,401**	

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

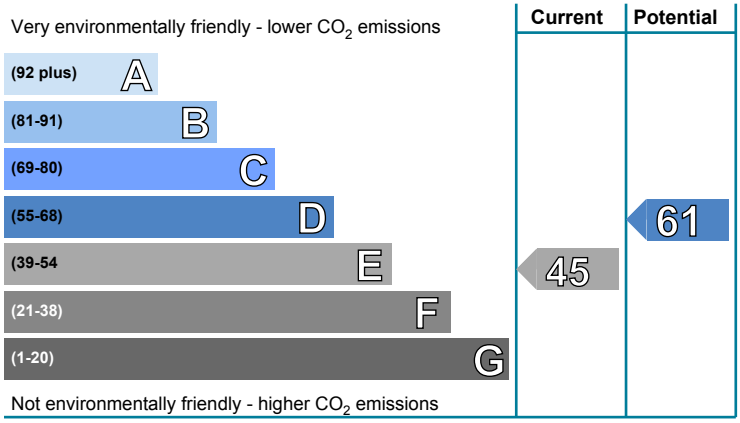


Energy Efficiency Rating

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 (47)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (61).**

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



Environmental Impact (CO_2) Rating

This graph shows the effect of your home on the environment in terms of carbon dioxide (CO_2) emissions. The higher the rating, the less impact it has on the environment.

Your current rating is **band E (45)**

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

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

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical savings over 3 years
1 Increase loft insulation to 270 mm	£900 - £1,200	£294.00
2 Internal wall insulation	£7,500 - £11,000	£564.00
3 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£5,000 - £10,000	£471.00

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.

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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. See the addendum section on the last page of this report for further information relating to items in the table.

Element	Description	Energy Efficiency	Environmental
Walls	Granite or whin, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
	Cavity wall, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Roof	Pitched, 75 mm loft insulation	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed)	—	—
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, oil	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Secondary heating	Room heaters, dual fuel (mineral and wood)	—	—
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, CO_2 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 78 kg $CO_2/m^2/yr$.

The average Scottish household produces about 6 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Based on this assessment, heating and lighting this home currently produces approximately 5.6 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 1.7 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	£4,296 over 3 years	£2,985 over 3 years	You could save £1,401 over 3 years
Hot water	£687 over 3 years	£597 over 3 years	
Lighting	£138 over 3 years	£138 over 3 years	
Totals	**£5,121**	**£3,720**	

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	Increase loft insulation to 270 mm	£900 - £1,200	£98	E 50	E 47
2	Internal wall insulation	£7,500 - £11,000	£188	D 56	E 53
3	Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£5,000 - £10,000	£157	D 61	D 58
4	Solar water heating	£4,000 - £7,000	£24	D 62	D 60
5	Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£8,000 - £10,000	£187	D 67	D 61

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 Loft insulation

Loft insulation laid in the loft space or between roof rafters to a depth of at least 270 mm will significantly reduce heat loss through the roof; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Insulation should not be placed below any cold water storage tank, any such tank should also be insulated on its sides and top, and there should be boarding on battens over the insulation to provide safe access between the loft hatch and the cold water tank. The insulation can be installed by professional contractors but also by a capable DIY enthusiast. Loose granules may be used instead of insulation quilt; this form of loft insulation can be blown into place and can be useful where access is difficult. The loft space must have adequate ventilation to prevent dampness; seek advice about this if unsure. Further information about loft insulation and details of local contractors can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk).

2 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).

3 Floor insulation (suspended floor)

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

4 Solar water heating

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

5 Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels

A solar PV system is one which converts light directly into electricity via panels placed on the roof with no waste and no emissions. This electricity is used throughout the home in the same way as the electricity purchased from an energy supplier. Planning permission might be required, building regulations generally apply to this work and a building warrant may be required, so it is best to check with your local authority. The assessment does not include the effect of any Feed-in Tariff which could appreciably increase the savings that are shown on this EPC for solar photovoltaic panels, provided that both the product and the installer are certified by the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (or equivalent). Details of local MCS installers are available at www.microgenerationcertification.org.

Low and zero carbon energy sources

Low and zero carbon (LZC) energy sources are sources of energy that release either very little or no carbon dioxide into the atmosphere when they are used. Installing these sources may help reduce energy bills as well as cutting carbon.

LZC energy sources present: There are none provided for this home

Your home's heat demand

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)	13,927.69	N/A	N/A	N/A
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,690.5			

Addendum

When considering the PV installation consider installing PV battery and a PV diverter for water heating

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

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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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