## YOUR ONESURVEY HOME REPORT

#### **ADDRESS**

Midtown Cottage
Laurieston, Castle Douglas
DG7 2PP

PREPARED FOR

James Jack

**INSPECTION CARRIED OUT BY:** 

**SELLING AGENT:** 





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PART 1

## SINGLE SURVEY

A report on the condition of the property, with categories being rated from 1 to 3.



## Single Survey

### Survey report on:

Customer	James Jack
Selling address	Midtown Cottage
	Laurieston, Castle Douglas
	DG7 2PP
Date of Inspection	27/03/2025
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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. <sup>1</sup>

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

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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.

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

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

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

To date, Purchasers have normally obtained their own report from their chosen Surveyor. By contrast, a Single Survey is instructed by the Seller and made available to all potential Purchasers in 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 advisor or Lender, they will prepare a Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes on terms and conditions to be agreed between the Surveyors and Lender and solely for the use of the Lender and upon which the Lender may rely. The decision as to whether finance will be provided is entirely a matter for the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report will be prepared from information contained in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report. 2

#### 1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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

#### 1.7 PAYMENT

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

#### 1.8 CANCELLATION

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

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

In the case of cancellation or the inspection not proceeding, the Surveyor will refund any fees paid by the Seller for the inspection and Report, except for

expenses reasonably incurred and any fee due in light of the final paragraph of this section.

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

#### 1.9 PRECEDENCE

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

#### 1.10 DEFINITIONS

- the "Lender" is the party who has provided or intends or proposes to provide financial assistance to the Purchaser towards the purchase of the Property and in whose favour a standard security will be granted over the Property;
- the "Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor, prepared from information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report, but in a style and format required by the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes will be prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected from a surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and who is competent to survey, value and report on the Property;
- the "Generic Mortgage Valuation Report" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor from information in the Report but in the Surveyor's own format.
- the "Market Value" is The estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion
- the "Property" is the property which forms the subject of the Report;
- the "Purchaser" is the person (or persons) who enters into a contract to buy the Property from the Seller;
- a "prospective Purchaser" is anyone considering buying the Property.
- the "Report" is the report, of the kind described in Part 2 of these Terms and Conditions and in the form set out in part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008;
- the "Seller" is/are the proprietor(s) of the Property;
- the "Surveyor" is the author of the Report on the Property; and

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

- 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 <u>Category 3</u>: Urgent repairs or replacement are needed now. Failure to deal with them may cause problems to other parts of the property or cause a safety hazard. Estimates for repairs or replacement are needed now.
- 2.3.2 <u>Category 2</u>: 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, he may recommend further investigation by specialist contractors.

#### 2.4 SERVICES

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

#### 2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

#### 2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

#### 2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

"Market Value" The estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an

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

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

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

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

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

#### 1. INFORMATION AND SCOPE OF INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

Description	The subjects comprise a detached one and a half storey dwelling house, with single-storey front and side porches.
Accommodation	The accommodation comprises:  Ground floor: front entrance porch, hallway, lounge, sitting room/bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, rear porch.  Attic floor: landing, two bedrooms.
Gross internal floor area (m2)	The gross internal floor area is approximately 95 m².
Neighbourhood and location	The property is located on an elevated site, within a large plot, on the north-west edge of Laurieston village, with open fields surrounding. The A762 road from Laurieston to New Galloway passes the dwelling at the end of the driveway. The property is convenient for limited local amenities in the village, more substantial facilities and amenities are available and the town of Castle Douglas, approximately 6 miles to the east.
Age	Original building circa 1880, front and rear porches circa 1980.
Weather	Overcast with light rain showers.
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.  There is one chimney stack at the right hand side gable of the dwelling, (when facing the front of the building), which is of brick construction, with sandstone coping, clay chimney pot and cowl.  The chimney stack has lead flashings.

Roofing including roof space	Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.		
	Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally.		
	Flat roofs have a limited life and depending on their age and quality of workmanship can fail at any time.		
	Roof spaces were visually inspected and were entered where there was safe and reasonable access, normally defined as being from a 3m ladder within the property. If this is not possible, then physical access to the roof space may be taken by other means if the Surveyor deems it safe and reasonable to do so.		
	The main roof to the dwelling, is of pitched design, timber framed and slated. Sandstone skew stones are fitted to the roof slopes.		
	The ridge is stone.		
	There are two dormer windows at the front elevation and one dormer window at the rear elevation.		
	The dormers have flat roofs which are clad in fibreglass.		
	Roof voids are located at the rear eaves of the dwelling, with access hatches at either side of the first floor landing.		
	There is an access hatch on the ceiling of the right hand side first floor bedroom, (when facing the front of the building).		
	The roof is of traditional timber frame construction with timber sarking.  The roof has under slate felt.		
	The loft voids are insulated to a depth of approximately 270 mm of insulation laid between and over the ceiling joists.		
	The loft void at ceiling level is insulated with polystyrene insulation, laid between the ceiling joists.		
	The vertical walls within the rear voids are insulated.		
Rainwater fittings	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.		
	The rainwater fittings are a mixture of cast-iron and pvc.		
Main walls	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required. Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.		
	The original walls of the dwelling are of solid stone construction, 600 mm thick, externally appointed unpainted and internally lined with lath and plaster/plasterboard.		
	The first floor of the dwelling appears to have been built in cavity brick, which is externally pointed and painted and internally lined.		

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.  Windows are pvc framed, double glazed, casement style. The rear first floor landing window is pvc framed, double glazed, tilt and turn style.  The external doors are pvc with double glazed panels.	
External decorations	Visually inspected.	
	External elevations are painted. Fascias are pvc lined.	
Conservatories / porches	Visually inspected.	
	There are front and rear entrance porches.	
	Front porch:	
	Construction comprises: Concrete floor, cavity brick base wall, pvc framed, double glazed door and windows.	
	The porch has a flat roof which is clad in fibreglass.	
	The front porch has fixed heating.	
	Rear porch:	
	Construction comprises: Concrete floor, cavity brick base wall, pvc framed, double glazed door and windows.	
	The porch has a mono-pitched roof which is clad in fibreglass.	
	The front porch has an electric panel heater.	
Communal areas	Circulation areas visually inspected.	
	There are no communal use areas in the dwelling.	
Garages and permanent	Visually inspected.	
outbuildings	There is no garage, although there is a stone chipped parking area for two cars at the side of the dwelling.	
	There is an aluminium framed greenhouse and two timber garden sheds in the rear garden, also a covered log store.	

Outside areas and	Visually inspected.
boundaries	The property is located within a large rectangular plot, on an elevated site with surrounding agricultural fields.
	The garden grounds are predominantly laid in grass with planted shrubs and mature trees.
	There is a grass lawn/drying area with rotary dryer to the rear of the dwelling.
	Access to the dwelling from the public road is via a stone chipped driveway with parking area to the side of the dwelling.
	Boundaries are defined by post & wire fences.
Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level.
	Ceilings are lined with lath and plaster/plasterboard.
Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level.
	Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.
	Internal walls are lined with lath and plaster/plasterboard and plastered brick.
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.
	Floors are of suspended timber and solid concrete.
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.
	Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.
	Skirtings and architraves are of softwood timber, which have been painted.
	Internal doors are timber flush panel and timber framed with glazed panels.
	Kitchen fittings comprise fitted base and wall units, with timber effect fitted worktops and stainless steel sink unit.
Chimney breasts and	Visually inspected. No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.
fireplaces	There is a fireplace in the ground floor lounge, with stone recess, flagstone hearth and solid fuel stove.

Internal decorations	Visually inspected.	
	Internal walls are plastered and painted, wallpapered and tiled.	
	Ceilings are wallpapered and plastered and painted.	
Cellars	Visually inspected where there was safe and purpose-built access.	
	There is no cellar.	
Electricity	Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.	
	Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the Surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.	
	Mains electricity is connected. The electric meter and consumer unit, which is fitted with circuit breakers, are located in a wall unit in the kitchen.	
	Wiring, where visible, is pvc sheathed and insulated and there are 13 amp square pin sockets.	
Gas	Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.	
	Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the Surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.	
	No mains gas is available.	
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.	
	Mains water is connected. Water pipes, where visible are pvc.	
	There is an external tap below the kitchen window.	
	Bathroom sanitary fitments comprise: wc, wash hand basin with pedestal, bath, electric shower over the bath.	
	Sanitary fitments are in a white suite.	

Heating and hot water	Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected.  No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.  The dwelling has a full oil fired central heating system, running from a Grant Vortex Pro which is located and a boiler store, adjacent to the kitchen, with external access door.  The hot water is provided by the central heating boiler and is supplemented by a hot water storage cylinder, which is located in the cupboard and the first floor bedroom.  The central heating system is controlled by a programmer, room thermostat and thermostatic radiator valves.
Drainage	Drainage covers etc were not lifted.
	Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.
	Drainage is to a private septic tank, which is located within the garden grounds.
Fire, smoke and burglar	Visually inspected.
alarms	No test whatsoever were carried out to any systems or appliances.
	There is now a requirement in place for compliant interlinked fire, smoke and heat detectors in residential properties. The new fire smoke and alarm standard came into force in Scotland in February 2022, requiring 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 requires 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 etc. a carbon monoxide detector is also required.
	The surveyor will only comment on the presence of a smoke detector etc. but will not test them, ascertain if they are in working order, interlinked and / or fully compliant with the fire and smoke alarm standard that was introduced in 2022.
	We have for the purposes of the report, assumed the system is fully compliant, if not then the appropriate compliant system will required to be installed prior to sale. This of course should be confirmed by your legal advisor.
	Smoke detectors are located in the ground floor lounge and hallway and first floor landing.
	A heat detector is located in the kitchen.
	Carbon monoxide detectors are located in the ground floor lounge and first floor bedroom, adjacent to the cupboard which houses the hot water storage cylinder.

## Any additional limits to inspection

Inspection of the roof spaces and the roof timbers was restricted to the rear eaves voids and loft void above the ceiling. The main roof timbers elsewhere were concealed by wall and ceiling linings within the attic floor accommodation.

An inspection for Japanese Knotweed was not carried out.

This is a plant which is subject to control regulation, is considered to be invasive and one which can render a property unsuitable for some mortgage lenders. It is therefore assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed within the boundaries of the property or its neighbouring property.

Identification of Japanese Knotweed is best undertaken by a specialist contractor. If it exists removal must be undertaken in a controlled manner by specialist contractors. This can prove to be expensive.

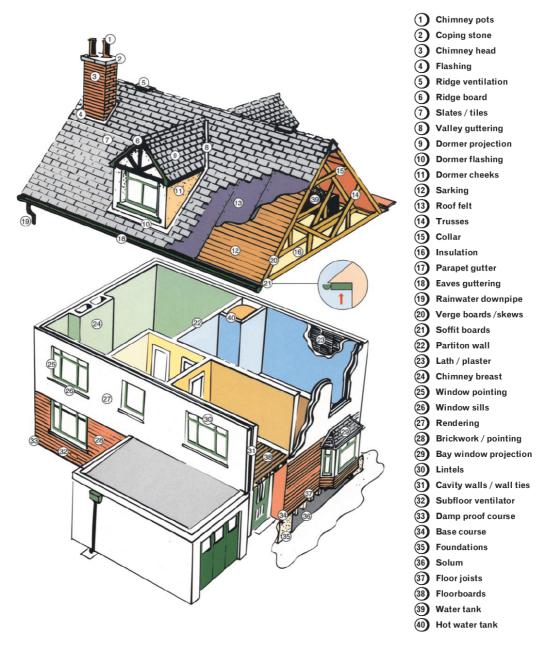
Asbestos based materials were commonly used in the construction industry up until the year 2000. There is therefore the opportunity for asbestos based materials to be part of any residential property built prior to that date.

Parts of the property, which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible, cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect.

The property was occupied, fully furnished and all floors were covered. Floor coverings restricted my inspection of flooring.

I was not able to inspect the sub floor area.

#### Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house



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

#### 2. CONDITION

This section identifies problems and tells you about the urgency of any repairs by using one of the above 3 categories:

Category 3	Category 2	Category 1
to other parts of the property or cause a safety	Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.	No immediate action or repair is needed.

Structural movement		
Repair category:		
Notes:	The property has been affected by previous movement but within the limitations of the inspection there was no evidence to suggest that this is ongoing.	

Dampness, rot and infestation		
Repair category:	2	
Notes:	Scattered woodworm was noted at the roof timbers adjacent to the access hatch in the main loft void. A timber specialist should be employed to inspect and verify whether this is active and carry out treatment if deemed necessary.	
	There is evidence of previous woodworm treatment having been carried out, although this was in 1981 and therefore as most guarantees are for thirty years, this will have expired.	
	Damp staining was noted at the lintel between the front hall doorway and front porch. This appears to be from penetrating damp at the lead flashing above. The lead flashing requires to be checked for water tightness.	
	Elevated moisture meter readings were recorded at the stone sides of the fireplace recess. It is unlikely that the stone walls will have a damp proof course.	
	There is evidence of condensation at various locations. This may be alleviated by a proper balance of heating and ventilation. This should be monitored. Further advice can be obtained from a specialist contractor.	

Category 3	Category 2	Category 1
to other parts of the property or cause a safety	Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.	No immediate action or repair is needed.

Chimney stacks	
Repair category:	
Notes:	No significant defects evident.

Roofing including roof space	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Scattered woodworm was noted at the roof timbers adjacent to the access hatch in the main loft void. A timber specialist should be employed to inspect and verify whether this is active and carry out treatment if deemed necessary.
	There is evidence of previous woodworm treatment having been carried out, although this was in 1981 and therefore as most guarantees are for thirty years, this will have expired.
	Mice droppings were noted within the loft void. This is not unusual in a rural location.

Rainwater fittings	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects evident.
	Some minor corrosion was noted at the cast iron rainwater fittings. Cast iron rainwater fittings require ongoing maintenance.

Main walls	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	The odd spalled brick was noted at the first floor elevations.
	Some areas of hollow/bossed plaster were noted at the elevations. A competent local plasterer that will be able to repair/replace.

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

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	The window units are of an older type. The seals to older double glazed units often fail resulting in condensation between the panes of glass. This can occur without warning and may only be seen in certain weather conditions.
	The front elevation lounge window is prone to leak during inclement weather.

External decorations	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Some areas of flaking/bubbling external paint were noted at the elevations.

Conservatories / porches	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Damp staining was noted at the lintel between the front hall doorway and front porch. This appears to be from penetrating damp at the lead flashing above. The lead flashing requires to be checked for water tightness.
	Elevated moisture meter readings were recorded at a small section of the base wall, adjacent to the door jamb of the rear porch.

Communal areas	
Repair category:	
Notes:	N/A.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category:	
Notes:	N/A.

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

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category:	
Notes:	Garden grounds and boundaries will require regular ongoing maintenance.
	A pole with stay is located at the rear of the dwelling, which carries an electric power cable.
	The rights of access for maintenance should be clarified.

Ceilings	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	There is evidence of condensation at the first floor bedroom dormer ceilings and ground floor lounge ceiling.
	This may be alleviated by a proper balance of heating and ventilation. This should be monitored.
	Further advice can be obtained from a specialist contractor.
	There is hairline plaster cracking to various ceilings.

Internal walls	
Repair category:	
Notes:	No significant defects evident.

Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Subfloor ventilation of the ground floor of the main house is inadequate. A reputable timber/damp specialist can carry out a check of the subfloor area and advise on improved ventilation.

Category 3	Category 2	Category 1
	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:	
Notes:	No significant defects evident.
	Glazed inserts to internal doors may not be over appropriate of glass.
	The door handle of the glazed door between the lounge and kitchen requires repair/replacement.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	A solid fuel stove has been installed on the ground floor lounge. It is assumed that the installation complies with the building standards.
	Elevated moisture meter readings were recorded at the stone sides of the fireplace recess. It is unlikely that the stone walls will have a damp proof course.

Internal decorations	
Repair category:	
Notes:	No significant defects evident.
	Some redecoration may be envisaged.

Cellars	
Repair category:	
Notes:	N/A.

Category 3	Category 2	Category 1
to other parts of the property or cause a safety	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 all electrical installations be checked every five 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 well have installations which fully comply with IET regulations.
	A label on the electrical consumer unit states that the last inspection of the electrical installation was 17/7/2019.
	A competent electrical contractor should be instructed to test the system.

Gas	
Repair category:	
Notes:	N/A.

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	
Repair category:	
Notes:	No significant defects evident.
	Concealed areas around the bath cannot be inspected however water spillage over a period of time can result in unexpected defects to hidden parts of the building fabric. Seals around the bath should be checked regularly to ensure that they remain fully watertight condition.

Heating and hot water				
Repair category:				
Notes:	It is assumed that the heating and hot water systems have been properly serviced and maintained on a regular basis and installed in accordance with the relevant regulations.			
	The most recent date of servicing of the boiler should be confirmed, prior to making a commitment to purchase. If a satisfactory servicing with in the past 12 months cannot be proven, then the heating system should be tested and serviced by a Oftec oil/Heatas registered contractor prior to a change of occupancy.			

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

Drainage	
Repair category:	
Notes:	The owner has not been able to provide any information about the septic tank maintenance and it is assumed that the tank is registered with SEPA. 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	1
Dampness, rot and infestation	2
Chimney stacks	1
Roofing including roof space	2
Rainwater fittings	1
Main walls	2
Windows, external doors and joinery	2
External decorations	2
Conservatories / porches	2
Communal areas	
Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Outside areas and boundaries	1
Ceilings	2
Internal walls	1
Floors including sub-floors	2
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	1
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	1
Internal decorations	1
Cellars	
Electricity	2
Gas	
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	1
Heating and hot water	1
Drainage	1

#### 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** 

<u>Three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property:</u> 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.

<u>Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:</u> 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 coinoperated machines.

1. Which floor(s) is the living accommodation on?	Ground Floor and Attic Floor.
2. Are there three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property?	[x]YES [ ]NO
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	[ ]YES [x]NO
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	[ ]YES [x]NO
5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?	[x]YES [ ]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 [x]NO
8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?	[x]YES [ ]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 re-instatement 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.

The dwelling has been altered and extended in excess of 20 years ago. It is assumed all necessary local authority and other consents were obtained for alterations and the appropriate documentation, including building warrants and completion certificates issued.

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 road to the front of the dwelling is understood to be public and maintained by the local authority.

The estimated reinstatement cost is £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).

The market value of the property as described in this report is £225,000.

This figure assumes vacant possession and that the property is unaffected by any adverse planning permissions, onerous burdens, title restrictions or servitude rights.

#### Estimated re-instatement cost (£) for insurance purposes

£355.000.

Three Hundred and Fifty Five Thousand Pounds.

#### Valuation (£) and market comments

£225,000.

Two Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Pounds.

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Date of report:	28/03/2025		

# MORTGAGE VALUATION **REPORT**

Includes a market valuation of the property.





Mortgage Valuation Report					
Property:	Midtown Cottage Laurieston, Castle Douglas DG7 2PP	Client: James Tenure: Abso	s Jack lute Ownership.		
Date of Inspection:	27/03/2025	Reference:	CD/25/277.		

This report has been prepared as part of the seller's instructions to carry out a Single Survey on the property referred to above. The purpose of this report is to summarise the Single Survey for the purpose of advising a potential lender on the suitability of the property for mortgage purposes. The decision as to whether mortgage finance will be provided is entirely a matter for the lender. You should not rely on this report in making your decision to purchase but consider all the documents provided in the Home Report. Your attention is drawn to the additional comments elsewhere within the report which set out the extent and limitations of the service provided. This report should be read in conjunction with the Single Survey Terms and Conditions (with MVR). In accordance with RICS Valuation – Global Standards 2017 this report is for the use of the party to whom it is addressed or their named client or their nominated lender. No responsibility is accepted to any third party for the whole or any part of the reports contents. Neither the whole or any part of this report may be included in any document, circular or statement without prior approval in writing from the surveyor.

#### 1.0 LOCATION

The property is located on an elevated site, within a large plot, on the north-west edge of Laurieston village, with open fields surrounding. The A762 road from Laurieston to New Galloway passes the dwelling at the end of the driveway. The property is convenient for limited local amenities in the village, more substantial facilities and amenities are available and the town of Castle Douglas, approximately 6 miles to the east.

2.0	DESCRIPTION	2.1 Age:	Original building circa 1880,	
			front and rear porches circa	
			1980.	

The subjects comprise a detached one and a half storey dwelling house, with single-storey front and side porches.

#### 3.0 CONSTRUCTION

Roofs: Pitched and Slated (Dormers flat fibreglass clad).

Main Walls: Solid Stone/Cavity Brick.

Floors: Suspended Timber/Solid Concrete.

#### 4.0 ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation comprises:

Ground floor: front entrance porch, hallway, lounge, sitting room/bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, rear porch.

Attic floor: landing, two bedrooms.

5.0	SERVICES (No tests have been applied to any of the services)						
Water:	Mains.	Electricity:	Mains.	Gas:	None.	Drainage:	To Private Septic tank.
<b>Central Heat</b>	ating: Full Oil.						

6.0	OUTBUILDI	OUTBUILDINGS		
Garage:		None, although parking/turning space to the side of dwelling.		
Others:		There is an aluminium framed greenhouse and two timber garden sheds in the rear garden, also a covered log store.		
7.0	made of any inaccessible. defect. Failur more serious prospective p	<b>CONDITION</b> - A building survey has not been carried out, nor has any inspection been woodwork, services or other parts of the property which were covered, unexposed or The report cannot therefore confirm that such parts of the property are free from re to rectify defects, particularly involving water penetration may result in further and a defects arising. Where defects exist and where remedial work is necessary, burchasers are advised to seek accurate estimates and costings from appropriate for Specialists before proceeding with the purchase. Generally we will not test or report walls, fences, outbuildings, radon gas or site contamination.		

The property is of traditional construction and materials, and has, in general, been reasonably well maintained for one of its age and character. It forms suitable security for normal mortgage properties.

Although not intended as an exhaustive list, the following items were noted during our inspection:

Scattered woodworm was noted at the roof timbers adjacent to the access hatch in the main loft void. A timber specialist should be employed to inspect and verify whether this is active and carry out treatment if deemed necessary.

There is evidence of previous woodworm treatment having been carried out, although this was in 1981 and therefore as most guarantees are for thirty years, this will have expired.

Damp staining was noted at the lintel between the front hall doorway and front porch. This appears to be from penetrating damp at the lead flashing above. The lead flashing requires to be checked for water tightness.

Elevated moisture meter readings were recorded at the stone sides of the fireplace recess. It is unlikely that the stone walls will have a damp proof course.

There is evidence of condensation at various locations. This may be alleviated by a proper balance of heating and ventilation. This should be monitored. Further advice can be obtained from a specialist contractor.

Mice droppings were noted within the loft void. This is not unusual in a rural location.

Some minor corrosion was noted at the cast iron rainwater fittings. Cast iron rainwater fittings require ongoing maintenance.

The odd spalled brick was noted at the first floor elevations.

Some areas of hollow/bossed plaster were noted at the elevations. A competent local plasterer that will be able to repair/replace.

The window units are of an older type. The seals to older double glazed units often fail resulting in condensation between the panes of glass. This can occur without warning and may only be seen in certain weather conditions.

The front elevation lounge window is prone to leak during inclement weather.

Some areas of flaking/bubbling external paint were noted at the elevations.

Elevated moisture meter readings were recorded at a small section of the base wall, adjacent to the door jamb of the rear porch.

Subfloor ventilation of the ground floor of the main house is inadequate. A reputable timber/damp specialist can carry out a check of the subfloor area and advise on improved ventilation.

Glazed inserts to internal doors may not be over appropriate of glass.

The door handle of the glazed door between the lounge and kitchen requires repair/replacement.

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A label on the electrical consumer unit states that the last inspection of the electrical installation was 17/7/2019.

A competent electrical contractor should be instructed to test the system.

8.0	ESSENTIAL REPAIR WORK (as a condition of any mortgage or, to preserve the condition of the property)
None.	

8.1 Retention recommended:

9.0	ROADS & FOOTPATHS					
Made up and	Adopted.					
10.0	BUILDINGS INSURANCE	£355,000.	GROSS EXTERNAL	Approximately	-	
	(£): FLOOR AREA 134 m². metres  This figure is an opinion of an appropriate sum for which the property and substantial outbuildings should be insured against total destruction on a re-instatement basis assuming reconstruction of the property in its existing design and materials. Furnishings and fittings have not been included. No allowance has been included for inflation during the insurance period or during re-construction and no allowance has been made for VAT, other than on professional fees. Further discussions with your insurers is advised.					
11.0	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.

The dwelling has been altered and extended in excess of 20 years ago. It is assumed all necessary local authority and other consents were obtained for alterations and the appropriate documentation, including building warrants and completion certificates issued.

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 road to the front of the dwelling is understood to be public and maintained by the local authority.

The estimated reinstatement cost is £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).

The market value of the property as described in this report is £225,000.

This figure assumes vacant possession and that the property is unaffected by any adverse planning permissions, onerous burdens, title restrictions or servitude rights.

The property offers fair sized accommodation with an extensive garden and has an open aspect over the adjoining countryside.

It is of a type for which an ongoing demand exists.

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12.0	VALUATION On the assumption of vacant possession and that the property is unaffected by any adverse planning proposals, onerous burdens, title restrictions or servitude rights. It is assumed that all necessary Local Authority consents, which may have been required, have been sought and obtained. No investigation of any contamination on, under or within the property has been made as we consider such matters to be outwith the scope of this report. All property built prior to the year 2000 may contain asbestos in one or more of its components or fittings. It is impossible to identify without a test. It is beyond the scope of this inspection to test for asbestos and future occupants should be advised that if they have any concerns then they should ask for a specialist to undertake appropriate tests.					
12.1	Market Value in present condition (£):	£225,000.	Two Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Pounds.			
12.2	Market Value on completion of essential works (£):	N/A.	N/A.			
12.3	Suitable security for normal mortgage purposes?	Yes	Yes			
12.4	Date of Valuation:	28/03/2025	28/03/2025			
Signature:	Electronica	lly Signed: 2825	v Signed: 282580-71c61e51-1a33			
Surveyor:	John Kempsell	BSc (Hons)	BSc (Hons) MRICS <b>Date</b> : 28/03/2025			
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PART 3

# ENERGY REPORT

A report on the energy efficiency of the property.



## energy report

## energy report on:

Property address	Midtown Cottage  Laurieston, Castle Douglas  DG7 2PP
Customer	James Jack
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## **Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)**

**Dwellings** 

## **Scotland**

#### MIDTOWN COTTAGE, LAURIESTON, CASTLE DOUGLAS, DG7 2PP

Dwelling type:Detached houseDate of assessment:27 March 2025Date of certificate:28 March 2025

**Total floor area:** 96 m<sup>2</sup>

Primary Energy Indicator: 274 kWh/m²/year

Reference number: 2332-1046-4237-0085-6224
Type of assessment: RdSAP, existing dwelling

**Approved Organisation:** Elmhurst

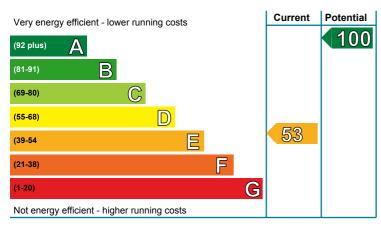
Main heating and fuel: Boiler and radiators, oil

#### 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 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by improving your home

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	£4,749	See your recommendations
Over 3 years you could save*	£1,734	report for more information

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

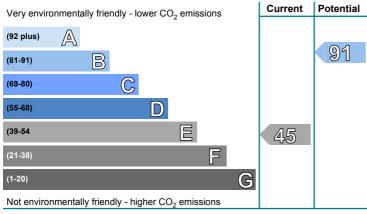


### **Energy Efficiency Rating**

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

Your current rating is **band E (53)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (61)**.

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



### **Environmental Impact (CO<sub>2</sub>) Rating**

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

Your current rating is **band E (45)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (59)**.

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

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

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical savings over 3 years
1 Room-in-roof insulation	£1,500 - £2,700	£186.00
2 Cavity wall insulation	£500 - £1,500	£138.00
3 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£438.00

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	<b>Energy Efficiency</b>	Environmental
Walls	Granite or whinstone, as built, no insulation (assumed) Cavity wall, as built, partial insulation (assumed)	*****	***** ***
	Cavity wall, as built, insulated (assumed)	****	****
Roof	Roof room(s), insulated	<b>★★★★</b> ☆	<b>★★★</b> ☆
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed) Solid, no insulation (assumed)	<u>-</u> -	<u>-</u> -
Windows	Fully double glazed	<b>★★★</b> ☆☆	★★★☆☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, oil	***	<b>★★★</b> ☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	<b>★★★★</b> ☆	<b>★★★★☆</b>
Secondary heating	Room heaters, dual fuel (mineral and wood)	_	_
Hot water	From main system	***	***
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 67% of fixed outlets	<b>★★★★</b> ☆	****

### The energy efficiency rating of your home

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

As we all use our homes in different ways, the energy rating is calculated using standard occupancy assumptions which may be different from the way you use it. The rating also uses national weather information to allow comparison between buildings in different parts of Scotland. However, to make information more relevant to your home, local weather data is used to calculate your energy use, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, running costs and the savings possible from making improvements.

## The impact of your home on the environment

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

The calculated emissions for your home are 70 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>/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 6.8 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Adopting recommendations in this report can reduce emissions and protect the environment. If you were to install all of these recommendations this could reduce emissions by 5.3 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.

### Estimated energy costs for this home

	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£3,807 over 3 years	£2,358 over 3 years	
Hot water	£558 over 3 years	£369 over 3 years	You could
Lighting	£384 over 3 years	£288 over 3 years	save £1,734
Totals	£4,749	£3,015	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 savin		Rating after improvement			
Re	commended measures	indicative cost	per year	Energy	Environment		
1	Room-in-roof insulation	£1,500 - £2,700	£62	D 55	E 47		
2	Cavity wall insulation	£500 - £1,500	£46	D 56	E 48		
3	Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£146	D 61	E 53		
4	Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£106	D 64	D 56		
5	Floor insulation (solid floor)	£4,000 - £6,000	£60	D 66	D 58		
6	Low energy lighting for all fixed outlets	£15	£28	D 66	D 59		
7	Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£61	C 69	D 62		
8	Replacement glazing units	£1,000 - £1,400	£70	C 71	D 65		
9	Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£3,500 - £5,500	£409	C 80	C 73		
10	Wind turbine	£15,000 - £25,000	£865	A 100	B 91		

#### **Alternative measures**

There are alternative improvement measures which you could also consider for your home. It would be advisable to seek further advice and illustration of the benefits and costs of such measures.

External insulation with cavity wall insulation

## Choosing the right improvement package

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



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

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

#### 1 Room-in-roof insulation

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

#### 2 Cavity wall insulation

Cavity wall insulation, to fill the gap between the inner and outer layers of external walls with an insulating material, reduces heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. The insulation material is pumped into the gap through small holes that are drilled into the outer walls, and the holes are made good afterwards. As specialist machinery is used to fill the cavity, a professional installation company should carry out this work, and they should carry out a thorough survey before commencing work to ensure that this type of insulation is suitable for this home and its exposure. They should also provide a guarantee for the work and handle any building standards issues. Further information about cavity wall insulation and details of local installers can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk).

#### 3 Internal or external wall insulation

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

#### 4 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.

#### 5 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.

#### 6 Low energy lighting

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

#### 7 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.

#### 8 Replacement glazing units

Replacing existing double-glazed units with new high-performance units. Building regulations require that replacement glazing is to a standard no worse than previous; a building warrant is not required. Planning permission might be required for such work if a building is listed or within a conservation area so it is best to check with your local authority.

#### 9 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.

#### 10 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: 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)	16,585	(424)	(621)	(1,975)
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,682			

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

#### Use of this energy performance information

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

### Advice and support to improve this property

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

Home Energy Scotland's independent and expert advisors can offer free and impartial advice on all aspects of energy efficiency, renewable energy and more.

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# PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE

The owner of the property is required to complete this document which asks for information on the property such as 'Which council tax band?' etc.



Property Address	Midtown Cottage
	Laurieston, Castle Douglas
	DG7 2PP
Seller(s)	James Jack
Completion date of property questionnaire	
Note for sellers	

1.	Length of ownership		
	How long have you owned the property?		
	11 years		
2.	Council tax		
	Which Council Tax band is your	property in? (Please circle)	
	[]A[]B[]C[]D[x]E[]F[]G[]H		
3.	Parking		
	What are the arrangements for p	arking at your property?	
	(Please tick all that apply)		
	Garage	[]	
	Allocated parking space	[]	
	Driveway	[x]	
	Shared parking	[]	
	On street	[]	
	Resident permit	[]	
	Metered parking	[]	
	Other (please specify):		

4.	Conservation area	
	Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (that is an area of	[]YES [x]NO
	special architectural or historical interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)?	[]Don't know
5.	Listed buildings	
	Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (that is a building recognised and approved as being of special architectural or historical interest)?	[ ]YES [x]NO
6.	Alterations/additions/extensions	
а	(i) During your time in the property, have you carried out any structural alterations, additions or extensions (for example, provision of an extra bath/shower room, toilet, or bedroom)?	[ ]YES [x]NO
	If you have answered yes, please describe below the changes which you have made:	
	(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work?	[]YES[]NO
	If you have answered yes, the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking.	
	If you do not have the documents yourself, please note below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange to obtain them:	
b	Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property	[ ]YES [x]NO
	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[]NO
	(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?	[]YES[]NO
	(iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or 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	
а	Is there a central heating system in your property? (Note: a partial central heating system is one which does not heat all the main rooms of	[x]YES [ ]NO
	the property - the main living room, the bedroom(s), the hall and the	[ ]Partial

	If you have answered yes or partial - what kind of central heating is there? (Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air).	
	Oil	
	If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:	
	(i) When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed?	
	Don't know	
	(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?	[ ]YES [x]NO
	If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract	
	(iii) When was your maintenance agreement last renewed? (Please provide the month and year).	
8.	Energy Performance Certificate	
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<b>9.</b>	Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?  Issues that may have affected your property  Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it?  If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any	[ ]YES [x]NO
<b>9.</b>	Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?  Issues that may have affected your property  Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it?  If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?	[ ]YES [x]NO [ ]YES [ ]NO [ ]YES [x]NO
<b>9.</b>	Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?  Issues that may have affected your property  Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it?  If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?  Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property?	[ ]YES [x]NO [ ]YES [ ]NO [ ]YES [x]NO

	Services	Connected	Su	pplier
	Gas or liquid petroleum gas	N		
	Water mains or private water supply	Y	Sc	ottish Water
	Electricity	Y		
	Mains drainage	N		
	Telephone	N		
	Cable TV or satellite	N		
	Broadband	N		
)	Is there a septic tank system at your property?			[x]YES [ ]NO
	If you have answered yes, please answer the two o	questions below:		
	(i) Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic		[x]YES [ ]NO	
	tánk?			[]Don't know
	(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank?			[]YES [x]NO
	If you have answered yes, please give details of the which you have a maintenance contract:	e company with		
11.	Responsibilities for shared or common areas			
a	Are you aware of any responsibility to contribute to used jointly, such as the repair of a shared drive, pr boundary, or garden area?		ıg	[x]YES [ ]NO
	If you have answered yes, please give details:			[]Don't know
	Boundary fence			
b	Is there a responsibility to contribute to repair and r roof, common stairwell or other common areas?	maintenance of the	!	[]YES[]NO
	If you have answered yes, please give details:			[x]N/A
5	Has there been any major repair or replacement of during the time you have owned the property?	any part of the roc	of	[ ]YES [x]NO
t	Do you have the right to walk over any of your neig example to put out your rubbish bin or to maintain y		or	[ ]YES [x]NO
	If you have answered yes, please give details:			

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е	As far as you are aware, do any of your neighbours have the right to walk over your property, for example to put out their rubbish bin or to maintain their boundaries?	[ ]YES [x]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 privatelyowned.)	[ ]YES [x]NO	
	If you have answered yes, please give details:		
12.	Charges associated with your property		
а	Is there a factor or property manager for your property? If you have answered yes, please provide the name and address, and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:	[ ]YES [x]NO	
b	Is there a common buildings insurance policy?	[ ]YES [x]NO	
		[]Don't know	
	If you have answered yes, is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factors charges?		
С	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 works		
а	As far as you are aware, has treatment of dry rot, wet rot, damp or any other specialist work ever been carried out to your property?	[x]YES [ ]NO	
	If you have answered yes, please say what the repairs were for, whether you carried out the repairs (and when) or if they were done before you bought the property.		
	Woodworm treatment 1981		
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?	[ ]YES [x]NO	
	If you have answered yes, please give details:		
С	If you have answered yes to 13(a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work?	[]YES[]NO	
	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		
а	Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following:		
(i)	Electrical work	[x]NO [ ]YES [ ]Don't know [ ]With title deeds [ ]Lost	
(ii)	Roofing	[x]NO [ ]YES [ ]Don't know [ ]With title deeds [ ]Lost	
(iii)	Central heating	[x]NO [ ]YES [ ]Don't know [ ]With title deeds [ ]Lost	
(iv)	National House Building Council(NHBC)	[x]NO [ ]YES [ ]Don't know [ ]With title deeds [ ]Lost	
(v)	Damp course	[x]NO [ ]YES [ ]Don't know [ ]With title deeds [ ]Lost	
(vi)	Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)	[x]NO [ ]YES [ ]Don't know [ ]With title deeds [ ]Lost	
b	If you have answered 'yes' or 'with title deeds', please give details of the work or installations to which the guarantee(s) relate(s):		
С	Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed above?	[ ]YES [ ]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?	[ ]YES [x]NO	
		[]Don't know	
	If you have answered yes, please give details:		
16.	Notices that affect your property		
In the past three years have you ever received a notice:			
а	advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?	[]YES [x]NO	
b	that affects your property in some other way?	[ ]YES [x]NO	
С	that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?	[]YES [x]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 purchaser of your property.		

Declaration by the seller(s)/or other authorised body or person(s) I/We confirm that the information in this form is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.			
Signature(s):	James Jack		
Capacity:	[x]Owner		
Сараску.	[ ]Legally Appointed Agent for Owner		
Date:	25/03/2025		