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## Single Survey Report

**on**



**35 Meadowbank  
Kirkwall**

Customer:

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Customer address:

35 Meadowbank  
Kirkwall

Date of inspection:

01/05/2025

Prepared by:

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### 1. INFORMATION AND SCOPE OF INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

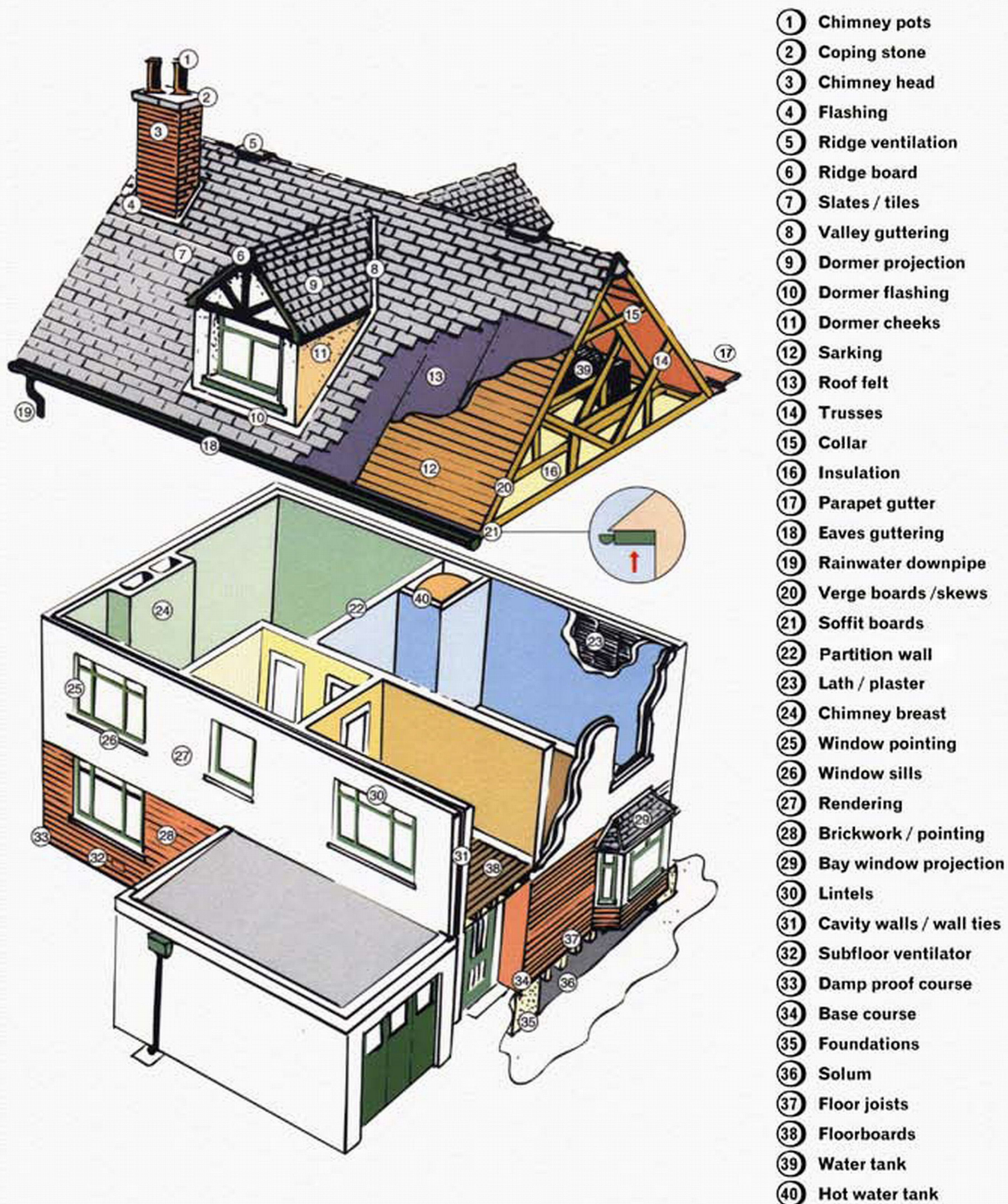
Description	Mid-terrace house.
Accommodation	Entrance Hall, Kitchen, and Sitting-room on the Ground Floor; Landing, 2 Bedrooms, and Bathroom on the First Floor.
Gross internal floor area (M2)	69
Neighbourhood	Situated within a local authority housing estate close to the centre of Kirkwall.
Age	50
Weather	Dry and windy.

Chimney stacks	None present.
Roofing including roof space	Pitched roof clad in interlocking concrete tiles. Glass wool insulation has been laid between the roof timbers within the void.
Rainwater fittings	Grey plastic gutters and downpipes fitted.
Main walls	Cavity concrete block, externally harled
Windows, external doors and joinery	All double glazed windows in PVC frames. PVC Entrance Doors.
External decorations	All external joinery is pvc.
Conservatories / porches	None present.
Communal areas	None present.
Garages and permanent outbuildings	A small semi-detached block-built garden shed sits in the south-western corner of the rear garden. It has a mono-pitch roof clad in bitumen felt.
Outside areas and boundaries	The front elevation of the house sits directly on the access way. There is a small yard to the rear of the property, which has been surfaced with granite chips and has areas of Astroturf laid. The rear yard is defined by concrete block walls that have been heightened with timber fences.
Ceilings	Generally plasterboard sheeting, taped and filled.
Internal walls	Stud partitions clad with plasterboard are installed throughout.
Floors including sub-floors	Suspended timber floors. All are covered with fitted coverings.
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	None present.
Internal decoration	All walls and ceilings have been emulsioned and/or papered. Skirtings and facings have been both varnished and painted.
Cellars	None present.
Electricity	Mains electricity wired in double insulated cable.
Gas	None present.
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	Mains supply presumed to pvc storage tank situated in the roof void. Copper pipework distribution system. Modern sanitaryware installed.
Heating and hot water	The property is heated by an air-to-air heat pump, with outlets in the sitting-room and on the landing. Domestic hot water is heated by immersion heater. A hot water storage tank is installed in a cupboard in western bedroom.
Drainage	Mains drainage serves the dwelling.
Fire smoke and burglar alarms	Smoke detectors are present throughout.
Any additional limits to inspection	None



## 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 terms.

## 2 CONDITION

This section identifies problems and tells you about the urgency of any repairs by using one of three categories.



### Structural movement

Repair Category

1

Notes

Generally, the walls are plumb and true. A hairline crack extends from the bottom right-hand corner of the western bedroom window, diagonally to the top left-hand corner of the sitting room window.



### Dampness, rot and infestation

Repair Category

1

Notes

No current dampness, rot or infestation was noted.



### Chimney stacks

Repair Category

n/a

Notes

None present.



### Roofing including roof space

Repair Category

1

Notes

Main roof and void are functional.  
The topography around the dwelling limited the inspection of the exterior.  
The underside of the sarking within the roof void had been stained by historic condensation mould. The timbers were dry at the time of inspection.



### Rainwater fittings

Repair Category

1

Notes

The guttering and downpipes appear to be operating correctly.  
The guttering serving the rear aspect of the roof was distorted but appeared to remain functional.



### Main walls

Repair Category

1

Notes

Walls are plumb and true.



## Windows, external doors and joinery

Repair Category

1

Notes



## External Decorations

Repair Category

n/a

Notes

n/a



## Conservatories / porches

Repair Category

n/a

Notes

None present.



## Communal areas

Repair Category

n/a

Notes

None present.



## Garages and permanent outbuildings

Repair Category

2

Notes

The bitumen felt has perished along the rear verge of the roof. The property remains watertight.  
Door furniture is tired.



## Outside areas and boundaries

Repair Category

1

Notes

All are neat and tidy.



## Ceilings

Repair Category

1

Notes

No defects noted.



## Internal walls

Repair Category

1

Notes

Generally no defects were noted.



## Floors including sub-floors

Repair Category

1

Notes

Floors are firm and level and without significant defect.  
No access to floor void.



## Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

Repair Category

1

Notes



## Chimney breasts and fireplaces

Repair Category

n/a

Notes

None present.



## Internal decoration

Repair Category

1

Notes

Decoration is adequate.



## Cellars

Repair Category

n/a

Notes

None present.



## Electricity

Repair Category

1

Notes

No defects noted.  
It is recommended that the installation be checked by an electrical engineer and his recommendations be implemented.



## Gas

Repair Category

n/a

Notes

None present.





## Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

Repair Category

1

Notes

All sanitaryware is adequate.  
Generally no defects were noted and the system was functional.  
The insulation quilting had fallen from the outside of the storage tank.



## Heating and hot water

Repair Category

1

Notes

The external inverted unit is beginning to rust. The dwelling was warm during the inspection.  
It is recommended that the heating be checked by a heating engineer and his recommendations be implemented.



## Drainage

Repair Category

1

Notes

No defects were noted.  
The system appears to be operating correctly.

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

### Repair Categories

#### Category 3:

Urgent Repairs or replacement are needed now. Failure to deal with them may cause problems to other parts of the property or cause a safety hazard. Estimates for repairs or replacement are needed now.

#### Category 2:

Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.

#### Category 1:

No immediate action or repair is needed.

### Remember

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

### Warning

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

### 3. ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

#### Guidance Notes on Accessibility Information

Three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property: In flatted developments the 'main entrance' would be the flat's own entrance door, not the external door to the communal stair. The 'three steps or fewer' are counted from external ground level to the flat's entrance door. Where a lift is present, the count is based on the number of steps climbed when using the lift.

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

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

#### 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

Check rights and responsibilities for mutual parts, shared boundaries etc.

##### Estimated re-instatement cost for insurance purposes

£225,000.00

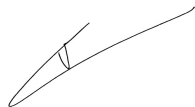
##### Valuation and market comments

I am of the opinion that the open market value of 35 Meadowbank Kirkwall, as inspected, is fairly stated at £145,000

Report author: N J Coward

Address: The Office  
Burgar House  
Evie  
KW17 2NJ

Signed:



Date of report: Thursday, 1, May, 2025

The outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), declared by the World Health Organisation as a “Global Pandemic” on 11 March 2020, has impacted global financial markets. Travel restrictions have been implemented by many countries. Market activity is being impacted in many sectors. As at the valuation date, I consider that I can attach less weight to previous market evidence for comparison purposes, to inform opinions of value. Indeed, the current response to COVID-19 means that we are faced with an unprecedented set of circumstances on which to base a judgement.

My valuation(s) is / are therefore reported on the basis of ‘material valuation uncertainty’ as per VPS 3 and VPGA 10 of the RICS Red Book Global.

Consequently, less certainty – and a higher degree of caution – should be attached to our valuation than would normally be the case. Given the unknown future impact that COVID-19 might have on the real estate market, we recommend that you keep the valuation of 35 Meadowbank under frequent review.





## Terms and Conditions

### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 The Surveyor

The Seller has engaged the Surveyor to provide the Single Survey Report. The Seller has also engaged the Surveyor to provide an Energy Report in the format prescribed by the accredited Energy Company.

The Surveyor is 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 Surveyor, an additional fee may be incurred by the Purchaser. Any additional fee will be agreed in writing.

If information is provided to the Surveyor during the conveyancing process which materially affects the valuation stated in the Report, the Surveyor reserves the right to reconsider the valuation. Where the Surveyor requires to amend the valuation in consequence of such information, they will issue an amended Report to the Seller. It is the responsibility of the Seller to ensure that the amended Report is 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 Surveyor has had a previous business relationship within the past two years with the Seller or Sellers Agent or relative to the property, they will be obliged to indicate this by ticking the adjacent box. ☒

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

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

## 1.2 The Report

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

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

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

To date, Purchasers have normally obtained their own report from their chosen Surveyor. By contrast, a Single Survey is instructed by the Seller and made available to all potential Purchasers in 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 Surveyor.

## 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 Surveyor acknowledges that his duty of skill and care in relation to the Report is owed to the Seller and to the Purchaser. The Surveyor accepts 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 Surveyor accepts 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 Surveyor undertakes 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 Surveyor undertakes that on being asked to do so by a prospective purchaser, or his/her professional advisor or Lender, they will prepare a Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes on terms and conditions to be agreed between the Surveyors and Lender and solely for the use of the Lender and upon which the Lender may rely. The decision as to whether finance will be provided is entirely a matter for the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report will be prepared from information contained in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report<sup>2</sup>.

#### **1.6 Intellectual Property**

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

#### **1.7 Payment**

The Surveyor is 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

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## 1.8 Cancellation

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

The Surveyor will be entitled not to proceed with the inspection (and will so report promptly to the Seller) if after arriving at the property, the Surveyor concludes that it is of a type of construction of which the surveyor has insufficient specialist knowledge to be able to provide the inspection satisfactorily. The Surveyor will also be entitled not to proceed if after arriving at the property, the surveyor concludes that the property is exempt under Part 3 of The Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 as detailed in the (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008. If there is a potential threat to their health or personal safety, the inspection may be postponed or cancelled, at the Surveyor's discretion. In the case of cancellation or the inspection not proceeding, the Surveyor will refund any fees paid by the Seller for the inspection and Report, except for expenses reasonably incurred and any fee due in light of the final paragraph of this section.

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

## 1.9 Precedence

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

## 1.10 Definitions

- the “Lender” is the party who has provided or intends or proposes to provide financial assistance to the Purchaser towards the purchase of the Property and in whose favour a standard security will be granted over the Property;
- the “Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes” means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor, prepared from information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report, but in a style and format required by the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes will be prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected from a surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and who is competent to survey, value and report on the Property;
- the "Generic Mortgage Valuation Report" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor from information in the Report but in the Surveyor's own format.
- the “Market Value” is *The estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length*



*transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion*

- the “Property” is the property which forms the subject of the Report;
- the “Purchaser” is the person (or persons) who enters into a contract to buy the Property from the Seller;
- a "prospective Purchaser" is anyone considering buying the Property.
- the “Report” is the report, of the kind described in Part 2 of these Terms and Conditions and in the form set out in part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008;
- the “Seller” is/are the proprietor(s) of the Property;
- the “Surveyor” is the author of the Report on the Property; and the firm 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.

### **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.*

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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.

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### 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.

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35 Meadowbank  
Kirkwall

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Kirkwall

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**Date Inspected:** 01/05/2025

**DESCRIPTION:** House

**Type:** Mid-terrace **Floor Area** 80 *sq metres*

Accommodation:	Livingroom	Bedrooms	Kitchen	Bathrooms	WC	Other
	1	2	1	1	0	0

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**Neighbourhood:** Forms part of the Meadowbank housing estate close to the centre of Kirkwall.

**Age:** 55

**Construction**

**Walls:** Cavity concrete block

**Roof:** Pitched roof clad in interlocking concrete tiles

**Services:** Mains Electricity, Water and Drainage

**Heating:** Air source heat pump

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**Valuation and Market Comment**

In its present condition and with the current state of the property market my valuation of the property is £145,000.00

The rebuilding cost for insurance purposes is £225,000.00

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**YOU WILL NEED ALL RELEVANT ESTIMATES AND REPORTS NOW**

Regulated by RICS

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### Matters affecting Value

Number 35 is a mid-terrace dwelling in a terrace of four similar properties. The front door of the property opens directly onto a common path.

Many of the properties within the housing estate have passed into private ownership.

The property is a 15-minute walk from the town centre. The local schools are closer. All amenities are consequently close by.

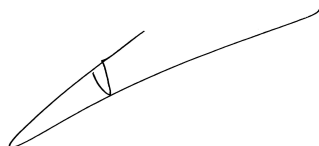
The property stands in generally satisfactory condition throughout.

### Matters for your Convenancer

Check rights and responsibilities for mutual parts, shared boundaries etc.

**Tenure :** Absolute Ownership

**Valuer:** N J Coward  
The Office  
Burgar House  
Evie



**Telephone** 07732614493

**Date of Valuation** 01/05/2025

### GUIDANCE NOTES

You have chosen a valuation report which is a limited inspection of the property highlighting only those items which I consider will materially affect value. It is prepared on instructions from yourself in accordance with the RICS Specification for Residential Mortgage Valuations a copy of which is available on request.

I cannot see through solids or see things that are hidden by wall and floor coverings. I will not move furniture or obstructions inside or outside, lift carpets, crawl under floors, climb ladders outside or go on roofs or fully enter roof spaces. I will look at the outside of the property from the garden and adjacent public areas.

Services including central heating system have not been tested.

You still have the option to request a more detailed report and I will be pleased to help you with this.

I have assumed the property information supplied is correct although your conveyancer should verify this.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this report please contact me.

Do not forget to read the Advice For Clients section - it is important

## ADVICE FOR CLIENTS

Problems may have been highlighted and you may require reports and estimates. When obtaining these I would suggest you use a reputable contractor with an insurance backed guarantee and who is preferably a member of a trade organisation.

When reports and estimates are being obtained, your contractor may go further than the valuer for example lifting carpets and floorboards, and may reveal more serious problems.

To make sure you are properly covered get your conveyancer to check on existing guarantees and maintenance contracts for example central heating, damp and timber treatments. Please note I have not tested services.

I may have mentioned "Legal requirements or consents". This means such things as planning and building regulation permissions, listed building consent, party wall issues, health and safety matters, freeholder consents, title restrictions, road and sewer bonds etc. Your conveyancer can advise you further.

Information and testing of electrical systems can be obtained from a qualified member of N.I.C.E.I.C. telephone 0207 5827746 or the ECA 0207 313 4800.

Information and testing of gas appliances can be obtained from a CORGI registered specialist, for names telephone 0800 371782.

Advice on asbestos can be obtained from the local Environmental Health Departmental your local authority. For advice on contractors who can remove asbestos telephone the Asbestos Removal Contractors Association on 01283 531126

If I have mentioned radon or high voltage electrical supply apparatus, advice can be obtained from the National Radiological Protection Board telephone 0800 614529. If I have mentioned contaminated land make sure your conveyancer checks with the local authority what steps have been taken either by the local authority or anyone else to deal with any possible contamination. Remember, if you are buying a property you need all relevant estimates and reports before you agree to buy and I would recommend they are in your name. For further advice about matters in this valuation contact the valuer who has carried it out.

The outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), declared by the World Health Organisation as a "Global Pandemic" on 11 March 2020, has impacted global financial markets. Travel restrictions have been implemented by many countries. Market activity is being impacted in many sectors. As at the valuation date, I consider that I can attach less weight to previous market evidence for comparison purposes, to inform opinions of value. Indeed, the current response to COVID-19 means that we are faced with an unprecedented set of circumstances on which to base a judgement. My valuation(s) is / are therefore reported on the basis of 'material valuation uncertainty' as per VPS 3 and VPGA 10 of the RICS Red Book Global. Consequently, less certainty – and a higher degree of caution – should be attached to our valuation than would normally be the case. Given the unknown future impact that COVID-19 might have on the real estate market, we recommend that you keep the valuation of 35 Meadowbank under frequent review.



# Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

# Scotland

Dwellings

35 MEADOWBANK, KIRKWALL, KW15 1QJ

**Dwelling type:** Mid-terrace house  
**Date of assessment:** 04 February 2020  
**Date of certificate:** 05 February 2020  
**Total floor area:** 69 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Primary Energy Indicator:** 299 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year

**Reference number:** 2700-1746-0022-3001-1203  
**Type of assessment:** RdSAP, existing dwelling  
**Approved Organisation:** Elmhurst  
**Main heating and fuel:** Air source heat pump, warm air, electric

## 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*	£2,964	See your recommendations report for more information
Over 3 years you could save*	£702	

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

Very energy efficient - lower running costs



Not energy efficient - higher running costs

Current	Potential
68	88

## Energy Efficiency Rating

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

Your current rating is **band D (68)**. 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.

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



Not environmentally friendly - higher CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Current	Potential
66	86

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

This graph shows the effect of your home on the environment in terms of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions. The higher the rating, the less impact it has on the environment.

Your current rating is **band D (66)**. 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 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£303.00
2 Low energy lighting	£15	£42.00
3 Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£285.00

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](http://greenerscotland.org) or contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

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

## Summary of the energy performance related features of this home

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

Element	Description	Energy Efficiency	Environmental
Walls	Cavity wall, filled cavity	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Roof	Pitched, 250 mm loft insulation	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed)	—	—
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Main heating	Air source heat pump, warm air, electric	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Main heating controls	Time and temperature zone control	★★★★★★	★★★★★★
Secondary heating	Portable electric heaters (assumed)	—	—
Hot water	Electric immersion, off-peak	★★★☆☆☆	★★★☆☆☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 67% of fixed outlets	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆

## The energy efficiency rating of your home

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

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


## The impact of your home on the environment

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

The calculated emissions for your home are 50 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 3.5 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Adopting recommendations in this report can reduce emissions and protect the environment. If you were to install all of these recommendations this could reduce emissions by 1.8 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.










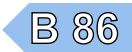
## Estimated energy costs for this home

	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£2,094 over 3 years	£1,737 over 3 years	
Hot water	£657 over 3 years	£363 over 3 years	
Lighting	£213 over 3 years	£162 over 3 years	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,964</b>	<b>£2,262</b>	

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 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£101		
2 Low energy lighting for all fixed outlets	£15	£14		
3 Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£95		
4 High performance external doors	£1,000	£26		
5 Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£3,500 - £5,500	£289		

## 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](http://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 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](http://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.

### 2 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>).

### 3 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](http://www.microgenerationcertification.org).

### 4 High performance external doors

High performance external doors contain insulation and lose heat at about half the rate of conventional external doors. Building regulations generally apply to this work, so it is best to check this your local authority building standards department.

### 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](http://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:

- Air source heat pump

## 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)	6,864	N/A	N/A	N/A
Water heating (kWh per year)	1,890			

## 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](http://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](http://www.scottishepcregister.org.uk) and entering the report reference number (RRN) printed at the top of this page.

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## 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](http://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](http://www.gov.scot/epc).



### **Advice and support to improve this property**

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

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

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