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# SINGLE SURVEY

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



## Survey report on:

<b>Surveyor Reference</b>	EA2158
<b>Customer</b>	Andy Stallerd
<b>Selling address</b>	56b Castle Street Montrose DD10 8AG
<b>Date of Inspection</b>	29/08/2024
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## 1. INFORMATION AND SCOPE OF INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

Description	Purpose-built self-contained ground floor flat within a terraced 2 storey traditional block within a back-lying location.
Accommodation	Entrance, Lounge with Open Plan Kitchen, Bedroom, Shower Room.
Gross internal floor area (m2)	32
Neighbourhood and location	Established location of similar traditional flatted buildings within central Montrose, close to High Street and all amenities. Surrounding properties are mainly of a traditional residential nature.
Age	130 years approx.
Weather	Dry.
Chimney stacks	The chimneys are of stone construction. <b><i>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.</i></b>
Roofing including roof space	The roof is of pitched type clad in slates with zinc ridging. No access was gained to any roof timbers. <b><i>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.</i></b>  <b><i>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.</i></b>  <b><i>Roofs are prone to water penetration during adverse weather but it is not always possible for surveyors to identify this likelihood in good or dry weather. All roofs should be inspected and repaired by reputable tradesmen on an annual basis and especially after storms.</i></b>

Rainwater fittings	<p>The rainwater fittings are PVC.</p> <p><b><i>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.</i></b></p>
Main walls	<p>The building is of traditional solid stone construction, lined internally.</p> <p><b><i>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</i></b></p>
Windows, external doors and joinery	<p>The windows are of relatively modern uPVC double glazed design. The property is accessed by a uPVC glazed entrance door.</p> <p><b><i>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Doors and windows were not forced open.</i></b></p>
External decorations	Not applicable.
Conservatories / porches	Not applicable.
Communal areas	<p>The property is accessed by a common entrance close from Castle Street.</p> <p><b><i>Circulation areas visually inspected.</i></b></p>
Garages and permanent outbuildings	<p>There are no outbuildings of significance to value.</p> <p><b><i>Visually inspected.</i></b></p>
Outside areas and boundaries	<p>There is a shared courtyard area to the south of the subject flat.</p> <p><b><i>Visually inspected.</i></b></p>
Ceilings	<p>The ceilings appear to be of plasterboard throughout.</p> <p><b><i>Visually inspected from floor level.</i></b></p>
Internal walls	<p>The internal walls are plasterboard. The surfaces are decorated and partially clad.</p> <p><b><i>Visually inspected from floor level.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</i></b></p>

Floors including sub floors	<p>The floors appear to be of timber design. Due to fully fitted floorcoverings no detailed inspection was possible and no access was gained to any sub-floor area.</p> <p><b>Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.</b></p> <p><b>Sub-floor areas were inspected only to the extent visible from a readily accessible and unfixed hatch by way of an inverted "head and shoulders" inspection at the access point.</b></p> <p><b>Physical access to the sub floor area may be taken if the Surveyor deems it is safe and reasonable to do so, and subject to a minimum clearance of 1m between the underside of floor joists and the solum as determined from the access hatch.</b></p>
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	<p>The internal doors are of timber design. The kitchen units appear fairly modern. The property has fitted storage space.</p> <p><b>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</b></p> <p><b>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</b></p>
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	None.
Internal decorations	<p>Internal surfaces are papered/painted.</p> <p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p>
Cellars	Not applicable.
Electricity	<p>Mains supply. The meter is external. The consumer unit is in the entrance hall cupboard.</p> <p><b>Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p><b>Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the Surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.</b></p>
Gas	None.

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	<p>Mains supply. Where viewed the plumbing system is PVC and copper. There is stainless steel sink unit in the kitchen. The shower suite appears fairly modern.</p> <p><b>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p><b>Concealed areas around baths and shower trays cannot be inspected however water spillage over a period of time can result in unexpected defects to hidden parts of the building fabric.</b></p>
Heating and hot water	<p>Heating is by a wet electric system. The heating unit is in a bedroom cupboard. Hot water is supplied by the heating system.</p> <p><b>Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p>
Drainage	<p>To a mains sewer.</p> <p><b>Drainage covers etc were not lifted.</b></p> <p><b>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</b></p>
Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	<p>Alarms are installed.</p> <p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No test whatsoever were carried out to any systems or appliances.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>

<p>Any additional limits to inspection</p>	<p><b><i>Only the subject flat and internal communal areas giving access to the flat were inspected.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>If the roof space or under-building / basement is communal, reasonable and safe access is not always possible. If no inspection was possible, this will be stated. If no inspection was possible, the Surveyor will assume that there are no defects that will have a material effect on the valuation.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>The building containing the flat, including any external communal areas, was visually inspected only to the extent that the Surveyor is able to give an opinion on the general condition and standard of maintenance.</i></b></p> <p>Asbestos was commonly used in building materials up to the end of the 20th century by which time it became a banned substance. The current informed view is that provided these remain in good condition and undisturbed then they should present no significant hazard to health. In the event of damage or disturbance, however, above average costs may be incurred for repair or removal by a Specialist Contractor. Care should be taken when carrying out maintenance, repair or renewal.</p> <p><b><i>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.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Normal maintenance is not treated as a repair for the purposes of the Single Survey. When a category 1 rating is provided this means the property must continue to be maintained in the normal way.</i></b></p>
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## Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house



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



## 2. CONDITION

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

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

Structural movement	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	There is no evidence of recent or ongoing movement.

Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	There is pockets of damp staining around the shower cubicle, including staining in the adjacent bedroom. Waterproof seals should be updated as necessary and concealed areas checked/repaired.

Chimney stacks	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Fair order. Chimney flashings require updating from time to time.

Roofing including roof space	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	The roof covering is affected by general weathering along with broken and dislodged slates. It should be appreciated that ongoing maintenance will be necessary and indeed an annual inspection is recommended.

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Rainwater fittings	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Rainwater fittings are choked to both the front and rear elevations. It should be appreciated that defective rainwater fittings can lead to water ingress and timber defects.

Main walls	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Typical scaling/weathering and staining noted.

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Where tested the windows were found to be in satisfactory working order. Similarly, the entrance door was tested with no issues identified.

External decorations	
Repair category:	
Notes:	Not applicable.

Conservatories / porches	
Repair category:	
Notes:	Not applicable.

Communal areas	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Adequately maintained.

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Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category:	
Notes:	Not applicable.

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Boundaries should be verified by reference to the Title Deeds.

Ceilings	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects noted. There is dry staining to the shower room ceiling.

Internal walls	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects noted.

Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No immediate action necessary.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	The internal joinery is in keeping with a property of this type and age. There is typical wear and tear apparent.

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Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category:	
Notes:	Not applicable.

Internal decorations	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	To a fair standard throughout.

Cellars	
Repair category:	
Notes:	Not applicable.

Electricity	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	<p>The system appears satisfactory, nonetheless current test certification should be obtained.</p> <p>It is generally recommended to check electrical systems every 5 years or upon taking possession of a property.</p>

Gas	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	It is appropriate to have gas fittings tested on a regular basis.

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	The plumbing system appears functional, although was not tested.

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## Heating and hot water

Repair category:	1
Notes:	An electric heating system is installed. Annual servicing is recommended. Current test certification should be obtained.

## Drainage

Repair category:	1
Notes:	There is no evidence to suggest the system is choked or leaking.

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.

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

**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 coinoperated machines.

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

<b>Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer</b>	
<p>Tenure is assumed absolute ownership.</p> <p>We are unaware of any adverse proposals affecting the subjects although this can be confirmed by obtaining a Property Enquiry Certificate.</p> <p>There is no evidence of recent alterations.</p> <p>The external and common repairing liabilities should be verified.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<b>Estimated re-instatement cost (£) for insurance purposes</b>	
The subjects should be insured for a sum of not less than £150,000.	
<b>Valuation (£) and market comments</b>	
<p>Market value assuming vacant possession is £45,000.</p> <p>Our valuation reflects current market conditions relating to this area. We would assume that current trends will prevail at the ultimate date of disposal with no adverse or onerous matters being introduced into the market during the intervening period which would have a detrimental effect on price.</p>	
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