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Scottish
Single Survey



survey report on:

Property address	69 Main Street Newmills Dunfermline KY12 8ST
Customer	Gail Drummond
Customer address	69 Main Street Newmills Dunfermline KY12 8ST
Prepared by	Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
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PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 THE SURVEYORS

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

1.2 THE REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.3 LIABILITY

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

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

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

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

1.4 GENERIC MORTGAGE VALUATION REPORT

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

1.5 TRANSCRIPT MORTGAGE VALUATION FOR LENDING PURPOSES

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

1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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

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

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
- 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.

- 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 <u>Category 2:</u> Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.
- 3 Category 1: No immediate action or repair is needed.

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

Parts of the property, which cannot be seen or accessed, will not be reported upon and this will be stated. If the Surveyor suspects that a defect may exist within an unexposed area and which could have a material effect upon the value, he may recommend further investigation by specialist contractors.

2.4 SERVICES

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

2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

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

There are rights of access and exit over all communal roadways, corridors, stairways etc. and to use

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 etc. will not be inspected or reported on.

Description	The subjects comprise a single storey detached cottage.
Accommodation	GROUND FLOOR:- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Bedroom (with office/study off), Kitchen & Shower Room.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	The gross internal floor area extends to 81m² or thereby.
Neighbourhood and location	The subjects are situated in an established residential area made up of a variety of house types. The subjects are located in close proximity to local amenities.
Age	Circa 1700.
Weather	Dry and clear.
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Chimney stacks are of brick construction being pointed and rendered externally. The pointed chimney stack has been painted.

Roofing including roof space	Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Roof spaces were visually inspected and were entered where there was safe and reasonable access, normally defined as being from a 3m ladder within the property. If this is not possible, then physical access to the roof space may be taken by other means if the Surveyor deems it safe and reasonable to do so. The roof is pitched and clad with tiles with the ridge being formed in tile and the verges of overhanging tiles. The roof pitch also incorporates a slate skirt to the lowest point of tiles. Cement pointing has been installed to the rearmost section of the tiles. Access was afforded into the roof void area via a hatch within the entrance hallway.
Rainwater fittings	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. PVC gutters and downpipes.
Main walls	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected. The main walls are of stone and brick construction being rendered externally.
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 throughout are of PVC double glazed units. The subjects are accessed via a PVC part glazed entrance door to the front.
External decorations	Visually inspected. Painted and PVC finishes noted.
Conservatories / porches	Not applicable.

Communal areas	Not applicable.
Garages and permanent outbuildings	Visually inspected. The property has an outbuilding to the rear which is accessed via a timber door off the kitchen and can be accessed to the rear of the property. This is of masonry construction being rendered externally.
Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected. The property benefits from private garden ground to the front and rear with boundaries, where defined, formed in stone walling and hedging. The rear garden incorporates brick and stone retaining walls to the rear.
Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level. Ceilings are presumed to be of lath and plaster.
Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level. Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate. Internal walls are presumed to be of lath and plaster with sections being lined.
Floors including sub floors	Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted. Flooring is of both solid concrete and suspended timber. No sub-floor access was afforded.
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved. Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances. Internal doors are of a timber flush type. Kitchen storage is provided by a range of floor and wall mounted units.
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	Covered.
Internal decorations	Visually inspected. Walls are generally painted.

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Cellars	Not applicable.
Electricity	Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on. Mains supply. The fuse box is located within the kitchen cupboard.
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. Mains supply.
Water, plumbing, 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 supply. Plumberwork, where seen, is of PVC and copper piping, however, due to the age of the property, lead plumbing may still be present. There is a two piece suite and shower unit within the shower room.
Heating and hot water	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.
	The property benefits from a gas fired combination central heating system which serves steel panel radiators and appears to provide domestic hot water to the property.

Drainage	Drainage covers etc. were not lifted.
	Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.
	Drainage is presumed to be connected to the main public sewer.

Fire, smoke and burglar alarms Visually inspected. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. All Scottish homes require a smoke alarm to be installed in the room most frequently used for living purposes and in every circulation space on each floor. A heat alarm also needs to be installed in each kitchen. The alarms need to be ceiling mounted and interlinked. Where there is a carbonfuelled appliance such as a boiler, open fire or wood burner, a carbon monoxide detector is also required. We have not assessed or tested any existing equipment and it is the purchasers responsibility to confirm that the property will comply with these standards following a change of ownership.

Any additional limits to inspection

The property was fully furnished and had fitted floor coverings, therefore no detailed inspection was possible of the floors and accordingly, no comment can be made on their condition. Internal cupboards were generally filled with storage items. No access was available beneath sanitary or kitchen fittings.

Windows and external doors were not all fully opened or tested.

No access was available to any sub-floor areas.

Full and safe access was not available to the roof void area due to a lack of crawl boards and thick insulation.

Some areas of the external building fabric including some roof pitches/chimneys/elevations were not fully or closely inspectable from the surrounding ground level, due to the confines of the site.

No inspection has been possible to flooring timbers beneath any sanitary fitting, kitchen appliances or other wet areas was possible. Timbers are assumed to be in a satisfactory condition.

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.

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.

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

2. Condition

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

Category 3	Category 2	Category 1
	Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.	•

Structural movement	
Repair category	1
Notes	Evidence of settlement/movement was observed. It is not possible to say that further significant movement will not occur. While further movement would seem unlikely, the advice of a structural engineer should be obtained prior to purchase.

Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	2
Notes	Above average damp readings were obtained to localised sections of lower wall lining and rot was noted within the outbuilding to the rear and rot is prone to spreading and as such remedial works will be required. A damp and timber specialist report is available which details the works required. This should be sought and verified. The remedial works should be carried out with guarantees provided.
	Traces of wood bore infestation were noted to timbers within the property. In the absence of valid guarantees for previous timber specialist treatment works, a reputable timber specialist should carry out a full and thorough inspection of all timbers within the property and provide estimates for any recommended remedial works.
	Our damp inspection was limited due to the presence of wall linings, fittings and stored items. No comment can be made on the condition of any fabric behind any wall linings.

Chimney stacks	
Repair category	2
Notes	Loose and damaged render and masonry was noted. Due to the age of the property ongoing maintenance and repair should be anticipated in accordance with good maintenance practice.

Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	2
Notes	Roof coverings are original and patch repairs are required. Upon closer examination, the roof coverings may be life expired and a report from a reputable roofing contractor should be obtained to fully ascertain the condition and life expectancy of the roof covering. Cracked pointing was noted. A number of loose and broken roof slates and components were visible. Roof coverings are of an age and style where a degree of regular ongoing maintenance should be anticipated. More extensive overhaul work may be required in future. We have been informed that patch repairs have been carried out since our inspection. Works are required to the lining/sarking within the roof void area.
	We were informed that wasp nests are present within the roof void. We have been informed that specialists have been to attend to this.

Rainwater fittings	
Repair category	2
Notes	Off level sections were noted. Evidence of leakage was noted to the rear via staining to the main walling. Missing rainwater fittings were noted to the rear. We would highlight that it was not raining at the time of our inspection and we would recommend that all rainwater fittings be inspected during heavy rainfall in order to ensure they are free from defect.

Main walls	
Repair category	2
Notes	A loose vent was noted to the front. Weathered render was noted. Remedial works are required to the gable of the property. Undulation was noted to the walling (see Structural Movement paragraph). The climbing plants should be monitored and cleared where necessary. Due to the age of the property ongoing maintenance and repair should be anticipated in accordance with good maintenance practice.

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category	2
Notes	Windows were not all fully opened or tested, and it should be appreciated that some defects are only evident during certain weather conditions. The timber door within the kitchen leading to the rear outbuilding would benefit from being upgraded. A precautionary check of all windows and doors is advised. Seals should be regularly monitored in order to ensure watertightness. Decayed and weathered timbers were noted externally requiring replacement.

External decorations	
Repair category	1
Notes	Paint finished and decorated external surfaces will require redecoration on a regular basis.

Conservatories/porches	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.

Communal areas	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category	3
Notes	Remedial works/removal is anticipated of the rear outbuilding (see Dampness, Rot & Infestation section).

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category	2
Notes	Weathered and cracked masonry as well as defective and missing pointing was noted.
	The retaining walls to the rear will require more than typical ongoing maintenance and repair. Boundary walls and fences should be regularly checked and maintained as necessary. Works are required to the outside areas and boundaries.
	There are trees growing within close proximity to the property and further advice should be sought from a qualified tree surgeon.

Ceilings	
Repair category	1
Notes	Some cracked/uneven ceiling plaster was noted and some repairs may be required at the time of redecoration or disturbance.

Internal walls	
Repair category	1
Notes	Cracked/bossed wall plaster was noted and repairs may be required at the time of disturbance or redecoration.

Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category	1
Notes	Due to fitted carpets and floor coverings no detailed inspection of floors was possible and accordingly no comment can be made on their condition. Sections of off-level flooring were noted.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category	2
Notes	Aspects of the internal joinery is of an age where ongoing maintenance and repair and future upgrading should be anticipated. Ill-fitting kitchen cupboards were noted and works will be required.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category	1
Notes	It is presumed any covered chimney breasts are suitably vented.

Internal decorations	3
Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects noted.

Cellars	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.

Electricity	
Repair category	2
Notes	Aspects of the electrical installation are dated and the system should be checked as a precaution by a registered electrician and upgraded if necessary. The Institution of Engineering Technology recommends that inspections and testings are undertaken at least every five years and on a change of occupancy. It should be appreciated that only the most recently
	constructed or re-wired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations.

Gas	
Repair category	1
Notes	In the interests of safety and in light of recent regulations it would be prudent to have all gas appliances checked by a Gas Safe registered contractor.

Water, plumbing an	d bathroom fittings
Repair category	2
Notes	A loose tap and wash hand basin was noted within the shower room. Aspects of the sanitary fittings are of an age where ongoing maintenance and repair and future upgrading should be anticipated. Cracked tiling was noted within the shower room. There is potential for older plumbing to be present and a precautionary check is advised. No tests have been undertaken of the system, however within the limitations of our inspection, no significant defects were noted. No inspection has been possible to enclosed timbers beneath wet appliances and no comment has been made on the condition of unseen areas. Watertight seals will require to be regularly checked and replaced, to prevent water damage to adjoining areas.

Heating and hot wa	ter
Repair category	2
Notes	The central heating boiler/system is on semi-modern/dated lines, being circa 14 years old. Further advice should be obtained from a gas safe registered contractor to fully ascertain the condition, life expectancy and efficiency of the system.
	It is assumed that the central heating system has been properly installed, updated and maintained to meet with all current regulations and standards with particular regard to fluing and ventilation requirements. Service records should be obtained and checked. In the absence of service documentation further advice should be obtained from a qualified heating engineer to ascertain the condition, efficiency, and life expectancy of the system.

Drainage	
Repair category	1
Notes	All foul and surface water drainage is assumed to be to the main public sewer. The system was not tested.

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

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

Category 3

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

Category 2

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

Category 1

No immediate action or repair is needed.

Remember

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

Warning

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

3. Accessibility information

Guidance notes on accessibility information

Three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property:

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

Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:

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

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

4. Valuation and conveyancer issues

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

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

There are shared pathways and any rights of way and maintenance liabilities should be confirmed.

The property appears to have been altered, in particular layout changes have been formed, however, there was no obvious evidence of any recent alterations.

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

Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

For Reinstatement Cost Assessment purposes, it is recommended that the subjects be insured for a sum of not less than £540,000 (FIVE HUNDRED AND FORTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

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

Valuation and market comments

Having considered matters, taking account of our general observations on site, we are of the opinion that the Market Value of the subjects in their present condition and with the benefit of vacant possession may be fairly stated in the sum of £170,000 (ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

Signed	Steven Mackie Electronically signed :- 25/06/2024 20:56
Report author	Steven Mackie
Company name	J & E Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
Address	Signature Building 8 Pitreavie Court Pitreavie Business Park Dunfermline KY11 8UU
Date of report	10/06/2024



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Property Address	
Address Seller's Name Date of Inspection	69 Main Street, Newmills, Dunfermline, KY12 8ST Gail Drummond 10/06/2024
Property Details	
Property Type House Purpose built flat	X Bungalow Purpose built maisonette Converted maisonette Converted flat Tenement flat Flat over non-residential use Other (specify in General Remarks)
Property Style X Detached Back to back	Semi detached Mid terrace End terrace High rise block Low rise block Other (specify in General Remarks)
Does the surveyor believe that the military, police? Flats/Maisonettes only Floor(s) on what the military of Construction	property was built for the public sector, e. g. local authority, No. of floors in block No. of units in block 1700 No. of units in block
Tenure	
X Absolute Ownership	Other
Accommodation	
Number of Rooms 2 Living room 1 Bathroom(s	
Gross Floor Area (excluding garage	es and outbuildings) 81 m² (Internal) m² (External)
Residential Element (greater than 4	0%) X Yes No
Garage / Parking / Outbuildings	
Single garage Double gal	rage Parking space X No garage / garage space / parking space
Available on site?	X No
Permanent outbuildings:	

Construction
Walls Brick X Stone Concrete Timber frame Other (specify in General Remarks) Roof X Tile Slate Asphalt Felt Other (specify in General Remarks)
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Chasial Diales
Special Risks
Has the property suffered structural movement?
If Yes, is this recent or progressive?
Is there evidence, history, or reason to anticipate subsidence, heave, landslip or flood in \(\subseteq \text{Yes} \subseteq \text{X} \) No the immediate vicinity?
If Yes to any of the above, provide details in General Remarks.
Service Connections
Based on visual inspection only. If any services appear to be non-mains, please comment on the type and location of the supply in General Remarks
Drainage X Mains Private None Water X Mains Private None
Electricity X Mains Private None Gas X Mains Private None Central Heating X Yes Partial None
Brief description of Central Heating and any non mains services:
Gas fired boiler to radiators.
Site
Apparent legal issues to be verified by the conveyancer. Please provide a brief description in General Remarks.
X Rights of way Shared drives / access Garage or other amenities on separate site Shared service connections
Ill-defined boundaries Agricultural land included with property Other (specify in General Remarks)
Location
Residential suburb X Residential within town / city Mixed residential / commercial Shared service connections
Commuter village Remote village Isolated rural property Other (specify in General Remarks)
Planning Issues
Has the property been extended / converted / altered? X Yes No
If Yes provide details in General Remarks.
Roads
X Made up road Unmade road Partly completed new road Pedestrian access only Adopted Unadopted

General Remarks

The subjects are situated in an established residential area made up of a variety of house types. The subjects are located in close proximity to local amenities

The property was found to be in a condition generally commensurate with age and type. Items of maintenance and repair were noted.

Due to the age of the property ongoing maintenance and repair should be anticipated and budgeted for with regards to the external fabric. It was noted that aspects of the property require upgrading.

Above average damp readings were obtained to localised sections of lower wall lining and rot was noted within the outbuilding to the rear and rot is prone to spreading and as such remedial works will be required. A damp and timber specialist report is available which details the works required. This should be sought and verified. The remedial works should be carried out with guarantees provided. It may be prudent to remove the outbuilding to the rear.

There are shared pathways and any rights of way and maintenance liabilities should be confirmed.

The property appears to have been altered, in particular layout changes have been formed, however, there was no obvious evidence of any recent alterations.

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Essential Repairs			
None.			
Estimated cost of essential repairs			
Retention recommended?	Yes X No		
Retention amount			
Comment on Mortgageability The property forms suitable security for respect to the property forms are suitable security for respect to the pr	mortgage purposes subject to the specific lendin	ng criteria of any mortgage provider.	
M 1 4			
Valuation			
Market value in present condition		£	170,000
Market value on completion of es	sential repairs	£	
Insurance reinstatement value		£	540,000
(to include the cost of total rebuilding,	, site clearance, professional fees, ancillar	y charges plus VAT)	
Is a reinspection necessary?			Yes X No

Declaration

Signed Steven Mackie

Electronically signed :- 25/06/2024 20:56

Surveyor's name Steven Mackie Professional qualifications MSc, MRICS

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Date of Inspection 10/06/2024



Energy Performance Certificate



Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Dwellings

Scotland

69 MAIN STREET, NEWMILLS, DUNFERMLINE, KY12 8ST

Dwelling type: Detached bungalow
Date of assessment: 10 June 2024
Date of certificate: 14 June 2024

Total floor area: 81 m²

Primary Energy Indicator: 329 kWh/m²/year

Reference number: 9708-1007-4206-4414-8204 **Type of assessment:** RdSAP, existing dwelling

Approved Organisation: Elmhurst

Main heating and fuel: Boiler and radiators, mains

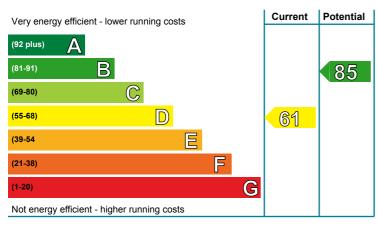
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You can use this document to:

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

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	£5,322	See your recommendations
Over 3 years you could save*	£2,055	report for more information

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

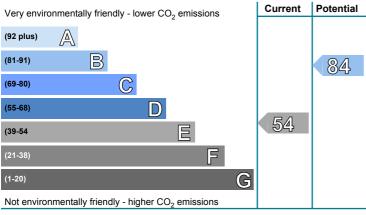


Energy Efficiency Rating

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

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



Environmental Impact (CO₂) Rating

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

Your current rating is **band E (54)**. 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 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£1257.00
2 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£627.00
3 Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£174.00

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

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

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

Summary of the energy performance related features of this home

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

Element	Description	Energy Efficiency	Environmental
Walls	Sandstone or limestone, as built, no insulation (assumed)	***	***
Roof	Pitched, 300 mm loft insulation	****	****
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed)	_	_
Windows	Fully double glazed	***	***
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, mains gas	***	★★★ ☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	***	★★★ ☆
Secondary heating	None	_	_
Hot water	From main system	***	★★★ ☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 83% 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, CO₂ emissions, running costs and the savings possible from making improvements.

The impact of your home on the environment

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

The calculated emissions for your home are 58 kg CO₂/m²/yr.

The average Scottish household produces about 6 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Based on this assessment, heating and lighting this home currently produces approximately 4.7 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Adopting recommendations in this report can reduce emissions and protect the environment. If you were to install all of these recommendations this could reduce emissions by 2.9 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.

Estimated energy costs for this home

	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£4,428 over 3 years	£2,541 over 3 years	
Hot water	£543 over 3 years	£375 over 3 years	You could
Lighting	£351 over 3 years	£351 over 3 years	save £2,055
Totals	£5,322	£3,267	over 3 years

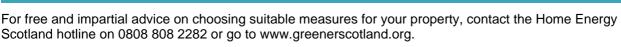
These figures show how much the average household would spend in this property for heating, lighting and hot water. This excludes energy use for running appliances such as TVs, computers and cookers, and the benefits of any electricity generated by this home (for example, from photovoltaic panels). The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

Recommendations for improvement

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

Recommended measures		Indicative cost	Typical saving per year	Rating after improvement	
				Energy	Environment
1	Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£419	C 69	D 66
2	Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£209	C 74	C 72
3	Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£58	C 75	C 74
4	Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£3,500 - £5,500	£471	B 85	B 84

Choosing the right improvement package





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

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

1 Internal 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.

2 Floor insulation (suspended floor)

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

3 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.

4 Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels

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

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)	16,101	N/A	N/A	(5,107)
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,117			

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



Property address	69 Main Street Newmills Dunfermline KY12 8ST
Seller(s)	Gail Drummond
Completion date of property questionnaire	11/06/2024

Note for sellers

- Please complete this form carefully. It is important that your answers are correct.
- The information in your answers will help ensure that the sale of your house goes smoothly. Please answer each question with as much detailed information as you can.
- If anything changes after you fill in this questionnaire but before the date of entry for the sale of your house, tell your solicitor or estate agent immediately.

Information to be given to prospective buyer(s)

1.	Length of ownership			
	How long have you owned the property?		Inherited 2018	
2.	Council tax			
	Which Council Tax band is your pro	operty in?	С	
3.	Parking			
	What are the arrangements for part (Please tick all that apply)	king at your prope	erty?	
	• Garage	No		
	Allocated parking space	No		
	• Driveway	No		
	Shared parking	No		
	On street	Yes		
	Resident permit	No		
	Metered Parking	No		
	Other (please specify):			
	Parking is permitted or	n wide pavement di	rectly outside of wall	
4.	Conservation area			
	Is your property in a designated Co special architectural or historical in which it is desirable to preserve or	nterest, the chara		

5.	Listed buildings			
	Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (that is a building recognised and approved as being of special architectural or historical interest)?	No		
6.	Alterations/additions/extensions	•		
a.	(i) During your time in the property, have you carried out any structural alterations, additions or extensions (for example, provision of an extra bath/shower room, toilet, or bedroom)?	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?			
	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?	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?			
	(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?			
	(iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or patio doors (with approximate dates when the work was completed):			
	Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicito agent.	r or estate		
7.	Central heating			
a.	Is there a central heating system in your property? (Note: a partial central heating system is one which does not heat all the main rooms of the property — the main living room, the bedroom(s), the hall and the bathroom).	Yes		
	If you have answered yes or partial – what kind of central heating is there? (Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air).			
	Gas			

	i) When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed?				
	Don't know				
	(ii) Do you have a maintenand	(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?			
	If you have answered yes, ple you have a maintenance con-	_	ne company with which		
	(iii) When was your maintena (Please provide the month ar		enewed?		
8.	Energy Performance Certification	ate			
	Does your property have an I than 10 years old?	Energy Performance	Certificate which is less	No	
9.	Issues that may have affected your property				
а.	Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to the property while you have owned it?			No	
	If you have answered yes, is insurance claim?	the damage the subj	ect of any outstanding		
b.	Are you aware of the existence of the ex	•	ur property?	No	
10.	Services				
a.	Please tick which services are connected to your property and give details of the supplier:				
	Services	Connected	Supplier		
	Gas or liquid petroleum gas	Yes	Scottish Power		
	Water mains or private water supply	Yes	Scottish Water		
	Electricity	Yes	Scottish Power		
	Mains drainage	Yes	Local Authority		
	Telephone	No			

	Cable TV or satellite	No			
	Broadband	No			
b.	Is there a septic tank system at your property?				
	If you have answered yes, please answer the two questions below: (i) Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic tank?				
	(ii) Do you have a mainter	ance contract for your septic tank?			
	If have answered yes, det maintenance contract:	If have answered yes, details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:			
11.	Responsibilities for share	d or common areas			
a.		sponsibility to contribute to the cost of any repair of a shared drive, private road, a?	ything Yes		
	If you have answered yes, please give details:				
		een at back and maintenance - agreement for hen nent between previous sitting tennant and now	edge -		
b.	Is there a responsibility roof, common stairwell of	to contribute to repair and maintenance of or other common areas?	the No		
	If you have answered ye	s, please give details:			
C.	Has there been any major during the time you have	repair or replacement of any part of the roo owned the property?	f No		
d.		walk over any of your neighbours'propert our rubbish bin or to maintain your	y — Yes		
	If you have answered ye	s, please give details:			
	access to drying green and	to garden at rear			
e.		do any of your neighbours have the right t for example to put out their rubbish bin o			

f.	As far as you are aware, is there a public right of way across any part of your property? (public right of way is a way over which the public has a right to pass, whether or not the land is privately-owned.)	No		
	If you have answered yes, please give details:			
12.	Charges associated with the property			
a.	Is there a factor or property manager for your property?	No		
	If you have answered yes, please provide the name and address, and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:			
b.	Is there a common buildings insurance policy?	No		
	If you have answered yes, is the cost of the insurance included in monthly/annual factor's charges?			
C.	Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regular basis for the upkeep of common areas or repair works, for example to a residents' association, or maintenance or stair fund.			
13.	Specialist work			
a.	As far as you are aware, has treatment of dry rot, wet rot, damp or any other specialist work ever been carried out to your property?	No		
	If you have answered yes, please say what the repairs were for, whether you carried out the repairs (and when) or if they were done before you bought the property.			
b.	As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot,wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property?	Yes		
	If you have answered yes, please give details:			
	Only by way of repair to gutter and facade			
C.	If you have answered yes to 13(a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work?	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:			

a.	Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following?			
	(i) Electrical work	No		
	(ii) Roofing	No		
	(iii) Central heating	No		
	(iv) National House Building Council (NHBC)	No		
	(v) Damp course	No		
	(vi) Any other work installations? (for example, cavity wall installation, underpinning, indemnity policy)	No		
b.	If you have answered 'yes' or 'with title deeds', please give details of the installations to which the guarantee(s) relate(s):	e work or		
C.	Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed above? If you have answered yes, please give details:	No		
15.	Boundaries			
	So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in thelast 10 years?	No		
	If you have answered yes, please give details:			
16.	16. Notices that affect your property			
	In the past three years have you ever received a notice:			
a.	advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?	No		
b.	that affects your property in some other way?	No		
C.	that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?	No		
	If you have answered yes to any of a-c above, please give the notices to yo or estate agent, including any notices which arrive at any time before the d 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

Name(s): Gail Ann Drummond

Date: 11/06/2024



Appendices



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5 February 2025

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For the attention of Ms L Muir

Dear Madam

RE: 69 MAIN STREET, NEWMILLS, KY12 8ST

Thank you for your instructions to reinspect the above property in connection with a Damp survey and following our inspection on Tuesday 4 February 2025 confirmation of our findings together with recommendations are as follows.

For reference purposes the terms front, rear, left and right are used as if standing inside the property looking out.

GROUND FLOOR DAMPNESS

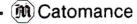
Using our moisture meter, we tested the lower sections of the accessible walls throughout the property where we recorded elevated moisture meter readings in several locations throughout the ground floor. We believe that the high moisture meter readings that we recorded at various points, are being caused due to Rising Damp, salt contamination of plasterwork or a combination of both and we therefore recommend the insertion of our guaranteed pressure injection Damp Proof Course to all the solid walls throughout the entire ground floor of the property, and this will be carried out as detailed on the attached schedule of works headed "Damp Proofing Works".

In order to facilitate the installation of the Damp Proof Course it will be necessary for all kitchens and bathrooms to be removed however we understand that the property will be undergoing some form of refurbishment, and therefore no allowance has been made for the removal or reinstatement of said items.

An integral part of the Damp Proof treatment is in the reinstatement of plaster, which must be Tilcon Limelite renovating plaster applied to the walls where plastered directly onto the hard. We have therefore allowed for this section of work in the attached quotation. Please note that should the plasterwork exceed a thickness of 20mm we may use the option of installing a membrane and finishing with a Gypsum board.







If the treatment for Rising Damp is carried out in accordance with our specification, we are prepared to issue our 30 Year Guarantee covering the treatment areas as soon as the account is settled in full.

Our quotation for carrying out the remedial repairs and treatments as recommended and detailed on the attached Schedule of Work is attached and on receipt of your acceptance arrangements will be made to commence the work as soon as possible.

PENETRATING DAMPNESS

Evidence of significant penetrating dampness was noted to be affecting the far right room, on the east gable wall. We believe that the penetrating dampness is being caused due to a failure in some form of Tanking system or possibly defective external roof coverings. Either way we would recommend Membrane Installation to the entire full length of the gable wall, and this will be carried out under the heading "Membrane Installation".

Membrane Installation

- 1. Carefully remove the plaster board linings, wall plaster, timber framing for the full length and full height of the east facing gable wall of the far right room.
- On completion of preparatory work allow for the supply and installation of Delta Wall Membrane system for full length and full height.
- 3. On completion of Membrane installation allow for reframing disturbed section of wall.
- 4. Supply and fit in position Gyproc plasterboard and finish with a skim coat of plaster.
- Bag up all debris and remove from site for safe disposal.

The areas detailed above are the extent of the dampness at the time of our inspection. Should we find that on opening up that further works are required then an additional quotation will be sent for your approval.

WOODBORER INFESTATION

Evidence of Woodborer was noted to be affecting the timbers within the roof space and also flooring timbers, as there was a small section of flooring visible within one of the cupboards.

We would therefore recommend a full spray application of our approved timber preservative/insecticide to all accessible timbers to the ground floor flooring timbers and also roof space and this will be carried out under the heading "Specification of Treatment – Woodborer Eradication".

If the treatment is carried out in accordance with our specification, we are prepared to issue our 30 Year Guarantee covering the treatment areas as soon as the account is settled in full.

Specification of Treatment – Woodborer Eradication

- Allow for brushing down to remove excessive dust and cobwebs to all accessible timbers within the main roof void and the entire ground floor flooring timbers.
- On completion of preparatory works allow for the spray application of our approved timber preservative/insecticide to all accessible timbers within the main roof void and the entire ground floor flooring timbers

Our quotation for carrying out the recommended remedial treatments is attached and on receipt of your acceptance arrangements will be made to commence the work as soon as possible.

TIMBER DECAY

Evidence of considerable timber decay was noted to be affecting the roof timbers of the rear out building and the timber decay, in our opinion, is being caused due to a complete failure within the roofing fabric on the exterior. During an external inspection we noted extensive vegetation growing over the external roofing fabric and we would therefore recommend a Roofing Contractor be instructed to strip out all roof coverings and all timbers and the roof should be replaced completely.

It is difficult to ascertain the extent of the refurbishment works that will be taking place however I would allow a budget cost for the complete replacement of the outbuilding roof at between £12,000 to £14,000 (Plus VAT)

A normal supply of electricity and water must be available at all times on site for Our Technician's use.

Please note that we realise that the bulk of our work is fairly disruptive, but we shall endeavour to keep the disruption and inconvenience to a minimum. However, in order to reduce any inconvenience, we would recommend the removal of all furniture, soft furnishing, carpets etc from the immediate working areas prior to the works commencing. We shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to items of furniture or personal belongings remaining in the immediate working areas.

Please note that should these works be subject to an insurance claim, we stress that our contract is with you and not the Insurance Company. Whilst we will assist you in your claim, under no circumstances are we prepared to wait until the Insurance Company settles your claim. In all cases our account should be settled within fourteen days as stipulated in our Terms and Conditions.

We trust that this is satisfactory however should you have any further queries then please do not hesitate to contact our Mr Laing.

Yours faithfully

STUART LAING

For Valentine Property Services Limited

SCHEDULE AND SPECIFICATION OF WORKS

THIS SCHEDULE REFERS TO: DAMP PROOFING WORKS

PROPERTY: 69 MAIN STREET, NEWMILLS, KY12 8ST

5 FEBRUARY 2025

Location

Client's Contractor (under separate contract)

Our Technicians

SPECIFIED WALLS All solid walls within the ground floor

Work to be carried out by your own Contractor, working at a direct cost to you. Allow for removing any bathroom suites, radiators and kitchen base units.

Carefully remove the timber skirting boards along the specified walls and set aside for later refitting, if in a sound condition and free from decay. Please note that should the skirtings be decayed and need to be replaced then a further quotation will be submitted to you for your approval prior to the fitting of new skirtings.

Carefully strip the salt contaminated and damp affected wall plaster for 1m up from floor level to the specified walls.

On completion of preparatory works carry out preparatory drilling and carry out Damp Course Injections to the specified walls to comply with our Rising Damp Specification.

Supply and fix in position pre-treated grounds.

Allow for re-plastering using Limelite renovating undercoat and finish with a skim coat of plaster.

Refit previously removed skirting boards having been pre-treated on the unpainted surfaces.

Bag up debris and remove from site for safe disposal

SPECIFICATION OF TIMBER DECAY AND RISING DAMP TREATMENTS

REPLACEMENT TIMBER SPECIFICATION (WET ROT/DRY ROT)

Cut back flooring, cut out and remove affected timbers as detailed. Build in as required new treated timbers. Further protect all bearing surfaces by wrapping in damp proof course material or coating with a bituminous solution. Where felt necessary any loadbearing timbers may be re-instated using concrete or steel sections. Galvanised steel hangers can be used to support joist ends where recommended.

WALL IRRIGATION SPECIFICATION (DRY ROT ONLY)

Wire brush exposed wall areas to remove surface mycelium. Drill prepared walls of 9 inch (225mm) thickness or over (on both sides of internal walls over 13½ inches (338mm) thick) at staggered intervals, the holes being inclined downwards and extended to just over half the wall thickness. Cut pockets where necessary at the specified limit of growth for inspection purposes. Irrigate prepared walls through drill holes and by surface spray with fungicidal fluid. Saturate, if specified, the exposed solumn area.

All sound retained timbers within 3 feet (1m) of the attack and all replacements will be treated with fungicidal fluid.

RISING DAMP SPECIFICATION

The damp proof course treatment consists of drilling horizontally into the brickwork/stonework at selected centres and injecting the fluid from a pressure pump through injectors inserted into the drill holes. The pump pressure is built up to approximately $7 \text{kg/cm}^2 (100 \text{lbs/in}^2)$ until saturation is indicated. As water has been rising in the walls for some time the plaster will contain hygroscopic salts which attract moisture from the atmosphere, and for this reason, before inserting the D.P.C. it is necessary to strip plaster to the specified height. It will also be necessary to remove skirtings, grounds, etc., from specified walls, and where decayed these will require renewal.

Replastering. It must be understood that after insertion of a D.P.C. the water already in the wall has to evaporate before normally dry conditions can be obtained. The length of time involved must, of course, be governed by the initial moisture content and wall thickness. It should be noted that a drying time of one month per inch thickness, is often experienced on a very damp wall and the first decoration after treatment must therefore be regarded as temporary. Only a porous paper should be hung and any paint applied to same should be water based. Replastering can commence almost immediately after insertion of a damp proof course, but to prevent residual salts in walls migrating to the surface and spoiling decoration, replastering must be carried out in accordance with our specification detailed below. Local conditions, wall materials and type of construction would determine any variations to our standard specification or remedial treatments, any such variations will be decided only by this Company.

INTERNAL WALL REPLASTERING SPECIFICATION

Limelight Renovating Plaster used to manufacturer's specification or an alternative plaster rendering approved by this Company. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANY OTHER PRE-MIX PLASTERS BE USED.

EXTERNAL WALL REPLASTERING SPECIFICATION

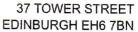
Supply and fit gyproc plaster plate to joiner's strappings, being finished with two coats of hardwall plaster.

Bottom edge of plaster both on hard and on gyproc must not bridge new damp proof course or come in contact with a solid floor.

HEALTH AND SAFETY SAFETY MEASURES

All timber preservatives and damp proofing products employed by this Company are approved by the Health & Safety Executive and once installed should present no hazard to the environment. In confined areas, arrange good ventilation, DO NOT SMOKE, After treatment, maintain ventilation, ALL UNPROTECTED PERSONS INCLUDING CHILDREN AND PETS SHOULD BE KEPT AWAY FROM TREATED AREAS FOR 48 HOURS.

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QUOTATION

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£10,184 (Plus VAT at standard rate)
Ten thousand, one hundred and eighty four pounds

Item 2: For the Membrane Installation...

£3,680 (Plus VAT at standard rate)
Three thousand, six hundred and eighty pounds

Item 3: For the Woodborer eradication...

£1,768 (Plus VAT at standard rate)
One thousand, seven hundred and sixty eight pounds

STUART LAING

For Valentine Property Services Limited

Subject to the terms and conditions overleaf we will carry out remedial work and chemical treatment as above and as detailed in our attached Report and Schedule under the heading "Our Operatives".

To accept this Quotation please sign and return the attached Acceptance of Estimate Form.







TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- This quotation shall only be binding upon the Company if accepted in writing within a period of 28 days from the date of issue.
- The quotation exclusive of Value Added Tax which will be charged where applicable, at the appropriate rate.
- 3. The quotation is based on the report number quoted and refers only to the work detailed in such area as recommended in that report.
- 4. The Company shall be entitled at its discretion to alter or vary the specified materials or method of carrying out the work in whole or in part without increase in price to the client in the event of any such alteration or variation resulting in a substantial reduction in the cost of the work the Company will at its discretion make such allowance, if any, to the client as the company shall consider fair and reasonable.
- Whilst the Company shall make every endeavour to start and complete the work by the dates indicated, it shall not be held responsible for any delays.
- 6. Payment is due nett on completion of the work, or if the work is done in stages, payment for any stage is due on completion of that stage of the work.
- During the course of the contract the Company reserves the right to demand interim payments for work done. Failure to pay within seven days will result in withdrawal of labour until payment is received.
- 8. Except where occasioned by the negligence of the Company or its servants, the Company accepts no liability for loss, damage or injury, whether arising during or as a result of the work to the premises to be treated or any adjoining premises, or to any persons, or to any animal or plant life therein, or for any nuisance caused to the Owners or Occupiers of any such premises, and the client shall release and indemnify the Company from and against all claims by any person arising from such loss, damage or injury to the client for and the client will indemnify the Company against claims by any person for:-
 - (i) Damage to interior decoration and paint. Whilst the Company shall use its best endeavours to avoid any such damage there is always the risk of discolouration of ceilings, and particularly polystyrene tiles fixed to ceilings etc., arising through the treatment of ceiling joists. Redecoration should not be attempted until the preservation has dried thoroughly.
 - (ii) Collapse of insecure brickwork, stonework, cementwork, plasterwork, woodwork, etc., during or as the result of the Company's work. If after commencement of work unforseen difficulties arise due to the collapse of insecure work or to irregular bonding thereof or any other cause the additional unforeseen work found to be necessary will be charged extra.
 - (iii) Damage arising as a result of the client's having:
 - (a) failed to remove from the premises any liquids or foodstuffs liable to contamination during the course of treatment.
 - (b) replaced carpets or floor coverings before the solvent has evaporated.
 - (c) layed 'vinyl' floor coverings on floors that have been treated, the client is advised not to lay such coverings without first obtaining the floor covering manufacturer's recommendations.
- 9. When chemical treatment is being carried out in any building which involves the use of any organic solvent material the electrical supply to the area being treated shall be switched off by the client in the interest of safety during treatment and for 48 hours after the conclusion thereof. Naked flames should not be permitted for the same period. However the client is required to provide a main electricity supply, free of charge, for lighting and power purposes.
- 10. On completion of the work and on payment of our account the Company shall issue a guarantee against re-infestation by the insects or fungi or the recurrence of rising damp as detailed in the areas treated in the Company's usual form a copy of which will be supplied on request. This guarantee is issued subject to the property being kept in a wind and water-tight condition with all water supply and waste disposal fittings being maintained in good condition.
- 11. The balance of our invoice to be paid in full within 14 days from date of invoice. If payment in full is not made the outstanding balance will be charged interest at 3% above bank base rate.

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ACCEPTANCE OF QUOTATION

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Dear Sirs	••	
I/we accept your Quotation in accordance with the terms and c	conditions	
I/we should like the work to commence on	**************************************	
Signed	Dated	





