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SINGLE SURVEY

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



Survey report on:

Surveyor Reference	AE/3364
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Customer	Heather Murdoch
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Selling address	10 Co-Operative Avenue Catrine, Mauchline KA5 6SG
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Date of Re-inspection	29/04/2024
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Date of Original Inspection	20/11/2023
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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	A Two Storey Mid Terraced House
Accommodation	Ground Floor - Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen, Rear Hall and Utility Room. Upper Floor - Landing, Bathroom and 2 Bedrooms.
Gross internal floor area (m ²)	75 sq m approximately
Neighbourhood and location	The subjects comprise a Two Storey Mid Terraced House, situated within a private residential area. Surrounding properties are of a similar age and style of construction and the property is conveniently located for most local amenities.
Age	124 years approximately
Weather	Wet following a period of mixed weather.
Chimney stacks	There is one chimney stack of brick construction with lead apron flashing. Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.

Roofing including roof space	<p>The roof is sloping and covered with slates. No access was gained to the roof structure however it is assumed to be of conventional construction with timber trusses.</p> <p><i>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.</i></p> <p><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></p> <p>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.</p>
Rainwater fittings	<p>Gutters and downpipes are of cast iron design.</p> <p><i>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.</i></p>
Main walls	<p>The main external walls are of solid stone and solid brick design, part rendered. Sub-floor ventilation exists. It is assumed the original construction included a damp proof course.</p> <p><i>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required. Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</i></p>
Windows, external doors and joinery	<p>The doors are timber framed and single glazed.</p> <p>Windows are timber framed, most of which are double glazed. A single glazed unit exists to the utility room and there is a Velux style window to the floored and lined loft.</p> <p><i>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</i></p> <p><i>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</i></p> <p><i>Doors and windows were not forced open.</i></p>
External decorations	<p>External timber details are painted.</p> <p><i>Visually inspected.</i></p>
Conservatories / porches	None
Communal areas	<p>Although the property is a two storey mid-terraced house, there is a maisonette style access close, shared with the immediately adjacent property.</p> <p>This is an unheated space and is typical of properties of this age and type. The floor is of solid design, assumed to be concrete. Ceilings and walls are plastered and painted.</p> <p><i>Circulation areas visually inspected.</i></p>

Garages and permanent outbuildings	<p>There is no garage. There is a detached timber hut and potting shed. The hut has a felt roof.</p> <p>Visually inspected.</p>
Outside areas and boundaries	<p>The property fronts directly onto a public footpath. To the rear there is a private garden with concrete slab paths, patio and astroturf.</p> <p>Boundaries are of solid stone and timber fence design. Gates exist in the timber fence which appears to allow access across the rear of the terrace, e.g. for refuse disposal.</p> <p>Visually inspected.</p>
Ceilings	<p>Ceilings throughout appear to be of plasterboard design.</p> <p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p>
Internal walls	<p>Internal walls are plastered on hard and plasterboard lined.</p> <p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</p>
Floors including sub floors	<p>Floors throughout are of suspended timber design and are fully covered.</p> <p>Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	<p>Fitted units are installed to the kitchen with laminated door fronts and countertops. Other internal joinery is of timber design and is painted.</p> <p>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</p> <p>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</p>
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	<p>There is an electric fire in a stone fire surround in the living room.</p> <p>The chimney breasts are lined with the same materials as other internal walls.</p> <p>Visually inspected. No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</p>
Internal decorations	<p>Tiling exists to parts of the kitchen walls. Laminate boarding lines the bathroom walls. PVC boarding lines the bathroom ceiling. Other areas are papered and painted.</p> <p>Visually inspected.</p>

Cellars	None apparent.
Electricity	<p>There is a mains electricity supply. The installation includes a circuit breaker. Visible wiring is PVC and is connected to 13 amp sockets and switchgear.</p> <p>Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings.</p> <p>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.</p>
Gas	<p>There is a mains gas supply. The meter is located in an external box.</p> <p>Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected without removing fittings.</p> <p>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.</p>
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	<p>There is a mains water supply. Water pipework is copper and plastic.</p> <p>Sanitary fittings in the bathroom are white and include a W.C., wash hand basin and bath with mixer shower installed over the bath.</p> <p>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>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.</p>
Heating and hot water	<p>There is a full gas fired central heating system incorporating an Ideal condensing combination boiler and connected to hot water radiators throughout with thermostatic radiator valves.</p> <p>The central heating boiler supplies the hot water.</p> <p>Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p>
Drainage	<p>Drainage is assumed to be to the main public system.</p> <p>Drainage covers etc were not lifted.</p> <p>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</p>

<p>Fire, smoke and burglar alarms</p>	<p>There are smoke alarms in the property.</p> <p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No test whatsoever were carried out to any systems or appliances.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Any additional limits to inspection</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The external inspection was from ground level only.</p> <p>The property was occupied, furnished and the floors were covered. Fitted floor coverings and stored items limited the view of the flooring and no sub-floor inspection was possible.</p> <p>No access was gained to the roof structure. Inspection of the roof space was also limited due to flooring, ceiling and wall linings.</p>

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:	The property displays evidence of minor localised movement in the form of slight cracking. During the inspection, however, we identified no evidence of any recent or progressive settlement and all movement is therefore considered to be entirely historic and commensurate with a building of this age and design. It is our opinion that the movement would have no adverse effect on future saleability.

Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Within the limitations of the inspection there was no evidence of dampness, rot or infestation.

Chimney stacks	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	There is evidence of general wear to the brickwork and flashing. Chimney stacks require regular ongoing maintenance to ensure they remain watertight.

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Roofing including roof space	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	<p>No access was gained to the roof structure. There are, however, a number of loose, chipped and slipped slates and current maintenance is therefore required. Rust was noted to ridge flashing.</p> <p>Given the style of roof covering, increasing maintenance should be anticipated. A competent roofing contractor would be able to provide further advice, including the costs for current maintenance and likely timescales before replacement or upgrade of the roof covering should be anticipated.</p>

Rainwater fittings	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	<p>Rust was noted to cast iron rainwater goods. Current maintenance is therefore required.</p> <p>Cast iron rainwater goods require regular ongoing maintenance.</p>

Main walls	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	<p>Worn stonework and pointing gaps were noted. Current maintenance is therefore required.</p>

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	<p>The windows are considered to be of older style. There is evidence of wear to handles and opening mechanisms.</p> <p>Misting was noted to the Velux window in the floored and lined loft, suggesting seals have blown. Repair or replacement is therefore required.</p> <p>Due to the age of the windows, increasing maintenance to seals, catches and hinges should be anticipated.</p>

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External decorations

Repair category:

1

Notes:

No significant defects were identified.

Conservatories / porches

Repair category:

Notes:

None

Communal areas

Repair category:

1

Notes:

No significant defects were identified.

Garages and permanent outbuildings

Repair category:

2

Notes:

The felt roof covering to the hut is worn. This form of roof covering requires regular proactive maintenance to ensure it remains watertight.
The hut was not internally inspected.

Outside areas and boundaries

Repair category:

1

Notes:

No significant defects were identified.

Ceilings

Repair category:

1

Notes:

No significant defects were identified.

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Internal walls	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects were identified.

Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects were identified.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	The kitchen units are of contemporary style and have been well maintained.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	When tested with a hand held damp meter there was no evidence of dampness to the chimney breast or fireplace.

Internal decorations	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	The property is well presented in good decorative order.

Cellars	
Repair category:	
Notes:	None apparent.

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Electricity	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	It is recommended that an electrical system is periodically checked in a 10 year cycle in order to keep up to date with frequent changes in safety legislation. Current test certification should be exhibited.

Gas	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Industry best practice directives suggest annual checks are desirable. Current test certification should be exhibited.

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects were identified.

Heating and hot water	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	It is assumed the central heating system has been annually maintained. This should be able to be confirmed by the potential purchaser. It is considered good practice to have a central heating system annually serviced to ensure that it operates efficiently and safely. Current test certification should be exhibited.

Drainage	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Drainage is by gravity feed to the Local Authority sewer. Drainage covers were not lifted nor were any tests undertaken on the system.

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

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

Remember

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

Warning

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

3. ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Guidance Notes on Accessibility Information

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 and First
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 type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" 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.

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer	
<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> <p>Co-operative Avenue is a fully made up road which it is assumed has been adopted for maintenance by the Local Authority. It is assumed that there is free and unrestricted legal access to the property from the public road and that the existing physical boundaries coincide with the title description.</p> <p>The property forms part of an area with a history of coal mining. This report assumes a satisfactory Coal Authority Report is obtained.</p> <p>The property is identified on the SEPA flood map has having an elevated risk of flooding. This could affect insurance premiums.</p> <p>Gates exist in boundary fences which appear to give access rights across the rear of the terrace, e.g. for refuse disposal. This should be able to be confirmed from Titles.</p> <p>At the time of the inspection the property was occupied by a tenant. The details of the tenancy are not known. For valuation purposes, full vacant possession has been assumed.</p> <p>It is assumed that the property and its value are unaffected by any matters which would or should be revealed to a completing Solicitor by a local search/replies to usual enquiries or by any statutory notice or planning proposal.</p>	
Estimated re-instatement cost (£) for insurance purposes	
210,000	
Two Hundred and Ten Thousand Pounds	
Valuation (£) and market comments	
90,000	
<p>Following a return in confidence to the market, properties are now generally selling well providing mortgage finance remains available and they are realistically priced.</p> <p>We value the property vacant and in its present condition at the capital sum of Ninety Thousand Pounds.</p>	
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