

# HARVEY DONALDSON & GIBSON

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### **Survey report on:**

Property Address	95 St Leonards Road Forres IV36 2RE	
Customer	Mr M Sinclair & Mrs L Sinclair	
Date of Inspection	24/03/2025	
Prepared by	India Georgeson Harvey Donaldson & Gibson Chartered Surveyors	



### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### **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 will have sufficient current local knowledge of the particular market to competently survey, value and report upon Residential Property. <sup>1</sup>

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

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

#### 1.2 THE REPORT

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

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.

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

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

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

#### 1.3 LIABILITY

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

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

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

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

#### 1.4 GENERIC MORTGAGE VALUATION REPORT

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

### 1.5 TRANSCRIPT MORTGAGE VALUATION FOR LENDING PURPOSES

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

### 1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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

### 1.7 PAYMENT

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

### 1.8 CANCELLATION

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

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

In the case of cancellation or the inspection not proceeding, the Surveyor will refund any fees paid by the Seller for the inspection and Report, except for expenses reasonably incurred and any fee due in light of the final paragraph of this section.

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

#### 1.9 PRECEDENCE

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

#### 1.10 DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

#### PART 2 – DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT

#### 2.1 THE SERVICE

The Single Survey is a Report by an independent Surveyor, prepared in an objective way regarding the condition and value of the Property on the day of the inspection, and who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. It includes an Energy Report as required by Statute and this is in the format of the accredited Energy Company. In addition, the Surveyor has agreed to supply a generic Mortgage Valuation Report.

#### 2.2 THE INSPECTION

The Inspection is a general surface examination of those parts of the Property which are accessible: in other words, visible and readily available for examination from ground and floor levels, without risk of causing damage to the Property or injury to the Surveyor.

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

The Inspection is carried out with the Seller's permission, without causing damage to the building or contents. Furniture, stored items and insulation are not moved.

Unless identified in the report the Surveyor will assume that no harmful or hazardous materials have been used in the construction. The presence or possible consequences of any site contamination will not be researched.

The Surveyor will not carry out an asbestos inspection, and will not be acting as an asbestos inspector in completing a Single Survey of properties that may fall within the Control of Asbestos in the Workplace Regulations. In the case of flats it will be assumed that there is a duty holder, as defined in the Regulations and that a Register of Asbestos and effective Management Plan is in place, which does not require any expenditure, or pose a significant risk to health. No enquiry of the duty holder will be made.

### 2.3 THE REPORT

The Report will be prepared by the Surveyor who carried out the property inspection and will describe various aspects of the property as defined by the headings of the Single Survey report with the comments being general and unbiased. The report on the location, style and condition of the property, will be concise and will be restricted to matters that could have a material effect upon value and will omit items that, in the Surveyor's opinion, are not significant. If certain minor matters are mentioned, it should not be interpreted that the property is free of any other minor defects.

Throughout the report, the following repair categories will be used to give an overall opinion of the state of repair and condition of the property.

- 2.3.1 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.
- 2.3.2 Category 2: Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.
- 2.3.3 Category 1: No immediate action or repair is needed.

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

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

### 2.4 SERVICES

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

### 2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

### 2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

#### 2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 1. INFORMATION AND SCOPE OF INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

Description	The subjects comprise a one and a half storey detached house.
Accommodation	Ground floor: Entrance porch, dining room, bedroom with en-suite bathroom, open planned dining/living and kitchen area, rear hall, pantry, utility room, separate w.c, boiler room, study/bedroom, sitting room and side vestibule.  First floor: Two landings, main bedroom with en-suite bathroom and dressing room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom and shower room.
Gross internal floor area (sqm)	The gross internal floor area extends to 377sq m or thereby.
Neighbourhood and location	The property is situated in a residential area in the town of Forres. Surrounding properties are of similar age and character. Usual amenities and transport links are available within a reasonable distance.  The subjects are accessed by way of a shared private road.
Age	1895
Weather	It was dry at the time of inspection.

Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.  The chimney heads are of stone construction, dressed in lead flashings, where visible from ground level.
Roofing including roof space	Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.  Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally.  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 of pitched timber design, incorporating some dormer features, being overlaid with natural slates. The roof incorporates a metal ridge detail.  The main bedroom dormer is of timber frame design incorporating a flat felt roof. The dormer cheeks are finished in slate.  Access into the roof space are via hatches located in the rear hall, utility room, one on each landing and in the bathroom. Insulation material has been laid.
Rainwater fittings	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.  The gutters and downpipes are of cast-iron construction.
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 pointed solid stone construction.  The pantry is of a basic timber frame and timber clad construction.

### Windows, external doors and Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys joinery were available. Random windows were opened and closed where possible. Doors and windows were not forced open. The majority of the windows are of timber frame design, incorporating single glazed units. However, there are some timber and uPVC double glazed units, double glazed velux units and secondary glazing present. The doors are of timber framed design, with some incorporating single glazed or double glazed units. **External decorations** Visually inspected. The external decorations are painted, where applicable. **Conservatories / porches** Visually inspected. There is a porch to the front elevation of timber and rendered masonry construction which incorporates single glazing under a pitched and slated roof. There is an open air veranda area to the side of the property, covered with a lean to polycarbonate type roof. None Communal areas **Garages and permanent** Visually inspected. outbuildings There is an integral double car garage with attached work shop area. There is a timber sliding vehicle door to the front and pedestrian access doors to the front, rear and via the side vestibule. Lighting and power are present. Attached to the garage workshop is a lean to glazed outbuilding of blockwork and timber single glazed construction under a corrugated plastic type roof. Lighting, water and power are present. There is a stone potting shed under a mono-pitched slate roof within the garden grounds. Lighting and power are present.

### **Outside areas and boundaries** Visually inspected. The property benefits from private garden grounds to the front, side and rear, extending to just under two acres. The grounds are bounded by stone walls, hedging and post and wire fencing. The grounds mostly consist of laid grass, cobbled paths, planted shrubs and mature trees. There is a driveway to the front of the property to allow for off street parking. Within the garden grounds there are some timber structures and a green house, but these are not considered permanent outbuildings for home report purposes. **Ceilings** Visually inspected from floor level. Ceilings within the property are a mixture of lath & plaster and plasterboard materials. **Internal** walls Visually inspected from floor level. Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate. The internal walls are a mixture of lath & plaster, plaster on the hard and plasterboard lined. Floors including sub floors Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted. Sub-floor areas were inspected only to the extent visible from a readily accessible and unfixed hatch by way of an inverted "head and shoulders" inspection at the access point. Physical access to the sub floor area may be taken if the Surveyor deems it is safe and reasonable to do so, and subject to a minimum clearance of 1m between the underside of floor joists and the solum as determined from the access hatch. The floors are a mixture of solid and suspended timber construction. There is a hatch located in the kitchen which was formerly an inspection pit. The upper floor is of timber construction.

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 joinery comprises timber skirtings, door facings and door surrounds. The doors are part glazed, flush timber and moulded timber design.
	The staircases are of closed tread and timber design.
	Kitchen fittings comprise a range of wall and base units and work surfaces with an aga and ceramic sink.
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	Visually inspected.
	No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.
	There is a double sided wood-burning stove located in the kitchen / sitting room.
	There is an open fireplace located in the dining room.
Internal decorations	Visually inspected.
	The ceilings and walls are painted and papered.
	The internal joinery is painted.
	There are tile splashback finishes and timber clad finishes.
Cellars	None
Electricity	Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.  Mains electricity is installed. The meter and consumer unit are
	located in the dining room cupboard. The system appears to be of a 13 amp type and design. The switch and socket outlets are plastic and the wiring is sheathed with PVC, where visible.
Gas	None

# Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

# Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tank or cylinders (if applicable) and fittings without removing any insulation.

Water is supplied from the mains. The visible pipework is a mixture of copper and plastic.

There is a plastic cold water storage tank located in the roof space.

The family bathroom contains a four piece suite consisting of a bath, separate shower cubicle, wash-hand basin and toilet.

The upstairs shower room contains a three piece suite consisting of a shower cubicle, wash-hand basin and toilet.

The main en-suite bathroom contains a four piece suite consisting of a freestanding bath, separate shower cubicle, two wash-hand basin and toilet.

The downstairs en-suite bathroom contains a three piece suite consisting of a bath, wash-hand basin and toilet.

The downstairs w.c contains a wash hand basin and toilet.

### Heating and hot water

Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected.

No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.

The property is centrally heated by means of an oil fired boiler located in the boiler room. Heating to the rooms is provided by water filled radiators. Hot water is supplied from the central heating boiler. The foam insulated hot water cylinder is located in the bathroom cupboard which is fitted with an immersion heater.

The plastic storage tanks are located within the garden grounds, one for the central heating and one for the aga.

There is underfloor heating present to the upstairs shower room and main bedroom en-suite bathroom.

### **Drainage**

Drainage covers etc were not lifted.

Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.

Drainage is understood to be to a shared septic tank which is located outwith the property's garden grounds.

Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	Visually inspected.
	No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.
	The property has smoke detection devices installed.
	Scottish government regulations came into effect on 1st February 2022 which requires each property to have linked smoke and heat detectors and if gas/carbon burning appliances are present then a carbon monoxide alarm fitted. Upgrading is required to comply with these regulations.

### Any additional limits to inspection

The property was inspected within the limits imposed by occupation which included, throughout, closely nailed and fixed fitted carpeting, floor coverings, stored items and furnishings etc. The owner's personal belongings were not removed from cupboards.

It will be appreciated that parts of the property, which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible, cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect.

This report does not constitute a full and detailed description of the property and a structural investigation was not carried out. No inspection was undertaken of woodwork or other parts of the structure which are covered, unexposed or otherwise inaccessible and as a result no guarantee can be given that such parts of the structure are free from rot, beetle or other defects.

No removal of internal linings has been carried out in order to ascertain the condition of hidden parts and no warranty can be given regarding the areas not specifically referred to in this report.

The external building fabric has been inspected from ground level only from the subjects grounds and where possible from adjoining public property. Exposure work has not been carried out.

It was dry on the date of inspection. Leakage and water penetration may only be visible to building components such as roof spaces, rainwater goods, around chimney breasts, window openings, etc. These are sometimes only visible during or immediately after, adverse weather conditions. Similarly, sometimes defects in rainwater goods are only apparent during, or after heavy rainfall.

The flat roof was not visible from ground level.

The report does not include an asbestos inspection. However, asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 2000, when it became a banned substance. If the possibility of asbestos based products has been reported and you have concerns you should engage a qualified asbestos surveyor.

Our inspection of the roof spaces were restricted to a head and shoulders inspection only due to the small hatch size and insulation material present. There was no access into the utility room hatch due to shelves obstruction access.

There was no access into the eaves spaces as these were screwed shut at the time of our inspection.

No sub-floor inspection was possible due to there being no apparent means of access.

No close inspection was possible to enclosed areas beneath and around washing appliances and sanitary fittings.

### 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.

- **Chimney pots**
- Coping stone
- Chimney head
- Flashing
- Ridge ventilation
- 6 Ridge board
- 7 Slates / tiles
- 8 Valley guttering
- 9 Dormer projection
- 10 Dormer flashing
- **Dormer cheeks**
- 12 Sarking
- 13) Roof felt
- (14) Trusses
- (15) Collar
- 16 Insulation
- 17) Parapet gutter
- (18) Eaves guttering
- 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
- 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 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.	future attention, but estimates are still advised.	No immediate action or repair is needed.

Structural movement	
Repair category:	1
Notes	There is evidence of previous movement in the form of cracking to masonry, internal plaster cracking and uneven/sloping floors. The movement is considered to be longstanding in nature with no indication of recent structural deterioration. On the basis of a limited single inspection, no further significant movement is anticipated.

Dampness, rot and inf	estation
Repair category:	3
Notes	An electronic moisture meter was used to measure levels of dampness, at random locations, to lower wall surfaces and floors, where accessible and without moving furniture or lifting floor coverings, if present.  Higher than normal meter readings were recorded in the downstairs en-suite bathroom, pantry and side vestibule. Given the presence of such it would be considered prudent to instruct a reputable firm of Timber & Damp specialists to undertake a full and detailed inspection of the subject property to quantify the remedial works required.  There is evidence of condensation/black mould growth within the property. Condensation is a lifestyle issue which can be remedied by a combination of adequate heating and ventilation.  Woodworm flight holes were noted to the roofing timbers and within the pantry. It is understood that past treatment works have been carried out, however the guarantee has now lapsed. It is recommended that a reputable timber & damp specialist firm be employed to carry out a detailed inspection of the entire subjects (including exposure works). Thereafter implement all necessary remedial works under the cover of a long term guarantee.  Staining to the downstairs en-suite bathroom ceiling, around the hot water cylinder floor timbers and around the study/bedroom window proved dry when tested.

Chimney stacks	
Repair category:	2
Notes	Open jointing and weathering was noted to the chimney head pointing, which provides an entrance point for water ingress. This is likely to become a progressive defect if left unattended. Repointing is required.  It should be noted that unused chimney heads are a common source of water ingress with the resultant risk of deterioration to the brickwork and surrounding timbers within the roof void.

Roofing including roof space		
Repair category:	2	
Notes	The roof slates were noted to be loose, uneven, missing and/or broken in places. Life expectancy will often depend on weathering and damage from the prevailing weather. A reputable roofing contractor can advise on life expectancy and repair/replacement costs. In the absence of stripping and relaying, on-going and increasing maintenance expenditure should be anticipated.  General weathering was evident to the flat roof. It should be fully appreciated that a flat roof, even when new does have a limited life and always requires regular and careful ongoing maintenance to ensure it remains in a wind and watertight condition.  Woodworm was noted to the roofing timbers. Please refer to our comments in the Dampness, Rot and Infestation section of the report.  Previous roof leaks have left some of the internal roofing timbers stained/bleached.  Redundant wasps nests were noted within the roof space.  Evidence of previous mice activity was noted in the roof space which is considered typical for this type of property in its location, however should remain monitored.	

Rainwater fittings	
Repair category:	2
Notes	Cast iron components show signs of corrosion. This will become a progressive defect if left unattended.  A downpipe to the front elevation show signs of leakage, which has resulted in staining to external wall finishes. In buildings of this form of construction, leakage from gutter joints can lead to damp penetration into the building fabric.  Allowing leaves, moss, and other debris to accumulate and create blockages is one of the most frequent causes of gutter-related dampness problems. The weight of the accumulated material can cause gutters to leak at joints or even to collapse completely. However, all of this may be prevented by cleaning gutters frequently, preferably twice a year.

Main walls		
Repair category:	2	
Notes	The stonework is affected by some cracking, erosion, staining and open pointing due to a combination of weathering, settlement and leaking rainwater goods. Evidence of hairline cracking was also noted to the kitchen lintel. Maintenance attention is required.  There is climbing vegetation growth to the external walls, some of which is obstructing window openings. It is not considered good practice to have vegetation growing up the wall face. This restricted the scope of inspection possible, and the presence of same can lead to moisture ingress into the building fabric.  Underfloor ventilators are limited. Inadequate sub floor ventilation can lead to an increase in moisture within the underbuilding area, which can condense above and below the damp proof course and also on timbers. The lack of adequate ventilation can, therefore, result in symptoms of rising dampness and lead to decay.  The timber pantry is of basic construction and shows signs of deterioration.	

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category:	2
Notes	The windows are not modern and a number of windows are ill fitting, stiff to operate, been painted shut, have cracked glazing etc. Repair or replacement is required.
	A number of double glazed sealed units have failed, as a result of defective seals, allowing condensation to build between the panes. Repair or replacement is required.
	Pointing surrounding some of the windows is open jointed. Repairs are required to prevent damp penetration into the building fabric.
	Condensation and black spot mould was noted around some window frames, attributable to inadequate heating and ventilation.
	The doors are of an older design and showing signs of age and deterioration.
	External timbers show signs of weathering and patch decay.

External decorations	
Repair category:	2
Notes	The external decorations are weathered and require attention. The condition of the joinery should be checked and repaired as necessary during redecoration.  Paint finishes and decorated external surfaces will require redecoration on a regular basis.

Conservatories / porches	
Repair category:	2
Notes	The porch is in reasonable condition, having regard to its age and type.  There is climbing ivy growth to the veranda structure. It is not considered good practice to have vegetation growing up structures.

Communal areas	
Repair category:	
Notes	Not applicable

Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category:	2
Notes	General weathering and deterioration was evident to the garage and workshop, including cracking to the walls and ceiling and woodworm flight holes to the timbers.  The glazed outbuilding is of basic design and defects such as rot, cracked glazing, weathering to walls and creeping plants to the walls and roof were noted.  The stone shed in reasonable condition having regard to its age and intended purpose.

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category:	2
Notes	The entire boundary was not seen due to planted shrubs and hedging, however parts of the boundary are showing signs of weathering. On going maintenance should be anticipated for a garden of this type and size.  There are a number of trees growing within potential influencing distance of the property and they should be regularly inspected by a tree surgeon. Trees will grow progressively larger with time and the risk of damage will increase. Trees should be managed to prevent them from increasing in size. Tree roots can cause damage to structures and services, particularly in shrinkable soils. The requirement for gutter maintenance in the autumn should also be recognised, along with the risk of storm damage.

Ceilings	
Repair category:	1
Notes	There are areas of cracking and minor blemishes to the ceiling surfaces. These can be attended to during the course of normal redecoration.  As age increases, it is not unusual for the plaster to lose its key with the timber lathing, and such defects are only revealed when decorative surfaces are stripped to allow redecoration to take place.

Internal walls	
Repair category:	1
Notes	The plaster finishes appear generally sound with only minor evidence of unevenness and cracking. These can be attended to during the course of normal redecoration. If present, the removal of wallpaper is likely to result in the necessity for plaster repairs.

Floors including sub floors	
Repair category:	
Notes	Areas of loose and uneven flooring were noted, consistent with age. Within the limitations imposed on the inspection, no indications were noted to suggest any serious disrepair.  No access was possible to the sub-floor area and no comment can be made on the condition of the timbers therein.  Flooring was noted to be off level, in line with previous comments regarding structural movement. Please see our previous comments under 'Structural Movement'.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category:	2
Notes	Internal joinery is of mixed design and vintage, and although worn in some areas, appears generally serviceable. Timberwork, door ironmongery, etc have all suffered wear and deterioration, consistent with age.  It should be confirmed that all glass doors contain safety glass to comply with current regulations.

Chimney breast and fire places	
Repair category:	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects were noted to the chimney breasts, fireplace or wood-burning stove.  The internal condition and serviceability of any flue cannot be determined from a visual inspection. Old unlined flues will inevitably deteriorate with age as the acidic products of combustion erode the bricks and mortar joints. As a result they may not be completely smoke and fire tight. For this reason they should be cleaned and smoke tested before use.

Internal decorations	
Repair category:	
Notes	No obvious significant defects were noted to the internal decorations, allowing for areas of wear and tear.
Cellars	
Repair category:	
Notes	Not applicable
Electricity	
Repair category:	2
Notes	It is likely that only the most recently rewired properties will have electrical installations that fully comply with current regulations. The installation in this property appears relatively modern but there is no evidence of a recent test.  It is recommended good practice that all electrical installations should be checked periodically, approximately every ten years or when a property changes hands. This should be regarded as a routine safety and maintenance check.  A number of sockets were noted to skirting boards which is not considered best practice and a number of rooms do not have any ceiling lights present.
Gas	
Repair category:	
Notes	Not applicable

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings				
Repair category:	1			
Notes	No obvious significant defects noted to the accessible plumbing or sanitary fittings, allowing for some discolouration to seals and older fittings.  It is essential that all wall linings, tile grout, seals, etc are maintained in good condition. Failure to do so can lead to concealed defects behind wall finishes, and below the bath/shower tray.  In a property of this age it is possible for lead pipework to be present in concealed areas however; none was noted within the limitations of the inspection  There is no extractor fan present in the downstairs en-suite bathroom.			

Heating and hot water				
Repair category:	2			
Notes	No obvious significant defects were noted to the heating system or hot water system, although these have not been tested. However, the central heating boiler is of an older design and opinions suggests that boilers have a life expectancy between 10 and 20 years depending on the quality of the boiler and whether or not regular maintenance has been carried out. Future repair or replacement should be anticipated.  It is recommended good practice that boilers are serviced on an annual basis by an appropriately qualified person. The boiler's service history should be checked by referring to the service records. If there is no record of a recent service, the boiler should be checked by an appropriately qualified person.  There are no radiators present in the utility room, boiler room or pantry.			

Drainage	
Repair category:	
Notes	No obvious significant defects were noted to the drainage system, within the limitations of the inspection.  It is understood that drainage is to a septic tank. The valuation reported assumes that the septic tank has been registered with and is fully compliant with all requirements of the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), both with regard to the tank and its outfall.

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 Category 3
Dampness, rot and infestation	Urgent repairs or replacement are needed
Chimney stacks	now. Failure to deal with them may cause problems to other parts of the property or
Roofing including roof space	cause a safety hazard. Estimates for repairs or replacement are needed now.
Rainwater fittings	Category 2
Main walls	Repairs or replacement requiring future
Windows, external doors and joinery	attention, but estimates are still advised.
External decorations	Category 1
Conservatories / porches	No immediate action or repair is needed.
Communal areas	
Garages and permanent outbuildings	2
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	
Electricity	2
Gas	
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	1
Heating and hot water	2
Drainage	1

### Remember

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

### Warning

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

### 3. ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

### **Guidance Notes on Accessibility Information**

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

<u>Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:</u> For this purpose, 'Unrestricted parking' includes parking available by means of a parking permit. Restricted parking includes parking that is subject to parking restrictions, as indicated by the presence of solid yellow, red or white lines at the edge of the road or by a parking control sign, parking meters or other 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
3.Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	No
4.Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	No
5.Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?	Yes
6.Is there a toilet on the same level as a bedroom?	Yes
7.Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?	No
8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?	Yes

### 4. VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

### Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

The tenure is understood to be Outright Ownership.

In line with our normal practice, it is specifically assumed that the property and its value are unaffected by any matters which would or should be revealed to a competent Completing Solicitor by a local search and replies to the usual enquiries, or by any statutory notice and planning proposal.

Where defects or repairs have been identified within this report it is recommended that, prior to entering into any legally binding sale or purchases contracts, further specialists 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.

The property has been substantially altered and extended in the past. The valuation assumes necessary certification in respect of the planning permissions, building warrants and completion certificates were issued for these works.

The subjects appear to be accessed by way of a private/shared road. Access rights and maintenance liabilities should be established against the Title Deeds.

We understand the property occupies a plot of just under 2 acres. Reference to the Titles will confirm the exact ownership, maintenance and liability of same.

Drainage, it is understood is to a mutual septic tank which we understand lies outwith the feu. This was not checked or tested. It should be ensured that appropriate registration documents are available.

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

The estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes is £2,500,000 (Two million five hundred 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

In its present condition the opinion of valuation for the Outright Ownership interest with vacant possession on 24 March 2025 is £750,000 (Seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds sterling).

Report author:	India Georgeson	
Company: Harvey Donaldson & Gibson Chartered		
Address:	Caledonian House Business Centre 164 High Street Elgin IV30 1BD	
Electronically Signed By: India Georgeson		
Date of report:	31/03/2025	

# Mortgage Valuation Report

CASE DETAILS						
Seller Name(s):	Mr M Sinclair and Mrs L	Sinclair.				
Property Address:	95 St Leonards Road					
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Town:	Forres		County			
Postcode:	IV36 2RE					
Date of Inspection (dd/mr	m/yyyy):	24/03/2025				
PROPERTY DETAILS						
		House				
Property Type:		House				
Property Style:	Ale a modelli a caratano	Detached				
Was the property built for	•	No	E B			21
For Flats and Maisonette			Floor the Property is on:		Number of Floors in th	e Block:
Number of Units in the BI	ock:		Does the Block have a L	ift?		
TENURE						
Tenure		Absolute Ownership				
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ACCOMMODATION						
No. of Living Room(s):		2	No. of Bedroom(s):	6	No. of Kitchen(s):	1
No. of Bathroom(s):		4	No. of WC(s):	1	No. of Other room(s):	4
Description of Other room	n(s):		try room, 1 boiler room and	1 dressing room	(-).	•
Floor Area (m²):	(-)	450	Floor Area type:	External		
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<b>GARAGES &amp; OUTBUILD</b>	INGS					
Garages:		1 double garage.				
Permanent Outbuildings:		Glazed outhouse an	nd stone potting shed			
CONSTRUCTION						
Wall Construction:		Solid Stone				
Roof Construction:		Pitched slate				
Approximate Year of Con	struction:	1895	Any evidence of alteration	ns or extensions?		Yes
Alterations / Extensions d	details:			tended in the past. Our v	aluation assumes these works	s have been carried out with all necessary
		consents. Legal adv	isors to confirm.			
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RISKS			1634			
Is there evidence of move		Yes	If Yes, does this appear	longstanding?		Yes
Are there any other risk n		No				
If yes to any of the above	e, please provide details:					and uneven/sloping floors. The movement is
		significant movemen		indication of recent struc	dural deterioration. On the bas	is of a limited single inspection, no further
		Significant movemen	it is articipated.			
SERVICES						
Electricity:		Mains	Gas:	None	Water:	Mains
Central Heating:		Full	Drainage:	Private		mano
· ·		Heating fuel: Oil	Dramage.	Tilvato		
Provide comments:		Heating fuel: Oil Heating type: Radiat	tore			
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LEGAL MATTERS						
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### **Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)**

**Dwellings** 

# **Scotland**

### 95 ST LEONARDS ROAD, FORRES, IV36 2RE

Dwelling type:Detached houseDate of assessment:24 March 2025Date of certificate:24 March 2025

Total floor area: 374 m<sup>2</sup>

Primary Energy Indicator: 320 kWh/m²/year

**Reference number:** 2843-1018-6207-3225-0200

Type of assessment: RdSAP, existing dwelling

**Approved Organisation:** Elmhurst

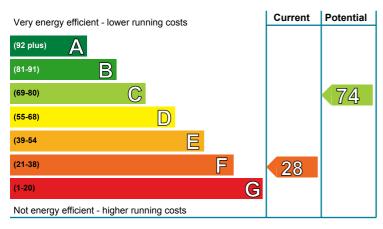
Main heating and fuel: Boiler and radiators, oil

### You can use this document to:

- Compare current ratings of properties to see which are more energy efficient and environmentally friendly
- Find out how to save energy and money and also reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by improving your home

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	£21,399	See your recommendations
Over 3 years you could save*	£10,944	report for more information

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

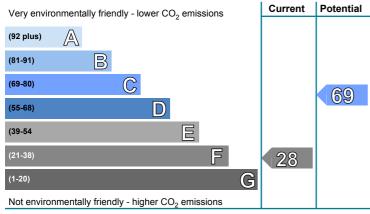


### **Energy Efficiency Rating**

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 F (28)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (61)**.

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



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

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

Your current rating is **band F (28)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (59)**.

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

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

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical savings over 3 years
1 Room-in-roof insulation	£1,500 - £2,700	£4407.00
2 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£2334.00
3 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£1284.00

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, 200 mm loft insulation Pitched, 150 mm loft insulation Roof room(s), ceiling insulated	**** **** **	**** **** ***
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed) Solid, no insulation (assumed) To unheated space, no insulation (assumed)	_ _ _	_ _ _
Windows	Some double glazing	***	***
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, oil	***	***
Main heating controls	Programmer, TRVs and bypass	<b>★★★☆☆</b>	***
Secondary heating	Room heaters, wood logs	_	_
Hot water	From main system	***	***
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 63% of fixed outlets	****	<b>★★★★</b> ☆

### The energy efficiency rating of your home

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

As we all use our homes in different ways, the energy rating is calculated using standard occupancy assumptions which may be different from the way you use it. The rating also uses national weather information to allow comparison between buildings in different parts of Scotland. However, to make information more relevant to your home, local weather data is used to calculate your energy use,  $CO_2$  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 77 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>/yr.

The average Scottish household produces about 6 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Based on this assessment, heating and lighting this home currently produces approximately 29 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 18 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	£19,812 over 3 years	£9,033 over 3 years	
Hot water	£738 over 3 years	£555 over 3 years	You could
Lighting	£849 over 3 years	£867 over 3 years	save £10,944
Total	£21,399	£10,455	over 3 years

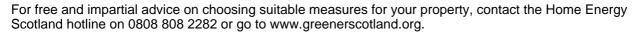
These figures show how much the average household would spend in this property for heating, lighting and hot water. This excludes energy use for running appliances such as TVs, computers and cookers, and the benefits of any electricity generated by this home (for example, from photovoltaic panels). The 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	Rating after improvement	
		indicative cost	per year	Energy	Environment
1	Room-in-roof insulation	£1,500 - £2,700	£1469	E 41	F 38
2	Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£778	E 48	E 44
3	Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£428	E 53	E 48
4	Upgrade heating controls	£350 - £450	£232	D 56	E 51
5	Replace boiler with new condensing boiler	£2,200 - £3,000	£443	D 61	D 56
6	Replace single glazed windows with low- E double glazed windows	£3,300 - £6,500	£299	D 64	D 60
7	Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£3,500 - £5,500	£397	D 67	D 63
8	Wind turbine	£15,000 - £25,000	£865	C 74	C 69

### 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 Room-in-roof insulation

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

#### 2 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.

### 3 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.

#### 4 Heating controls (room thermostat)

The heating system should have a room thermostat to enable the boiler to switch off when no heat is required. A competent heating engineer should be asked to do this work. Insist that the thermostat switches off the boiler as well as the pump and that the thermostatic radiator valve is removed from any radiator in the same room as the thermostat. Building regulations generally apply to this work and a building warrant may be required, so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department and seek advice from a qualified heating engineer.

### 5 Condensing boiler

A condensing boiler is capable of much higher efficiencies than other types of boiler, meaning it will burn less fuel to heat this property. This improvement is most appropriate when the existing central heating boiler needs repair or replacement, however there may be exceptional circumstances making this impractical. Condensing boilers need a drain for the condensate which limits their location; remember this when considering remodelling the room containing the existing boiler even if the latter is to be retained for the time being (for example a kitchen makeover). Building regulations generally apply to this work and a building warrant may be required, so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department and seek advice from a qualified heating engineer.

### 6 Double glazed windows

Double glazing is the term given to a system where two panes of glass are made up into a sealed unit. Replacing existing single-glazed windows with double-glazed windows will improve comfort in the home by reducing draughts and cold spots near windows. Double-glazed windows may also reduce noise, improve security and combat problems with condensation. Building regulations apply to this work and planning permission may also be required, so it is best to check with your local authority on what standards need to be met. A building warrant is not required if the windows comply with the current requirements.

### 7 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.

### 8 Wind turbine

A wind turbine provides electricity from wind energy. This electricity is used throughout the home in the same way as the electricity purchased from an energy supplier. Wind turbines are not suitable for all properties. The system's effectiveness depends on local wind speeds and the presence of nearby obstructions, and a site survey should be undertaken by an accredited installer. Planning permission might be required and building regulations generally apply to this work and a building warrant may be required, so it is best to check these with your local authority. The assessment does not include the effect of any Feed-in Tariff which could appreciably increase the savings that are shown on this EPC for a wind turbine, provided that both the product and the installer are certified by the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (or equivalent). Details of local MCS installers are available at www.microgenerationcertification.org.

### Low and zero carbon energy sources

Low and zero carbon (LZC) energy sources are sources of energy that release either very little or no carbon dioxide into the atmosphere when they are used. Installing these sources may help reduce energy bills as well as cutting carbon.

### LZC energy sources present:

Biomass secondary heating

### 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)	74,331	(1,515)	N/A	(8,053)
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,890			

### **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 Address	Ballenmuir, 95 St Leonards RD, Forres, IV36 2RE
Vendor(s)	Mrs Lesley Sinclair
Completion Date of Property Questionnaire	
System Ref:	QV754360





### **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? 19 years 6months							
2.	Council Tax							
	Which Council Tax band is your property in?							
	A & B & C & D & E & F & G		Н	×				
3.	Parking							
	What are the arrangements for parking at your property?  Please tick all that apply?							
	Garage 🕢 Allocated parking space 😢	Dri	veway					
	Shared parking ❷ On street ❷ R	Resident p	ermit	×				
	Metered parking 😵 Other (please specify):							
4.	Conservation area							
	Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (that is an area of special architectural or historical interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)?		Yes No					
		Don't	know	×				
5.	Listed buildings							
	Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (that is a building recognised and approved as being of special architectural or historical interest)?		Yes No					
6.	Alterations/additions/extensions							
	During your time in the property, have you carried out any structural alterations, additions or extensions (for example, provision of an extra bath/shower room, toilet, or bedroom)?		Yes	✓				
a.	extensions (for example, provision of an extra path/shower room, tollet, or bedroom)?		No	×				
(i)	If you have answered yes, please describe below the changes which you have made: created new bathrooms and dressing room and stair cupboard							
<i>(</i> **)	Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other		Yes	<b></b>				
(ii)	consents for this work?		No	×				
(iv)	If you have answered yes, the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you sh solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have the documents yourself, please not these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange to obtain them:			your				



6.	Alterations/additions/extensions				
	Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property? If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below	Yes 🔇			
b.	property: If you have answered yes, please answer the timee questions below	No 🕢			
/i\	Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you	Yes 😵			
(i)	replaced?	No 😵			
(ii)	Did the work involve any changes to the window or door openings?	Yes 😵			
(")		No 😵			
	Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or patio doors (with approximate dat completed):	es when the work was			
, <u>,</u>	Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicitor or estate agent				
(iii)					
7.	Central heating				
	Is there a central heating system in your property?	Yes 🗸			
a.	(Note: a partial central heating system is one which does not heat all the main rooms of the property —	No 😣			
	the main living room, the bedroom(s), the hall and the bathroom).	Partial 🚫			
	If you have answered yes or partial – what kind of central heating is there? (Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air)				
	Oil boiler				
	If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below				
(i)	When was your central heating system or partial central heating installed?	2005			
	Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?	Yes 🗸			
(ii)		No 🚷			
	If you answered yes please give details of the company with whom you have a maintenance contract				
	GLEANER OILS				
(iii)	When was your maintenance contract last renewed? (Please provide the month and year)				
0	Rolling contract				
8.	Energy Performance Certificate  Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less	V 🖎			
	than 10 years old?	Yes 😵			
9.	Issues that may have affected your property	110			
0.	Has there been any storm, flood, fire, or other structural damage to your	Yes 😵			
a.	property while you have owned it?	No 🗸			
	If you have answered yes is the damage the subject of any outstanding	Yes 😵			
	insurance claim?	No 😣			
<b>L</b>	Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property?	Yes 😵			
b.		No 🕢			
	If you have answered yes please give details:	<u> </u>			



10.	Services				
	Please tick which services are connected to your property and give details of the supplier				
	Service	Connected	Supplie	er	
	Gas or liquid petroleum gas	8			
	Water mains or private water supply		Scottish w	ater	
a.	Electricity		octopu	S	
	Mains drainage		Scottish w	ater	
	Telephone		plusnet		
	Cable TV or satellite	$\otimes$			
	Broadband	$\bigcirc$	plusne	t	
<u>_</u>	Is there a septic tank at your property?			Yes 🗸	
b.	If you have answered yes please answ	ver the questions be	low	No 😵	
	Do you have appropriate consents for the	ne discharge of your	septic tank?	Yes 😵	
(i)				No 😵	
				Don't know 🕢	
	Do you have a maintenance contract for	r your septic tank?		Yes 🗸	
/::\		No 😵			
(ii)	If you answered yes please give details of the company with whom you have a maintenance contract				
	scottish water				
11.	Responsibilities for shared or commo	on areas			
	Are you aware of any responsibility to contribute to the cost of anything used jointly, such as repair of a shared drive, private road, boundary, or garden area?			Yes 🔕	
				No 🕢	
a.				Don't know 🚫	
	If you answered yes please give details				
	Are you aware of any responsibility to contribute to the cost of repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell, or other common areas?			Yes 😵	
			n areas?	No 🕢	
b.				Don't know 🚫	
	If you answered yes please give details				
	No				
	Has there been any major repair or repl		of the roof	Yes 🔇	
C.	during the time you have owned the bui	lding?		No 🕢	
	Do you have the right to walk over any o	of your peighbours' r	property, for	Yes 🔕	
			- ^ I		
7	example to put out your bins, or to main		s?	No 🕢	
d.			s?		



11.	Responsibilities for shared or common areas	
	As far as you are aware, do any of your neighbours have the right to walk over your	Yes 😵
_	property, for example to put out their rubbish bin, or to maintain their boundaries?	No 🤡
e.	If you answered yes please give details	
	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.)	Yes 🔕
f.		No 🗸
••	<u>If you answered yes</u> please give details	
12.	Charges associated with your property	
	Is there a factor or property manager for your property?	Yes 😵
a.		No 🕜
	If you answered yes please provide name and address and give details relating to deposits held	l and charges
	Is there a common buildings insurance policy?	Yes 😣
_		No 🕢
b.		Don't know 🚷
	If you answered yes is the cost of insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?	Yes
	Disease sine details of any other charges you have to now on a regular basis for the unit	No
	Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regular basis for the up areas or repair works, for example to a residents' association, or maintenance or stair	
C.	None	
13.	Specialist works	
10.	As far as you are aware, has treatment of dry rot, wet rot, damp or any	Yes 🤡
	other specialist work ever been carried out to your property?	No 🔉
	If you answered yes please give further details	
a.	Before we bought in1967	
	Do you have any guarantees for this work?	Yes 🔕
		No 🧭
	Guarantees are held by :	
	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 🤡
	ever been carried out to your property:	No 😣
	If you answered yes please give further details	
b.	This was done before our time	
	Do you have any guarantees for this work?	Yes 😵
		No 🕢
	Guarantees are held by :	



14.	Guarantees					
	Are there any warranties or guarantees for any of the following					
a.		No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
(i) b.	Electrical work	<b>Ø</b>	8	8	8	8
(ii) b.	Roofing	<b>Ø</b>	8	8	8	8
(iii) b.	Central heating	<b>Ø</b>	8	8	8	8
(iv) b.	National House Building Council (NHBC)	<b>Ø</b>	8	8	8	8
(v) b.	Damp course	<b>Ø</b>	8	8	8	8
(vi)	Any other work or installation? (for example cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)		×	×	×	×
b.		ı				
	Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed at	ove?				es 😵 No 🐼
C.	<u>If you answered yes</u> please give details					
15.	Boundaries					
	Are you aware has any boundary of your property been moved ten years?	in the I	ast			es 😵 No 🕜
a.				Do	n't kno	
	<u>If you answered yes</u> please give details					



16.	Notices that affect your property	
	In the past three years have you ever receievd a notice :	
a.	Advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?	Yes ⊗ No ⊘
b.	that affects your property in some other way?	Yes No 🥥
c.	that requires you to perform any maintenance, repairs, or improvements to the property?	Yes ⊗ No ⊘
	If you answered yes to any of a-c above please give the notices to your so agent, including any notices which arrive at any time before the date of entry of your property	olicitor or estate of the purchaser

Declaration by the seller(s) or other authorised body or person(s)

I/We confirm that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

**Signatures:** 

**Lesley Sinclair** 

Date:



