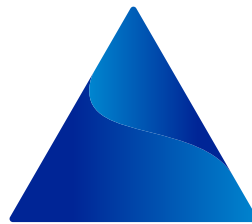




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survey report on:

Property address	Claygate House Claygate Canonbie DG14 0SB
Customer	Mr David Smith & Mrs Iona Palmer-Smith
Customer address	Claygate House Claygate Canonbie DG14 0SB
Prepared by	Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
Date of inspection	01/07/2025



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PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 THE SURVEYORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

1.3 LIABILITY

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

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

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

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

1.4 GENERIC MORTGAGE VALUATION REPORT

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

1.5 TRANSCRIPT MORTGAGE VALUATION FOR LENDING PURPOSES

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

1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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

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

they assign the same to any other party in writing.

1.7 PAYMENT

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

1.8 CANCELLATION

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

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

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

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

1.9 PRECEDENCE

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

1.10 DEFINITIONS

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

- a "prospective Purchaser" is anyone considering buying the Property;
- the "Report" is the report, of the kind described in Part 2 of these Terms and Conditions and in the form set out in part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008;
- the "Seller" is/are the proprietor(s) of the Property;
- the "Surveyor" is the author of the Report on the Property; and
- the "Surveyors" are the firm or company of which the Surveyor is an employee, director, member or partner (unless the Surveyor is not an employee, director, member or partner, when the "Surveyors" means the Surveyor) whose details are set out at the head of the Report.
- the "Energy Report" is the advice given by the accredited Energy Company, based on information collected by the Surveyor during the Inspection, and also includes an Energy Performance Certificate, in a Government approved format.

PART 2 - DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT

2.1 THE SERVICE

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

2.2 THE INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

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

2.3 THE REPORT

The Report will be prepared by the Surveyor who carried out the property inspection and will describe various aspects of the property as defined by the headings of the Single Survey report with the comments

being general and unbiased. The report on the location, style and condition of the property, will be concise and will be restricted to matters that could have a material effect upon value and will omit items that, in the Surveyor's opinion, are not significant. If certain minor matters are mentioned, it should not be interpreted that the property is free of any other minor defects.

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

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

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

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

2.4 SERVICES

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

2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

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

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

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communal grounds, parking areas, and other facilities;

- There are no particularly troublesome or unusual legal restrictions;
- There is no current dispute between the occupiers of the flats or any outstanding claims or losses; and the costs of repairs to the building are shared among the co-proprietors on an equitable basis.

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

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

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

1. Information and scope of inspection

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

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

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

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

Description	Two storey and attic detached house.
Accommodation	GROUND FLOOR: Lounge, Sitting Room, Kitchen, Utility Room, and side annexe with open plan Bed/Sitting Room and Shower Room with w.c. FIRST FLOOR: Bedroom 1, Bedroom 2, Bedroom 3, Bedroom 4, Study and Bathroom with w.c. ATTIC FLOOR: 2 Attic Rooms and Store. In addition, there is a former shop and other ancillary accommodation within the eastmost section of the building, that are not currently classed as habitable rooms. This is included in the 'garages and permanent outbuildings' sections of this report.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	324m ² or thereby (main house only).
Neighbourhood and location	The property is situated in the small rural village of Claygate. The main shopping, social and educational amenities for the area are provided in the neighbouring town of Langholm.
Age	It is understood that the main house was constructed in the early 1800s, but the single storey sections of the building predate this.
Weather	Raining.

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Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. The chimneys are of pointed sandstone construction, with lead flashings and clay pots.
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 main roof is pitched and slated, with metal ridging and sandstone skew copings. There are metal skylight windows. There are flat roof coverings over the two bay projections at the front of the house, and the rear two storey outshoot has a flat lead covered roof. The single storey annexe on the west side of the building has mono-pitched slate covered roofs, and the flat platform mid-section of roof (not viewed) appears to have a fibreglass type covering. A limited and partial inspection of the apex and eaves roof voids within the main section of the building was undertaken via wall and ceiling hatches in the attic rooms. The roof is of timber frame construction which is overlaid with sarking board. There is a felt membrane beneath the slates to only some parts of the roof. The roof voids have been insulated, which significantly restricted access and the inspection. A hatch on a sloping ceiling within the annexe provides access into the roof space above this westmost section of the building. This roof is of timber frame construction, overlaid with a mix of timber and fibreboard sarking. Insulation has been laid above the ceilings.
Rainwater fittings	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. The rainwater fittings are formed in a mix of cast metal and PVC.

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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 solid sandstone construction which are pointed externally, and the west-facing gable of the two storey section of the house is rendered. The walls of the annexe are a mix of sandstone and brick construction, and are externally rendered to the front and rear elevations.
Windows, external doors and joinery	Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available. Random windows were opened and closed where possible. Doors and windows were not forced open. The windows are mostly single glazed, and are a mix of timber sash and case and timber casement types. There is secondary glazing to the window on the half landing. A number of windows have recently been replaced with double glazing, and there are double glazed French doors to the rear of the main public room. The attic rooms have metal skylight windows. The front entrance has a timber panelled door.
External decorations	Visually inspected.
Conservatories / porches	Not applicable.
Communal areas	Not applicable.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	Visually inspected. Attached to the east side of the house adjoining the road, is a former shop. The gross internal floor area extends to 73m² or thereby, and there is a full-sized basement/cellar and loft storage space. Linking the former shop and the house is an entrance hallway with toilet, together with an office/study that have a combined gross internal floor area 24m² or thereby. The walls are of stone construction and the roof is slated. There is an externally accessed coal store within this part of the building. Linked to the rear corner of the westmost annexe is a 65m² storage outbuilding (65m²), and behind this is a 59m² garage/workshop that also has a storage loft. The walls are of stone construction, and the pitched roof is slated. An open-sided 154m² steel framed portal shed has recently been erected.
Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected. It is understood that the site area extends to 3 acres or thereby, and includes gardens, a paddock and floodlit equestrian arena. Details must be confirmed with the title deeds. The boundaries are partly defined with hedging and post and wire fences.
Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level. The ceilings are mostly lined with timber lath and plaster. The attic rooms have sloping/coombed ceilings. The ceiling in the utility room is lined with plywood.
Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level. Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate. The main walls are dry lined internally, and the partitions are a mix of solid construction and timber studs. Some of the walls to the utility room are lined with plywood.
Floors including sub floors	The floors are a mix of suspended timber and solid construction. It was not possible to inspect the floor surfaces in some rooms due to the presence of loose coverings. No access was gained into the sub-floor areas.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved. Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances. The internal doors are a mix of panelled and timber glazed types. There are freestanding units in the kitchen, and there are fitted units in the westmost annexe. A timber staircase with decorative iron balustrade and wooden handrail provides access to the first and attic floor landings from the entrance hall.
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	Visually inspected. No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out. There are fireplaces with stoves in the lounge, sitting room and the annexe. All other fireplaces within the main house have been removed and the openings blanked off. Fireplaces remain in the former shop and in the office/study within the section of the building attached east side of the main house.
Internal decorations	Visually inspected.
Cellars	Visually inspected where there was a safe and purpose-built access. There is no cellar within the main part of the house, as far as known. The former shop, which is attached to the east side of the house, has a full-sized cellar (see 'garages and permanent outbuildings' section above).

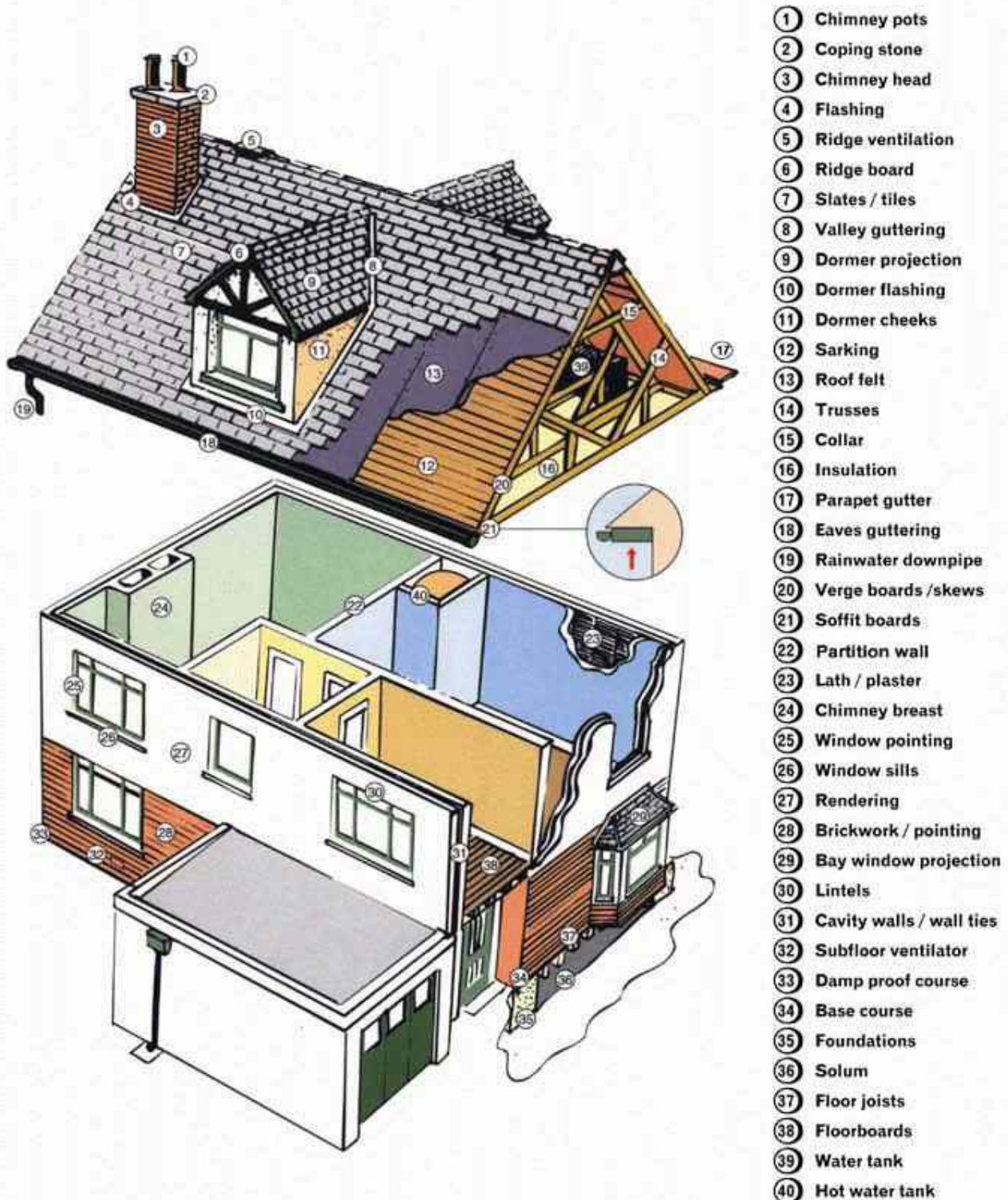
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Electricity	Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently 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. The electric meter and consumer unit are in the side hallway attached to the eastmost section of the house, and there is a second meter and a consumer unit in the annexe. Electricity to the former shop is understood to be supplied via a sub-meter.
Gas	No gas supply.
Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings	Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Water is assumed to be from the mains supply. There are fibreglass cold water storage tanks in the roof voids. The kitchen has a double stainless steel sink on a freestanding unit, and there is an older stainless steel sink in the utility room. The ground floor shower room has a tiled floor that is laid to drain, and a modern white wash hand basin and WC. There is a four piece semi modern white suite in the upstairs bathroom.
Heating and hot water	Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. The floor-standing 'Thorn' oil fired boiler is in the utility room. The boiler heats a radiators in the majority of the rooms. Some of the radiators are fitted with thermostatic valves. There is a plastic oil storage tank. There is a lagged hot water cylinder in a landing cupboard adjoining the upstairs bathroom, although the inspection of the tank was restricted due to the inward opening design of the cupboard door.

Drainage	Drainage covers etc. were not lifted. Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested. Drainage is assumed to be connected to a septic tank. For the avoidance of doubt the tank was not located or inspected, and the drainage system has not been checked or tested in any way.
Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	Visually inspected. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. All Scottish homes require a smoke alarm to be installed in the room most frequently used for living purposes and in every circulation space on each floor. A heat alarm also needs to be installed in each kitchen. The alarms need to be ceiling mounted and interlinked. Where there is a carbon-fuelled appliance such as a boiler, open fire or wood burner, a carbon monoxide detector is also required. We have not assessed or tested any existing equipment and it is the purchasers responsibility to confirm that the property will comply with these standards following a change of ownership. In the interests of security no comment is made in relation to the presence or otherwise of a burglar alarm.

Any additional limits to inspection	The property was occupied at the time of the inspection, and the survey was restricted by loose floor, furniture, stored articles and personal items. Those parts of the property concealed behind fitted units and sanitary fittings etc were not viewed. No access was gained into the sub-floor areas. The roof voids were inspected from the extent visible from the wall and ceiling hatches without being fully entered. With properties of this type and age, various parts of the structure are hidden from view behind wall linings etc and cannot be seen. Where timbers are affected by dampness due to the inherent nature of the construction, or have become wet as a result of existing or previous defects in the building fabric, or leaking plumbing etc, it is possible for decay to manifest itself within concealed areas and to only become apparent in the future. Hidden areas that were not accessed or inspected cannot be reported as being free from defect, and any comments regarding the condition of the property must be read in this context. The report does not include an Asbestos Inspection. However, asbestos was widely used in residential construction until it was finally banned 1999. If suspected asbestos containing material has been highlighted in this report, or if there are concerns of its potential existence having regard to the age of the property, a qualified asbestos surveyor should be engaged to carry out an inspection should further advice be required. The report is not a Fire Risk Assessment, and the surveyor is not qualified to provide specific advice on fire safety issues. An inspection for Japanese Knotweed was not carried out. This is a plant that is subject to control regulation, is considered invasive, and 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 on neighbouring ground. Identification of Japanese Knotweed is best undertaken by a specialist. If it exists, removal must be undertaken in a controlled manner by a specialist contractor, which can be expensive.
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Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house



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

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2. Condition

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

Category 3	Category 2	Category 1
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 is affected by past settlement evidenced by distortions to the fabric of the building and slight cracking to the walls. On the basis of a single inspection this appears to be of a longstanding nature, with no evidence of recent significant movement.



Dampness, rot and infestation

Repair category	2
Notes	Localised areas of elevated dampness were recorded to the internal walls and partitions, and there is also damp to the timber floor surfaces in some areas. There is active woodworm and rot to timbers within the roof void of the annexe, in the westmost section of the house. Decayed lintels were noted in the cellar beneath the former shop (see 'garages and permanent outbuildings' section below), and the cellar itself is inherently damp. Concealed timbers that have been in contact with damp may be affected by rot. A reputable timber/damp specialist must carry out a detailed inspection of the entire property including exposure works before purchase, and provide a report and costings for all repairs and treatments that are considered necessary. Thereafter, all works recommended must be completed to a fully documented and guaranteed standard. It is understood that dry rot repairs have been undertaken by Richardson & Starling in the former shop. Original copies of the supporting documentation and transferable insurance-backed guarantee for this work must be obtained.

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Chimney stacks

Repair category	2
Notes	There is weathered stonework and defective pointing to the chimney stacks. Chimney stacks are vulnerable to defect from exposure to extremes in weather and must be regularly inspected and maintained.



Roofing including roof space

Repair category	2
Notes	The roof coverings to some parts of the building are old, and there is no felt membrane below the slates. There are a number of broken slates, and corrosion is affecting the metal ridging. Previous patch repairs to the roof have been undertaken. Following repair, ongoing maintenance of the roof coverings should be anticipated with a view to the future reslating of the older parts. The skylight windows are affected by corrosion. There is staining to the roof timbers in a number of various areas, which is evidence of issues with water/damp ingress. There is has been past leakage to the flat platform section of roof above the westmost annexe, and some of the roof timbers are soft and decayed. Concealed roof timbers that have been in contact with damp may be affected by rot. As advised, evidence of active woodworm infestation was noted to the roof timbers.



Rainwater fittings

Repair category	2
Notes	The cast iron rainwater fittings are affected by corrosion, and there is evidence of leakage at the gutter joints. Some of the downpipes terminate too high above the ground, and are not properly trapped to gulleys/drains. There is a poorly aligned gutter and a missing downpipe at the rear.



Main walls

Repair category	2
Notes	There is weathered and eroded stonework to the walls, and some works of repointing are required. Areas of cracking were noted to the walls.

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Windows, external doors and joinery

Repair category	2
Notes	Rot is affecting the external joinery timbers including the window woodwork. Some of the sash cords are missing/broken, there is cracked glazing, and a number of the windows are sealed shut with paint. The skylight windows are affected by corrosion and have broken/patched glass.



External decorations

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



Conservatories/porches

Repair category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.



Communal areas

Repair category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.



Garages and permanent outbuildings

Repair category	2
Notes	Former shop and link corridor, etc: There is dampness to the walls in the cellar beneath the former shop which are soil retaining, and there is also dampness to the cellar floor. The ground floor timbers have been completed replaced, and recent repairs are understood to have been carried out to eradicate a dry rot outbreak. It is assumed that valid documentation and guarantees exist for this work. There is woodworm and decay to exposed lintels, and there is also woodworm and rot to floor timbers within the loft. There are failed double glazed units to the Velux rooflights. Wall and ceiling plaster requires to be made good, and some finishing and reinstatement of the internal joinery is required. There are areas of loose and defective render to the external walls. Other attached and integral outbuildings: There are broken and slipped slates to the roofs. Woodworm and rot are affecting timbers. Some of the flooring requires replacement. There is rot to external joinery timbers including window woodwork. There are missing and defective rainwater fittings. The wiring is suspect, and the electrics require to be checked.



Outside areas and boundaries

Repair category	1
Notes	Boundary and garden walls/fences should be regularly checked and maintained as necessary. Mature trees within the site will require future maintenance.



Ceilings

Repair category	2
Notes	Cracked and uneven ceiling plaster was noted. Repairs may be required at the time of redecoration or in the event of disturbance. Old lath and plaster can deteriorate in condition and come loose with age, and on occasion it may fail without warning.

Single Survey



Internal walls

Repair category	1
Notes	Plaster repairs may be required at the time of redecoration or in the event of disturbance. Old lath and plaster can deteriorate in condition and come loose with age, and on occasion it may fail without warning.



Floors including sub-floors

Repair category	1
Notes	The floors could not be inspected in some rooms due to the presence of fitted coverings, and accordingly no comment can be made on their condition.



Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

Repair category	2
Notes	Finishing works are required to some of the internal joinery, and some of the door ironmongery requires attention.



Chimney breasts and fireplaces

Repair category	2
Notes	It is assumed that the stoves have been installed and maintained in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations, having particular regard to fluing and ventilation requirements, and that they have always burned the correct types of fuel. The appliances have not been tested, and are assumed to be in full, safe and efficient working order. The flues must be regularly swept. Copies of the service records must be obtained. Most of the fireplaces have been removed. To prevent the ingress of rainwater and to allow the circulation of air, ventilating caps should be fitted to the top of the chimney. Ventilators should also be installed into the chimney breasts, to draw air through the redundant flues and help maintain them in a dry condition.



Internal decorations

Repair category	2
Notes	The house is in mixed decorative order. Some rooms require to be redecorated.



Cellars

Repair category	2
Notes	There is no cellar to the main house. As advised, in the 'Garages and Permanent Outbuildings' section above, the cellar beneath the former shop has damp soil retaining walls and a damp floor. Installing vents or a mechanical ventilation system will promote the circulation of air within the cellar, but it may also be necessary to introduce some form of background heating and/or a dehumidifier to effectively reduce moisture levels. Decay was noted to timbers including lintels. Concealed timbers that have been in contact with damp may also be affected by rot.



Electricity

Repair category	1
Notes	The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) recommends that electrical installations are professionally inspected and tested at least every 5 years, and on a change of occupancy. It should be appreciated that only the most recently constructed or rewired properties will have electrical installations that fully comply with IET regulations. The electrical safety certificate from an inspection within the last 5 years by a NICEIC/SELECT registered contractor must be obtained before purchase, and any observations or recommendations must be noted as these items may require attention.



Gas

Repair category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.



Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	No tests of the plumbing installation have been undertaken. However, within the limitations of the inspection no significant defects were noted. Silicone seals and waterproof finishes in bath/shower rooms must be regularly checked and maintained in good order, to ensure that they remain watertight. Concealed plumbing and areas hidden beneath sanitaryware and kitchen units etc cannot be confirmed as being free from defect. It is not unusual for the seepage of water or hidden leaks to only become evident when floor coverings or fittings are removed in kitchens and bathrooms, revealing a need for repair works. The cold water rising main was not fully inspectable. Lead plumbing was noted in the integral outhouse. It is assumed that no lead pipes remain connected within the dwellinghouse. The sellers advise that the rising water main has been replaced with a modern HDPE pipe.



Heating and hot water

Repair category	2
Notes	The boiler is dated and is likely to require replacement in the near future. A qualified heating engineer must advise on the remaining life expectancy of the appliance and provide an estimate for the cost of replacing the boiler and updating the central heating system. Oil fired heating systems must be examined and serviced annually by a qualified engineer, to ensure safe and efficient operation, and the seller advises that the most recent service was undertaken in 2025. A copy of the most recent inspection certificate, dated within the past 12 months, must be obtained before purchase. Any observations or recommendations made by the engineer in relation to the heating system or the condition and positioning of the oil storage tank must be noted, as these items may require attention.

Single Survey



Drainage

Repair category	1
Notes	It is understood that the property is connected to a septic tank that is located outwith the site. It must be confirmed that the private drainage system is registered with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA). It is assumed that the tank has been regularly emptied and maintained, and documentation relating to this must be obtained. The drainage system was not tested and is assumed to be fully functional. However, the condition of underground drainage pipework can only be properly ascertained by a CCTV survey. No inspection covers have been raised. Where any aspects of the drainage system lie outwith the site boundaries, it must be confirmed that the rights of access for use and maintenance are legally enforceable.

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

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

Category 3

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

Category 2

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

Category 1

No immediate action or repair is needed.

Remember

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

Warning

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

3. Accessibility information

Guidance notes on accessibility information

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

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

Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:

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

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?	Yes	☒	No	☐
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	Yes	☐	No	☒
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	Yes	☐	No	☒
5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?	Yes	☒	No	☐
6. Is there a toilet on the same level as a bedroom?	Yes	☒	No	☐
7. Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?	Yes	☐	No	☒
8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?	Yes	☒	No	☐

4. Valuation and conveyancer issues

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

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

- 1) The assumed tenure is Absolute Ownership.
- 2) The property is a Category C Listed Building. It is assumed that all required consents were obtained for internal layout alterations, together with the installation of replacement windows and French doors, creating the floodlit equestrian arena, and erecting the steel portal frame shed.
- 3) The road adjoining the property is made up and is assumed to be adopted by the Local Authority.
- 4) It is understood that the site extends to 3 acres or thereby. Details must be confirmed with the title deeds.
- 5) A Royal Mail post box is built into the wall of the former shop, adjoining the roadside.
- 6) It must be confirmed that the septic tank is registered with SEPA.

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

Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

For Reinstatement Cost Assessment purposes, it is recommended that the subjects be insured for a sum of not less than £3,150,000.

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

Valuation and market comments

Having considered matters, taking account of our general observations on site, we are of the opinion that the Market Value of the subjects in their present condition and with the benefit of vacant possession may be fairly stated in the sum of £570,000 (FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

Signed

Ian Young
Electronically signed :- 11/07/2025 07:40

Single Survey

Report author	Ian Young
Company name	J & E Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
Address	18 Castle Street Dumfries DG1 1DR
Date of report	01/07/2025

Mortgage Valuation Report



www.shepherd.co.uk

Property Address

Address Claygate House, Claygate, Canonbie, DG14 0SB
Seller's Name Mr David Smith & Mrs Iona Palmer-Smith
Date of Inspection 01/07/2025

Property Details

Property Type ☒ House ☐ Bungalow ☐ Purpose built maisonette ☐ Converted maisonette
☐ Purpose built flat ☐ Converted flat ☐ Tenement flat ☐ Flat over non-residential use
☐ Other (specify in General Remarks)

Property Style ☒ Detached ☐ Semi detached ☐ Mid terrace ☐ End terrace
☐ Back to back ☐ High rise block ☐ Low rise block ☐ Other (specify in General Remarks)

Does the surveyor believe that the property was built for the public sector, e. g. local authority, military, police? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Flats/Maisonettes only Floor(s) on which located No. of floors in block Lift provided? ☐ Yes ☐ No
No. of units in block

Approximate Year of Construction

Tenure

☒ Absolute Ownership ☐ Other

Accommodation

Number of Rooms Living room(s) Bedroom(s) Kitchen(s)
 Bathroom(s) WC(s) Other (Specify in General remarks)

Gross Floor Area (excluding garages and outbuildings) m² (Internal) m² (External)
Residential Element (greater than 40%) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Garage / Parking / Outbuildings

☐ Single garage ☐ Double garage ☒ Parking space ☐ No garage / garage space / parking space
Available on site? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Permanent outbuildings:

Stone/slate former shop (with cellar and loft storage), linked to the main house by a corridor/hallway with office and toilet. Attached stone/slate storage outbuilding to the west, and garage/workshop with storage loft to rear/north. Modern steel portal frame open-sided shed.

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Construction

Walls ☐ Brick ☒ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Timber frame ☐ Other (specify in General Remarks)
Roof ☐ Tile ☒ Slate ☐ Asphalt ☐ Felt ☐ Other (specify in General Remarks)

Special Risks

Has the property suffered structural movement? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, is this recent or progressive? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is there evidence, history, or reason to anticipate subsidence, heave, landslip or flood in the immediate vicinity? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes to any of the above, provide details in General Remarks.

Service Connections

Based on visual inspection only. If any services appear to be non-mains, please comment on the type and location of the supply in General Remarks

Drainage ☐ Mains ☒ Private ☐ None Water ☒ Mains ☐ Private ☐ None
Electricity ☒ Mains ☐ Private ☐ None Gas ☐ Mains ☐ Private ☒ None
Central Heating ☒ Yes ☐ Partial ☐ None

Brief description of Central Heating and any non mains services:

Oil fired boiler to radiators.

Site

Apparent legal issues to be verified by the conveyancer. Please provide a brief description in General Remarks.

☐ Rights of way ☐ Shared drives / access ☐ Garage or other amenities on separate site ☐ Shared service connections
☐ Ill-defined boundaries ☒ Agricultural land included with property ☒ Other (specify in General Remarks)

Location

☐ Residential suburb ☐ Residential within town / city ☐ Mixed residential / commercial ☐ Shared service connections
☒ Commuter village ☐ Remote village ☐ Isolated rural property ☐ Other (specify in General Remarks)

Planning Issues

Has the property been extended / converted / altered? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes provide details in General Remarks.

Roads

☐ Made up road ☐ Unmade road ☐ Partly completed new road ☐ Pedestrian access only ☒ Adopted ☐ Unadopted

Mortgage Valuation Report

General Remarks

The property is situated in the small village of Claygate. The main shopping, social and educational amenities for the area are provided in the neighbouring town of Langholm.

At the time of inspection the property was found to be maintained in reasonable condition having regard to its age and character, with fittings internally on mixed modern/semi modern/older lines. A number of items were noted which have been reflected in the valuation figure. In general, these are mostly typical of buildings of this age, or are capable of remedy by routine maintenance and repair.

Localised areas of elevated dampness were recorded to the internal walls and partitions, and there is also damp to the timber floor surfaces in some areas. There is active woodworm and rot to timbers within the roof void of the annexe, in the westmost section of the house. Decayed lintels were noted in the cellar beneath the former shop (see 'garages and permanent outbuildings' section below), and the cellar itself is inherently damp. Concealed timbers that have been in contact with damp may be affected by rot. A reputable timber/damp specialist must carry out a detailed inspection of the entire property including exposure works before purchase, and provide a report and costings for all repairs and treatments that are considered necessary. Thereafter, all works recommended must be completed to a fully documented and guaranteed standard.

It is understood that dry rot repairs have been undertaken by Richardson & Starling in the former shop. Original copies of the supporting documentation and transferable insurance-backed guarantee for this work must be obtained.

In addition to the main accommodation there are two attic rooms (potential bedrooms), a utility room and study.

The property is a Category C Listed Building. It is assumed that all required consents were obtained for internal layout alterations, together with the installation of replacement windows and French doors, creating the floodlit equestrian arena, and erecting the steel portal frame shed.

It is understood that the site extends to 3 acres or thereby. Details must be confirmed with the title deeds.

A Royal Mail post box is built into the wall of the former shop, adjoining the roadside.

It must be confirmed that the septic tank is registered with SEPA.

Essential Repairs

None.

Estimated cost of essential repairs

Retention recommended? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Retention amount

Comment on Mortgageability

The property forms suitable security for mortgage purposes subject to the specific lending criteria of any mortgage provider.

Mortgage Valuation Report

Valuation

Market value in present condition	£	570,000
Market value on completion of essential repairs	£	
Insurance reinstatement value	£	3,150,000
(to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT)		
Is a reinspection necessary?	☐ Yes	☒ No

Declaration

Signed	<i>Ian Young</i> Electronically signed :- 11/07/2025 07:40
Surveyor's name	Ian Young
Professional qualifications	MRICS
Company name	J & E Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
Address	18 Castle Street, Dumfries, DG1 1DR
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Email Address	dumfries@shepherd.co.uk
Date of Inspection	01/07/2025



Energy Performance Certificate



Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Scotland

Dwellings

CLAYGATE HOUSE, CLAYGATE, CANONBIE, DG14 0SB

Dwelling type: Detached house
Date of assessment: 01 July 2025
Date of certificate: 01 July 2025
Total floor area: 324 m²
Primary Energy Indicator: 354 kWh/m²/year

Reference number: 1715-0423-9200-0669-5206
Type of assessment: RdSAP, existing dwelling
Approved Organisation: Elmhurst
Main heating and fuel: Boiler and radiators, oil

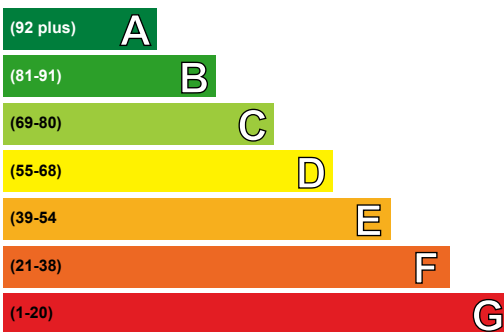
You can use this document to:

- 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 CO₂ emissions by improving your home

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	£24,102	See your recommendations report for more information
Over 3 years you could save*	£12,546	

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

Very energy efficient - lower running costs



Not energy efficient - higher running costs

Current	Potential
27	61

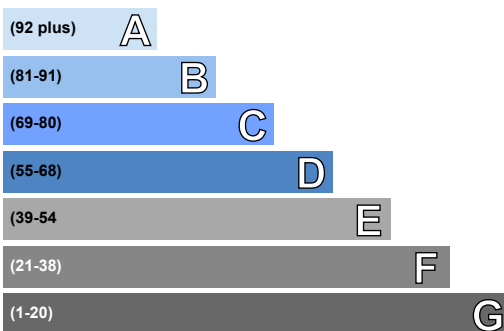
Energy Efficiency Rating

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

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

Very environmentally friendly - lower CO₂ emissions



Not environmentally friendly - higher CO₂ emissions

Current	Potential
28	61

Environmental Impact (CO₂) Rating

This graph shows the effect of your home on the environment in terms of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. The higher the rating, the less impact it has on the environment.

Your current rating is **band F (28)**

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

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

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical savings over 3 years
1 Internal wall insulation	£7,500 - £11,000	£4410.00
2 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£5,000 - £10,000	£1431.00
3 Increase hot water cylinder insulation	£20 - £40	£204.00

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, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Roof	Pitched, 270 mm loft insulation Roof room(s), ceiling insulated	★★★★★ ★★☆☆☆	★★★★★ ★★☆☆☆
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed)	—	—
Windows	Some multiple glazing	★☆☆☆☆	★☆☆☆☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, oil	★★☆☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	★★★★★	★★★★★
Secondary heating	Room heaters, wood logs	—	—
Hot water	From main system, no cylinder thermostat	★☆☆☆☆	★☆☆☆☆
Lighting	Below average lighting efficiency	★☆☆☆☆	★☆☆☆☆

The energy efficiency rating of your home

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

As we all use our homes in different ways, the energy rating is calculated using standard occupancy assumptions which may be different from the way you use it. The rating also uses national weather information to allow comparison between buildings in different parts of Scotland. However, to make information more relevant to your home, local weather data is used to calculate your energy use, CO₂ emissions, running costs and the savings possible from making improvements.

The impact of your home on the environment

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

The calculated emissions for your home are 81 kg CO₂/m²/yr.

The average Scottish household produces about 6 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Based on this assessment, heating and lighting this home currently produces approximately 26 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 14 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	£20,907 over 3 years	£10,254 over 3 years	
Hot water	£1,929 over 3 years	£891 over 3 years	
Lighting	£1,266 over 3 years	£411 over 3 years	
Totals	£24,102	£11,556	

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

Recommendations for improvement

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

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical saving per year	Rating after improvement	
			Energy	Environment
1 Internal wall insulation	£7,500 - £11,000	£1470	F 37	F 36
2 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£5,000 - £10,000	£477	E 41	E 40
3 Increase hot water cylinder insulation	£20 - £40	£68	E 42	E 40
4 Draughtproofing	£150 - £250	£292	E 45	E 43
5 Low energy lighting for all fixed outlets	£1,620 - £1,890	£229	E 47	E 43
6 Hot water cylinder thermostat	£130 - £180	£388	E 51	E 46
7 Replace boiler with new condensing boiler	£2,200 - £3,500	£1028	D 61	D 57
8 Replace single glazed windows with low-E double glazed windows	£4,500 - £6,000	£229	D 63	D 59
9 Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£8,000 - £10,000	£265	D 65	D 60
10 Wind turbine	£5,000 - £20,000	£739	C 71	D 61

Alternative measures

There are alternative improvement measures which you could also consider for your home. It would be advisable to seek further advice and illustration of the benefits and costs of such measures.

- Biomass boiler (Exempted Appliance if in Smoke Control Area)

Choosing the right improvement package

For free and impartial advice on choosing suitable measures for your property, contact the Home Energy Scotland hotline on 0808 808 2282 or go to www.greenerscotland.org.

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

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

1 Internal wall insulation

Internal wall insulation involves adding a layer of insulation to the inside 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. Further information can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk).

2 Floor insulation (suspended floor)

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

3 Hot water cylinder insulation

Increasing the thickness of existing insulation around the hot water cylinder will help to maintain the water at the required temperature; this will reduce the amount of energy used and lower fuel bills. An additional cylinder jacket or other suitable insulation layer can be used. The insulation should be fitted over any thermostat clamped to the cylinder. Hot water pipes from the hot water cylinder should also be insulated, using pre-formed pipe insulation of up to 50 mm thickness, or to suit the space available, for as far as they can be accessed to reduce losses in summer. All these materials can be purchased from DIY stores and installed by a competent DIY enthusiast.

4 Draughtproofing

Fitting draughtproofing, strips of insulation around windows and doors, will improve the comfort in the home. A contractor can be employed but draughtproofing can be installed by a competent DIY enthusiast.

5 Low energy lighting

Replacement of traditional light bulbs with energy saving bulbs will reduce lighting costs over the lifetime of the bulb, and they last many times longer than ordinary light bulbs. Low energy lamps and fittings are now commonplace and readily available. Information on energy efficiency lighting can be found from a wide range of organisations, including the Energy Saving Trust (<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/lighting>).

6 Cylinder thermostat

A hot water cylinder thermostat enables the boiler to switch off when the water in the cylinder reaches the required temperature; this minimises the amount of energy that is used and lowers fuel bills. The thermostat is a temperature sensor that sends a signal to the boiler when the required temperature is reached. To be fully effective it needs to be sited in the correct position and hard wired in place, so it should be installed by a competent plumber or heating engineer. Building regulations apply to this work, so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department whether a building warrant will be required.

7 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.

8 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.

9 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.

10 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)	57,569.22	N/A	N/A	N/A
Water heating (kWh per year)	4,976.73			

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

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

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Property Questionnaire



property questionnaire

Property address	Claygate House Claygate Canonbie DG14 0SB
Seller(s)	Mr David Smith & Mrs Iona Palmer-Smith
Completion date of property questionnaire	05/07/2025

property questionnaire

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?	7years
2.	Council tax	
	Which Council Tax band is your property in?	G
3.	Parking	
	What are the arrangements for parking at your property? (Please tick all that apply) • Garage Yes • Allocated parking space No • Driveway Yes • Shared parking No • On street No • Resident permit No • Metered Parking No • 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)?	No

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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
6.	Alterations/additions/extensions	
a.	(i) During your time in the property, have you carried out any structural alterations, additions or extensions (for example, provision of an extra bath/shower room, toilet, or bedroom)? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please describe below the changes which you have made:	No
	(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have the documents yourself, please note below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange to obtain them:	
b.	Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please answer the three questions below:	Yes
	(i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?	Yes
	(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?	No
	(iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or patio doors (with approximate dates when the work was completed): Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicitor or estate agent. Like for like replacement of wood framed windows and patio doors from single to double glazing. Done. 2019/2020	
7.	Central heating	
a.	Is there a central heating system in your property? (Note: a partial central heating system is one which does not heat all the main rooms of the property — the main living room, the bedroom(s), the hall and the bathroom). <u>If you have answered yes or partial</u> – what kind of central heating is there? (Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air).	Yes

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	Oil fired	
	<u>If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:</u>	
	i) When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed? Pre our purchase possibly 1990s	
	(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system? <u>If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:</u>	No
	(iii) When was your maintenance agreement last renewed? (Please provide the month and year).	
8.	Energy Performance Certificate	
	Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?	Yes
9.	Issues that may have affected your property	
a.	Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to the property while you have owned it? <u>If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?</u>	No
b.	Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property? <u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u>	No
10.	Services	
a.	Please tick which services are connected to your property and give details of the supplier:	
	Services	Connected
	Gas or liquid petroleum gas	No
	Water mains or private water supply	Yes
	Electricity	Yes
	Mains drainage	No
		Supplier
		Scottish Water
		Octopus energy

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	Telephone	Yes	Plusnet
	Cable TV or satellite	No	
	Broadband	Yes	Plusnet
b.	Is there a septic tank system at your property?		Yes
	<u>If you have answered yes</u> , please answer the two questions below:		
	(i) Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic tank?		Don't know
	(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank?		No
	<u>If have answered yes</u> , details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:		
11.	Responsibilities for shared or common areas		
a.	Are you aware of any responsibility to contribute to the cost of anything used jointly, such as the repair of a shared drive, private road, boundary, or garden area?		No
	<u>If you have answered yes</u> , please give details:		
b.	Is there a responsibility to contribute to repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell or other common areas?		No
	<u>If you have answered yes</u> , please give details:		
c.	Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the property?		No
d.	Do you have the right to walk over any of your neighbours' property — for example to put out your rubbish bin or to maintain your boundaries?		No
	<u>If you have answered yes</u> , please give details:		
e.	As far as you are aware, do any of your neighbours have the right to walk over your property, for example to put out their rubbish bin or to maintain their boundaries?		No
	<u>If you have answered yes</u> , please give details:		
f.	As far as you are aware, is there a public right of way across any part of your property? (public right of way is a way over which the public has a right to pass, whether or not the land is privately-owned.)		No
	<u>If you have answered yes</u> , please give details:		

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12.	Charges associated with the property	
a.	Is there a factor or property manager for your property? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please provide the name and address, and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:	No
b.	Is there a common buildings insurance policy? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, is the cost of the insurance included in monthly/annual factor's charges?	No
c.	Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regular basis for the upkeep of common areas or repair works, for example to a residents' association, or maintenance or stair fund.	
13.	Specialist work	
a.	As far as you are aware, has treatment of dry rot, wet rot, damp or any other specialist work ever been carried out to your property? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please say what the repairs were for, whether you carried out the repairs (and when) or if they were done before you bought the property. Dry rot in the attached former shop guaranteed by Starling and Richardson done circa 2020.	Yes
b.	As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:	No
c.	<u>If you have answered yes</u> to 13(a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, these guarantees will be needed by the purchaser and should be given to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have them yourself <u>please write below who has these documents</u> and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange for them to be obtained. You will also need to provide a description of the work carried out. This may be shown in the original estimate. Guarantees are held by: Held by ourselves	Yes
14.	Guarantees	
a.	Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following?	

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

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

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

Name(s): David Smith

Date: 05/07/2025



Home Report
Valuation Report
Executory Valuation
Tax Valuations
Separation Valuation
Private Sale Valuation
New Build & Plot Valuation
Insurance Reinstatement Valuation
Portfolio Valuation
Rental Valuation
Drive By & Desktop Valuation
Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)
Level Two Survey & Valuation Report
Level Two Condition Report
Expert Witness Report



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Rating
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