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# Scottish Single Survey



### survey report on:

Property address	The Green Kirk Yetholm Kelso TD5 8PQ	
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Customer	Mr and Mrs Withall

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Prepared by St	epherd Chartered Surveyors
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Date of inspection	11/11/2024



The Green, Kirk Yetholm, Kelso, TD5 8PQ 11/11/2024

### 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 Property<sup>1</sup>.

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

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

#### 1.2 THE REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 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

<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.

they assign the same to any other party in writing.

#### 1.7 PAYMENT

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

#### 1.8 CANCELLATION

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

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

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

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

#### 1.9 PRECEDENCE

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

#### 1.10 DEFINITIONS

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

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

### **PART 2 - DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT**

#### 2.1 THE SERVICE

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

#### 2.2 THE INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

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

#### 2.3 THE REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 2.4 SERVICES

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

#### 2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

#### 2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

#### 2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

"Market Value" The estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein

the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion. In arriving at the opinion of the Market Value the Surveyor also makes various standard assumptions covering, for example, vacant possession; tenure and other legal considerations; contamination and hazardous materials; the condition of un-inspected parts; the right to use mains services; and the exclusion of curtains, carpets etc. from the valuation. In the case of flats, the following further assumptions are made that:

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

communal grounds, parking areas, and other facilities;

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

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

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

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

#### 1. Information and scope of inspection

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

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

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

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

Description	The property comprises a two storey mid-terraced house.
Accommodation	GROUND FLOOR - Entrance Hall, Hallway, Rear Hallways, Living Room, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Study, Kitchen, Shower Room, Conservatory, Utility Room, Boiler Room.
	FIRST FLOOR - Landing, Six Bedrooms, Bathroom and Shower Room. The property benefits from a garage at ground floor level.
	Part of the garage forms the entrance hallway and utility area for the studio flat above the garage.
	The accommodation of the studio flat at first floor level comprises a Living/Bed/Kitchen Area together with a Shower Room off.
	The studio flat has its own external front door but can also be accessed internally from the garage.

Gross internal floor area (m²)	241m <sup>2</sup> or thereby.
Neighbourhood and location	The subjects are located within the village of Kirk Yetholm where surrounding properties are of mixed design, vintage and character.

Age	Originally built in approximately 1780 but modernised, altered and extended at later dates to provide the present accommodation.
Weather	Dry and bright following a period of mixed weather.

Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	The chimney stacks are of pointed brick construction, rendered brick construction and of pointed stone construction.
	The chimney flashings, where seen, have been formed in metal.

Roofing including roof space	Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	Roof spaces were visually inspected and were entered where there was safe and reasonable access, normally defined as being from a 3m ladder within the property.
	If this is not possible, then physical access to the roof space may be taken by other means if the Surveyor deems it safe and reasonable to do so.
	The roofs over the subject property are pitched and overlaid with the slate with the ridge and hips clad with tile and metal.
	Access into the roof spaces is via two hatches within the ceiling at first floor landing level, a hatch within the ceiling of a first floor bedroom and a hatch within the ceiling of the studio flat.
	Where seen, insulation materials have been laid between and across the roof joists.
Rainwater fittings	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	Rainwater fittings are of uPVC and cast-iron construction.
	Valley gutters have been formed at the intersections of the roof pitches.
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 traditional solid stone construction being rendered externally whilst the rear extension is of cavity brick construction being rendered externally.

Windows, external doors and joinery	Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.
	Random windows were opened and closed where possible.
	Doors and windows were not forced open.
	The front and rear entrance doors are of timber and timber glazed design.
	Windows are of timber single glazed design and of timber double glazed design.
	The majority of timber single glazed windows benefit from secondary glazing having been fitted internally.

External decorations	Visually inspected.
	Finished in paintwork.

Conservatories / porches	Visually inspected.
	Accessed from the kitchen is a conservatory with the base being of brick construction and the windows being of timber double glazed design. The door is of timber single glazed design.
	The roof over the conservatory is of slated and glazed construction.

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Communal areas	Not applicable.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	Visually inspected.
	The subject property benefits from a garage that is accessed externally from the front elevation via timber doors or from the rear elevation via a timber door. To the rear of the garage there is a storage area/utility area.
	Within the garden grounds there are garden stores.

Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected.
	Private garden grounds are provided to the rear elevation with the boundaries delineated, where seen, by means of timber fencing, stone wall, timber gates and the gable wall of a neighbouring property.
	Within the garden grounds there are two ponds.

Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level.
	Ceilings, where seen, are of lath and plaster construction and of plasterboard sheet construction.
Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level.
	Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.
	Internal walls are of plaster on hard construction, lath and plaster construction and of plasterboard sheet construction.
	Sections of wall lining throughout the subject property have been clad with either tile or with timber panel.
Floors including sub floors	Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.
	Flooring at ground floor level is of suspended timber construction and of solid concrete construction whilst flooring at first floor level is of suspended timber construction.
	No access was available to sub-floor areas as at date of inspection.
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 skirting boards are door frames are of timber design.
	Internal doors are of timber design and timber glazed design.
	The main kitchen is fitted with wall and base units whilst the utility room is fitted with base units.
	The kitchen to the studio flat and the utility area to the studio flat are both fitted with base units.
	Timber staircases link the ground and first floors.
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	Visually inspected.

No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.

Internal decorations	Visually inspected. Mostly painted and papered finishes throughout.
Cellars	Not applicable.
Electricity	Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on. Electricity is from the mains supply with the meter located within the under stair cupboard.

Gas	Not applicable.
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 from the mains supply with the plumbing, where seen, being of uPVC and copper type.
	Within a roof space there is an insulated cold water storage tank.

The sanitary fittings comprise a three piece suite within the bathroom whilst each of the shower rooms is fitted with two piece suites and shower cubicles.
The kitchen and utility room to the main property are each fitted with sink units.
The utility area and kitchen area to the studio flat are each fitted with sink units.

Within the storage/utility area to the rear of the garage there is a sink unit.

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.
	An oil fired boiler located within the boiler room serves the central heating system to the main house via radiators. Hot water is provided through the oil fired boiler or, alternatively, by means of an electrical immersion heater that is fitted to the hot water storage tank that is located within the boiler room or via electric water heaters at the shower rooms. The oil storage tank is located externally within the rear
	garden grounds.
	Background heating to the studio flat is provided by way of a wall mounted electric heater. Hot water to the studio flat is provided by an electric instantaneous hot water heater located within the utility area and an electric water heater at the shower room.

Drainage	Drainage covers etc. were not lifted.
	Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.
	All foul and surface water drainage is assumed to be to the main public sewer. The system was not tested.

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.

Any additional limits to inspection	An inspection for Japanese Knotweed was not carried out.
	This is a plant which is subject to control regulation, is considered to be invasive and one which can render a property unsuitable for some mortgage lenders. It is therefore assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed within the boundaries of the property or its neighbouring property. Identification of Japanese Knotweed is best undertaken by a specialist contractor.
	The property was fully furnished and had fitted floor coverings, therefore no detailed inspection was possible of the floors and accordingly, no comment can be made on their condition. Internal cupboards were generally filled with storage items.
	Windows and external doors were not all fully opened or tested.
	No access was available to any sub-floor areas.
	Full and safe access was not available to the roof void areas due to the presence thick layers of insulation throughout and the absence of fixed floor or crawl boards. We can therefore confirm that only restricted "head and shoulders" inspections from the access hatches were carried out.
	Garden climbing vegetation was present at sections of external wall. Our inspection of the building fabric to these areas was therefore restricted.
	At the time of inspection the cold water storage tank was found to be heavily insulated, therefore no comment can be given upon its condition/construction.
	Some areas of the external building fabric including some roof pitches/chimneys and elevations were not fully or closely inspectable from the surrounding ground level, due to the confines of the site.
	Wall panelling to sections of wall lining throughout the subject property prevented accurate damp readings being taken.
	No inspection has been possible to flooring timbers beneath any kitchen/utility appliances or other wet areas was possible. Timbers are assumed to be in a satisfactory condition.
	The cold water rising main was not fully inspectable.



#### 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

Structural movement	
Repair category	1
Notes	Evidence of settlement/movement has affected the building reflected by runs to internal flooring. On the basis of a single inspection this appears longstanding with no evidence of recent movement apparent.

Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	2
Notes	Above average damp readings were obtained to localised sections of lower wall lining at ground floor level. A precautionary check of the entire property should be carried out by a reputable timber and damp specialist prior to purchase. Traces of wood bore infestation were noted to timbers within the property including to visible roof timbers and to under stair timbers. In the absence of valid guarantees for previous timber specialist treatment works, a reputable timber specialist should carry out a full and thorough inspection of all timbers within the property and provide estimates for any

Chimney stacks	
Repair category	2
Notes	Weathered pointing, render and stonework noted at chimney stacks and repairs are required.

Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects were noted at the time of inspection. Roofing contractors recommend that roof coverings are inspected regularly in order to ensure they remain watertight.
	We always recommend a precautionary check of the roof and pertinents is undertaken prior to purchase, especially after adverse weather conditions.

Rainwater fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	Within the limitations of our inspection rainwater goods were seen to be free from significant defect.
	We would highlight that it was not raining at the time of our inspection and we would recommend that all rainwater fittings be inspected during heavy rainfall in order to ensure they are free from defect.

Main walls	
Repair category	2
Notes	Localised hairline cracked masonry was visible and where tap tested, was found to be sound however future repairs may be required. Not all areas were tested.

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category	2
Notes	Windows are of an older style/single glazed/timber framed and of sash and case design and a degree of regular ongoing maintenance will be required including attention to framework, sash cords and other components. Evidence of decay/weathering was noted areas of external joinery work which will deteriorate if left unattended. Repairs are required. A precautionary check of all windows and doors is always recommended prior to purchase.

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

Conservatories/porches	
Repair category	1
Notes	We would highlight that it was not raining at the time of our inspection and the conservatory should be checked during heavy rainfall.

Communal areas	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	N/A.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category	1
Notes	Normal maintenance will be required to the garage and outbuildings.

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category	1
Notes	Boundary walls and fences should be regularly checked and maintained as necessary.
	Mature trees/vegetation within the grounds of the property will require future ongoing professional maintenance by an experienced contractor.
	There are retaining walls at the rear garden grounds. These appear to be in sound condition at present but should be regularly checked and maintained in good condition to prevent landslip.

Ceilings	
Repair category	2
Notes	Some cracked/uneven ceiling plaster was noted and some repairs may be required at the time of redecoration or disturbance.

Internal walls	
Repair category	2
Notes	Cracked/uneven wall plaster was noted and repairs may be required at the time of disturbance or redecoration.

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

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	Within the limitations of our inspection no significant defects were noted.
	Low level internal glazing should be checked for safety glass.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category	1
Notes	All flue linings should be checked, repaired if necessary and swept prior to fires/appliances being reused.
	It is assumed that the stoves have been installed in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations for fluing and ventilation and has always utilised the correct type of fuel. The appliances have not been tested by ourselves and are therefore presumed in full, safe working order. The flues should be regularly swept.
	It would appear that a number of fireplaces have been removed and/or covered over. It is assumed that the chimneys are adequately vented with the chimneys capped. Where not already fitted, ventilators should be installed to prevent the build up of dampness within the chimney flues.

Internal decorations	
Repair category	1
Notes	The property is in reasonable decorative order.

Cellars	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	N/A.

Electricity	
Repair category	1
Notes	The Institution of Engineering Technology recommends that inspections and testings are undertaken at least every five years and on a change of occupancy. It should be appreciated that only the most recently constructed or re-wired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations.
	The wiring system would appear to have been upgraded within recent years and is along modern lines. It will be appreciated that the system was not checked or tested and it is assumed that all works were carried out by a registered electrical contractor to current regulations. In the absence of any documentation a precautionary check should be made by a qualified electrical contractor to confirm the condition and adequacy of the installation.
	A precautionary check of the electrical system is always recommended prior to purchase. No tests were carried out by this firm.

Gas	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	N/A.

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	No tests have been undertaken of the system, however within the limitations of our inspection, no significant defects were noted. No inspection has been possible to enclosed timbers beneath wet appliances and no comment has been made on the condition of unseen areas. Watertight seals will require to be regularly checked and replaced, to prevent water damage to adjoining areas.
	The cold water rising main was not fully inspectable.
	We presume the sealants around the sanitary fittings are functional and no defects are present to the adjacent areas. A precautionary check of the areas below and adjacent to the sanitary fittings is always recommended prior to purchase as these areas are prone to leakage

Heating and hot water	
Repair category	1
Notes	It is assumed that the central heating system, hot water systems and oil storage tank have been properly installed, updated and maintained to meet with all current regulations and standards with particular regard to fluing and ventilation requirements. Service records should be obtained and checked. In the absence of service documentation further advice should be obtained from a qualified heating engineer to ascertain the condition, efficiency, and life expectancy of the system. The heating and hot water systems have not been tested by ourselves however are presumed in full safe working order.
	<ul> <li>Heating to the studio flat is provided by way of an electric heater. This was not tested. It is assumed that this has been installed, serviced and maintained to comply with all regulations. Any service/maintenance records should be sought prior to purchase.</li> <li>A precautionary check is always recommended prior to purchase. No tests were carried out by this firm.</li> </ul>

Drainage	
Repair category	1
Notes	All foul and surface water drainage is assumed to be to the main public sewer. The system was not tested.
	A precautionary check of the drainage system is always recommended prior to purchase. No tests were carried out by this firm.

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

#### Category 3

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

#### Category 2

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

#### Category 1

No immediate action or repair is needed.

#### Remember

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

#### Warning

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

#### 3. Accessibility information

#### Guidance notes on accessibility information

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

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

#### Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:

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

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

#### 4. Valuation and conveyancer issues

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

#### Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

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

It is assumed that there are no statutory, town planning, road proposals or environmental matters which are likely to have an adverse effect on the property.

The road and footpath adjoining the site are made up and are assumed to be adopted by the Local Authority.

The property has been altered/extended/converted including the formation of the studio flat and the formation of the conservatory and it should be confirmed that all necessary permissions have been obtained.

It is assumed that all alterations, additions and/or extensions to the property have received all necessary Town Planning (Planning Permission) and Building Authority (Building Warrants and Completion Certificate) approvals and that documentation for such is available.

The property is a located in a conservation area and is listed and as such the cost of repair or reinstatement works are likely to be higher than normal. Any works considered necessary will require to be carried out in consultation with the Local Authority Planning Department and Historic Environment Scotland.

Tests by the national Radiological Protection Board identified some properties in this area as having natural levels of Radon Gas.

High damp meter readings/timber defects were noted. The property should be inspected by a timber/damp specialist prior to purchase. Our valuation is subject to reports/estimates.

#### 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 £1,100,000 (ONE MILLION ONE 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

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 £560,000 (FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

Signed	William Laidlaw Electronically signed :- 12/11/2024 11:01
Report author	William Laidlaw
Company name	J & E Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
Address	70 High Street Galashiels TD1 1SQ
Date of report	11/11/2024



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Property Address	
Address	The Green, Kirk Yetholm, Kelso, TD5 8PQ
Seller's Name	Mr and Mrs Withall
Date of Inspection	11/11/2024
Property Details	
Property Type 🔀 House	Bungalow Purpose built maisonette Converted maisonette
Purpose built flat	Converted flat Tenement flat
	Other (specify in General Remarks)
Property Style Detached	Semi detached X 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?	
Flats/Maisonettes only Floor(s) on whether the second seco	nich located No. of floors in block Lift provided? Yes No
	No. of units in block
Approximate Year of Construction	1780
Tenure	
X Absolute Ownership	Dther
Accommodation	
Number of Rooms 4 Living room	
4 Bathroom(s	s) 0 WC(s) 4 Other (Specify in General remarks)
Gross Floor Area (excluding garage	es and outbuildings) 241 m² (Internal) m² (External)
Residential Element (greater than 4	0%) X Yes No
(9	
Garage / Parking / Outbuildings	
Single garage X Double ga	rage Parking space No garage / garage space / parking space
Available on site? X Yes	] No
Permanent outbuildings:	
Garden stores.	

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Construction
Walls       Brick       X Stone       Concrete       Timber frame       Other (specify in General Remarks)         Roof       Tile       X Slate       Asphalt       Felt       Other (specify in General Remarks)
Special Risks
Has the property suffered structural movement?   X   Yes   No
If Yes, is this recent or progressive?
Is there evidence, history, or reason to anticipate subsidence, heave, landslip or flood in Yes X No the immediate vicinity?
If Yes to any of the above, provide details in General Remarks.
Service Connections
Based on visual inspection only. If any services appear to be non-mains, please comment on the type and locationo the supply in General Remarks
Drainage X Mains Private None Water X Mains Private None
Electricity       X       Mains       Private       None       Gas       Mains       Private       X       None
Central Heating Yes X 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)
III-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
X         Commuter village         Isolated rural property         Other (specify in General Remarks)
Planning Issues
Has the property been extended / converted / altered? X Yes No
If Yes provide details in General Remarks.
Roads
Made up road Unmade road Partly completed new road Pedestrian access only X Adopted Unadopted

#### **General Remarks**

At the time of inspection the property was found to be in a condition generally consistent with its age and type of construction but some works of repair and maintenance are required.

The subject property benefits from two utility rooms, a boiler room and a conservatory.

Evidence of settlement/movement has affected the building reflected by runs to internal flooring. On the basis of a single inspection this appears longstanding with no evidence of recent movement apparent.

It is assumed that there are no statutory, town planning, road proposals or environmental matters which are likely to have an adverse effect on the property.

The road and footpath adjoining the site are made up and are assumed to be adopted by the Local Authority.

The property has been altered/extended/converted including the formation of the studio flat and the formation of the conservatory and it should be confirmed that all necessary permissions have been obtained.

It is assumed that all alterations, additions and/or extensions to the property have received all necessary Town Planning (Planning Permission) and Building Authority (Building Warrants and Completion Certificate) approvals and that documentation for such is available.

The property is a located in a conservation area and we understand that the doors to the garage are listed as such the cost of repair or reinstatement works are likely to be higher than normal. Any works considered necessary will require to be carried out in consultation with the Local Authority Planning Department and Historic Environment Scotland.

Tests by the national Radiological Protection Board identified some properties in this area as having natural levels of Radon Gas in excess of those normally considered acceptable. Further advice on this should be obtained from the UK Health Security Agency.

High damp meter readings/timber defects were noted. The property should be inspected by a timber/damp specialist prior to purchase. Our valuation is subject to reports/estimates.

#### **Essential Repairs**

None.		
Estimated cost of essential repairs	N/A.	
Retention recommended?	Yes X No	
Retention amount	N/A.	]

#### **Comment on Mortgageability**

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

#### Valuation

Market value in present condition	£ 560,000
Market value on completion of essential repairs	£
Insurance reinstatement value	£ 1,100,000
(to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT)	
Is a reinspection necessary?	Yes X No

#### Declaration

Signed	<i>William Laidlaw</i> Electronically signed :- 12/11/2024 11:01
Surveyor's name	William Laidlaw
Professional qualifications	BSc (Hons), MRICS
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Date of Inspection	11/11/2024



Energy Performance Certificate



### **Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)**

# Scotland

#### **Dwellings**

(21-38)

(1-20)

#### The Green, Kirk Yetholm, Kelso, TD5 8PQ

Dwelling type:	Mid-terrace house	
Date of assessment:	11 November 2024	
Date of certificate:	13 November 2024	
Total floor area:	245 m <sup>2</sup>	
Primary Energy Indicator:	372 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> /year	

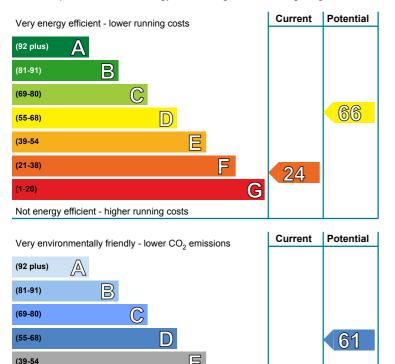
Reference number: Type of assessment: Approved Organisation: Main heating and fuel: 9102-2229-1693-2094-1515 RdSAP, existing dwelling Elmhurst Boiler and radiators, oil

#### 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*	£17,430	See your recommendations
Over 3 years you could save*	£8,985	report for more information

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



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#### **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 (24)**. 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 (25)**. 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

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Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical savings over 3 years
1 Cavity wall insulation	£500 - £1,500	£1647.00
2 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£2331.00
3 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£858.00

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.

Not environmentally friendly - higher CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

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)	****	★☆☆☆☆
	Cavity wall, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	$\bigstar\bigstar \bigstar \clubsuit \clubsuit \clubsuit \clubsuit \clubsuit$
Roof	Pitched, 300 mm loft insulation	****	****
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed)	—	
	Solid, no insulation (assumed)	—	_
	To unheated space, insulated (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 86% of fixed outlets	****	*****

#### The energy efficiency rating of your home

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

As we all use our homes in different ways, the energy rating is calculated using standard occupancy assumptions which may be different from the way you use it. The rating also uses national weather information to allow comparison between buildings in different parts of Scotland. However, to make information more relevant to your home, local weather data is used to calculate your energy use, CO<sub>2</sub> 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 91 kg  $CO_2/m^2/yr$ .

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 22 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 12.8 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.

Estimated energy c	osts for this home		
	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£15,858 over 3 years	£7,503 over 3 years	
Hot water	£1,014 over 3 years	£384 over 3 years	You could
Lighting	£558 over 3 years	£558 over 3 years	save £8,985
Totals	£17,430	£8,445	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.

Po	commended measures	Indicative cost	Typical saving	Rating after	improvement
Re	commended measures	indicative cost	per year	Energy	Environment
1	Cavity wall insulation	£500 - £1,500	£549	F 29	F 29
2	Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£777	F 38	F 35
3	Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£286	E 41	F 38
4	Floor insulation (solid floor)	£4,000 - £6,000	£114	E 43	E 39
5	Upgrade heating controls	£350 - £450	£253	E 46	E 42
6	Replace boiler with new condensing boiler	£2,200 - £3,000	£724	D 57	E 53
7	Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£78	D 59	E 54
8	Replace single glazed windows with low- E double glazed windows	£3,300 - £6,500	£215	D 62	D 57
9	Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£3,500 - £5,500	£422	D 66	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.

External insulation with cavity wall insulation

#### 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 Cavity wall insulation

Cavity wall insulation, to fill the gap between the inner and outer layers of external walls with an insulating material, reduces heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. The insulation material is pumped into the gap through small holes that are drilled into the outer walls, and the holes are made good afterwards. As specialist machinery is used to fill the cavity, a professional installation company should carry out this work, and they should carry out a thorough survey before commencing work to ensure that this type of insulation is suitable for this home and its exposure. They should also provide a guarantee for the work and handle any building standards issues. Further information about cavity wall insulation and details of local installers can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk).

#### 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 Floor insulation (solid floor)

Insulation of a floor will significantly reduce heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Insulating solid floors can present challenges; insulation laid on top of existing solid floors may impact on existing doors and finishes whilst lifting of a solid floor to insert insulation below will require consideration of the potential effect on both structural stability and damp proofing. It is advised to seek advice from a Chartered Structural Engineer or a registered Architect 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 and may also require a building warrant so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department.

#### 5 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.

#### 6 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.

#### 7 Solar water heating

A solar water heating panel, usually fixed to the roof, uses the sun to pre-heat the hot water supply. This can significantly reduce the demand on the heating system to provide hot water and hence save fuel and money. Planning permission might be required, building regulations generally apply to this work and a building warrant may be required, so it is best to check these with your local authority. You could be eligible for Renewable Heat Incentive payments which could appreciably increase the savings beyond those shown on your EPC, provided that both the product and the installer are certified by the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (or equivalent). Details of local MCS installers are available at www.microgenerationcertification.org.

#### 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.

#### 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)	49,382	N/A	(5,204)	(7,363)
Water heating (kWh per year)	3,138			

#### 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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Phone number:	01382 200454
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Related party disclosure:	Employed by the professional dealing with the property transaction

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 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.







# Property Questionnaire



Property address	The Green Kirk Yetholm Kelso TD5 8PQ
Seller(s)	Mr and Mrs Withall
Completion date of property questionnaire	13/11/2024

### Note for sellers

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

### Information to be given to prospective buyer(s)

1.	Length of ownership		
	How long have you owned the property	/?	13 years
2.	Council tax		
	Which Council Tax band is your proper	ty in?	E
3.	Parking		
	What are the arrangements for parking	at your property?	
	(Please tick all that apply)		
	Garage	Yes	
	Allocated parking space	Yes	
	Driveway	Νο	
	Shared parking		
	On street	Yes	
	Resident permit		
	Metered Parking		
	Other (please specify):		
4.	Conservation area		
	Is your property in a designated Conse special architectural or historical inter which it is desirable to preserve or enh	est, the character or appear	

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)?	Yes
	If you have answered yes, please describe below the changes which you have made:	
	a sunroom completed in 2022 - planning was not required as advised	
	(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work?	No
	If you have answered yes, the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking.	
	If you do not have the documents yourself, please note below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange to obtain them:	
b.	Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property?	No
	If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:	
	(i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?	
	(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?	
	(iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or patio doors approximate dates when the work was completed):	(with
	Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicitor agent.	r or estate
7.	Central heating	
а.	Is there a central heating system in your property? (Note: a partial central heating system is one which does not heat all the main rooms of the property — the main living room, the bedroom(s), the hall and the bathroom).	Yes
	If you have answered yes or partial – what kind of central heating is there? (Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air).	

	If you have answered yes, plo	ease answer the three	e questions below:	
	i) When was your central hea installed?		•	
	unknown			
	(ii) Do you have a maintenand	ce contract for the ce	ntral heating system?	Yes
	<u>If you have answered yes, play</u> you have a maintenance con		e company with which	
	Roy Ewing, ewing Energy Ltd.	www.ewingenergy.sco	t	
	(iii) When was your maintena (Please provide the month ar	-	enewed?	
	annually			
8.	Energy Performance Certifica	ate		
	Does your property have an l than 10 years old?	Energy Performance	Certificate which is less	Yes
9.	Issues that may have affected your property			
a.	Has there been any storm, flo property while you have own		ctural damage to the	No
	If you have answered yes, is insurance claim?	the damage the subje	ect of any outstanding	
b.	Are you aware of the existen	ce of asbestos in you	r property?	No
	<u>If you have answered yes, ple</u>	ease give details:		
10.	Services			
a.	Please tick which services ar supplier:	e connected to your	property and give details o	of the
	Services	Connected	Supplier	
	Gas or liquid petroleum gas	No		
	Water mains or private water supply	Yes	Scottish Water	
	Electricity Yes Scottish Power			
	Mains drainage	Yes	Local Authority	

	Telephone	Yes	Bt - Plus Net	
	Cable TV or satellite	No		
	Broadband	Yes	Plus-net	
b.	Is there a septic tank system			No
	If you have answered yes, (i) Do you have appropriat tank?	-	-	
	(ii) Do you have a mainten If have answered yes, deta maintenance contract:	-	-	
11.	Responsibilities for share	d or common areas		
а.	Are you aware of any results used jointly, such as the boundary, or garden area	repair of a shared drive		No
	If you have answered yes	<u>s,</u> please give details:		
b.	Is there a responsibility t roof, common stairwell o			No
	If you have answered yes	<u>s,</u> please give details:		
C.	Has there been any major during the time you have		any part of the roof	No
d.	Do you have the right to for example to put out yo boundaries?			No
	If you have answered yes	<u>s</u> , please give details:		
е.	As far as you are aware, walk over your property, maintain their boundarie	for example to put out		No
	If you have answered yes	s, please give details:		
f.	As far as you are aware, your property? (public right to pass, whether or	ght of way is a way ove	r which the public has a	No
	If you have answered yes	s, please give details:		

12.	Charges associated with the property	
а.	Is there a factor or property manager for your property?	No
	If you have answered yes, please provide the name and address, and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:	
b.	Is there a common buildings insurance policy?	No
	If you have answered yes, is the cost of the insurance included in monthly/annual factor's charges?	
с.	Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regular baupkeep of common areas or repair works, for example to a residents' as 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?If you have answered yes, please say what the repairs were for, whether you carried out the repairs (and when) or if they were done before you bought the property.	No
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?	No
	If you have answered yes, please give details:	
с.	If you have answered yes to 13(a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work?	
	If you have answered yes, these guarantees will be needed by the purchaser and should be given to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have them yourself <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:	
14.	Guarantees	
a.	Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following?	

	(ii) Roofing	No
	(iii) Central heating	No
	(iv) National House Building Council (NHBC)	No
	(v) Damp course	No
	(vi) Any other work installations? (for example, cavity wall installation, underpinning, indemnity policy)	No
b.	If you have answered 'yes' or 'with title deeds', please give details of the installations to which the guarantee(s) relate(s):	e work or
с.	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	1
	So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in thelast 10 years?	No
	If you have answered yes, please give details:	
16.	Notices that affect your property	
	In the past three years have you ever received a notice:	
а.	advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?	No
b.	that affects your property in some other way?	No
C.	that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?	No
	If you have answered yes to any of a-c above, please give the notices to yo or estate agent, including any notices which arrive at any time before the d of the purchaser of your property.	

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

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

Name(s): Amanda Withall

Date: 13/11/2024

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