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Survey Report On

7 Albert Street, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1HP.

Client:	**Robert & Betty Miller.**
Client address:	**Parkland, Weyland Terrace, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1LS.**
Date of inspection:	**2nd September 2021.**
Prepared by:	**Christopher Park, M.R.I.C.S., Chartered Surveyor, R.I.C.S. Registered Valuer.**

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1. INFORMATION AND SCOPE OF INSPECTION

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

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

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. were not inspected or reported on.

Description	Second floor flat above 2 flats at first floor level and ground floor commercial premises.
Accommodation	Hallway, Open Plan Kitchen / Sitting Room, Bathroom and 2 Bedrooms.
Gross external floor area (m^2)	109.8m^2.
Neighbourhood and location	Situated within the Kirkwall Conservation Area in the town centre.
Age	c.1904 with upper floors converted to flats c.2008.
Weather	Overcast and dry.
Chimney stacks	*Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.* 4 stone chimney stacks with copings. The rear stack has 1 pot, the right stack has 2 pots, the left front stack has 3 pots and the rear left stack has 2 pots.

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.* Mansard roof clad natural slate on sarking boards and timber rafters to pitched sections with mineral felt roof to flat section. Dormer window side walls are clad with leadwork. Skews to rear gable. The flat roof covering and timbers were not open to inspection. Limited inspection access to a number of eaves voids.
Rainwater fittings	*Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.* Gutters & downpipes are either P.V.C or cast iron.
Main walls	*Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.* Stone walls, pointed with harled finish to rear gable wall.
Windows, external doors and joinery	*External doors were opened and closed where keys were available.* *Random windows were opened and closed where possible.* *Doors and windows were not forced open.* Windows are a combination of double glazed timber windows, double glazed timber Velux windows and what appear to be single glazed skylights with internal translucent sheeting fitted over. Small single glazed timber window to bathroom. Timber panelled entrance door.
External decorations	*Visually inspected.* Timber treatment to external joinery.
Conservatories / porches	*Visually inspected.* None.

Communal areas	*Visually inspected.* Communal timber entrance door at ground floor level with external staircase leading to a shared entrance hallway with staircase leading to top floor flat, double glazed timber window and external door.
Garages and permanent outbuildings	*Visually inspected.* None.
Outside areas and boundaries	*Visually inspected.* None.
Ceilings	*Visually inspected from floor level.* Ceilings are lined either plasterboard or tongue & grooved boarding.
Internal walls	*Visually inspected from floor level.* *Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.* Internal walls and partitions are lined either plasterboard or tongue & grooved boarding.
Floors including sub floors	*Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.* *Sub-floor areas were inspected only to the extent visible from a readily accessible and unfixed hatch by way of an inverted "head and shoulders" inspection at the access point.* Suspended timber floor.
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	*Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.* *Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.* Timber panelled internal doors. Timber facings and skirtings. Built in kitchen units.
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	*Visually inspected. No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.* None.
Internal decorations	*Visually inspected.* Ceilings and walls are finished emulsion. Paint finish to internal joinery.

Cellars	*Visually inspected.* None.
Electricity	*Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.* Mains electricity supply. Electric meters and consumer units are located in the communal entrance hallway.
Gas	*Visually inspected.* No mains gas in Orkney.
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	*Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.* *No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.* Mains water supply. Bathroom – bath, shower cubicle, wash hand basin and W.C. Stainless steel sink with drainer to kitchen.
Heating and hot water	*Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected.* *No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.* Electric storage and panel heaters. Electric heater & heated towel rail to bathroom. Megaflo insulated dual immersion hot water cylinder.
Drainage	*Drainage covers etc were not lifted.* *Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.* Mains connection.
Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	*Visually inspected.* *No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.* Smoke detectors to hallway ceiling. High heat detector to open plan kitchen / sitting room ceiling. There appears to be a fire alarm system installed to the flats with the control panel in the communal entrance hallway – ownership and maintenance responsibilities should be confirmed.

Any additional limits to inspection:

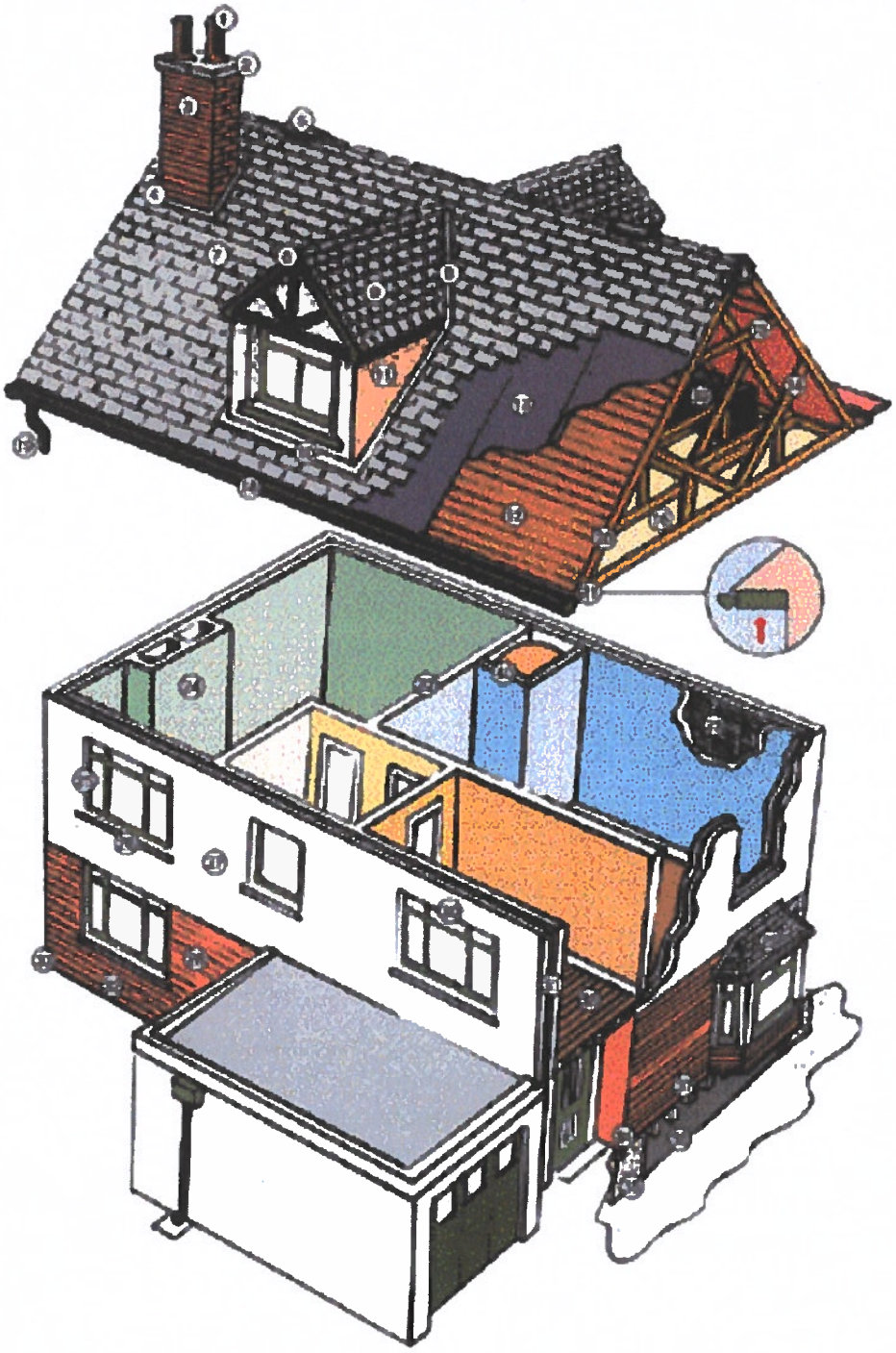
There was no access for inspection to the foundations, to behind side wall linings or to the underside of the main floor construction. The property was fully furnished at the time of inspection. Fitted coverings prevented access to the floor surfaces. There was limited access to a number of main roof eaves voids. Restricted inspection access to main roof due to the proximity of surrounding buildings. No inspection access to flat roof covering or timbers. The efficiency of the heating and drainage systems cannot be commented upon.

Tests by the Health Protection Agency have identified some properties in Orkney as having natural levels of Radon Gas in excess of those normally considered acceptable. Further advice on this should be obtained from the Health Protection Agency. Telephone 01235 822745/876/737.

An inspection for Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plant species was not carried out and unless otherwise stated, for the purposes of this report, it is assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plant species within the boundaries of the property or in neighbouring properties.

It is out with the scope of this inspection to determine whether or not asbestos based products are present within the property. Asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 1999, when it became a banned substance. If you have any concerns you should engage the services of a qualified asbestos surveyor.

Sectional diagram showing elements of a typical house



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

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 terms.

2. CONDITION

This section identifies problems and tells you about the urgency of any repairs by using one of 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:	There was no evidence of significant subsidence, settlement or cracking to the main walls.
Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	2
Notes:	Woodworm noted to main roof timbers – confirm if treated and any guarantee obtained. High moisture reading noted to wall to side of shower cubicle.
Chimney stacks	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Areas of flaking noted to chimney stack stonework. Chimney stack copings are weathered in appearance. Ownership and maintenance responsibilities should be confirmed.
Roofing including roof space	
Repair category:	3
Notes:	Nail sickness & rusting noted to a number of slate nails. Woodworm noted to main roof timbers as per *"Dampness, rot & infestation".* Staining noted to sarking boards. The flat mineral felt roof surface and timbers were not open to inspection - it should be noted that flat mineral felt roofs have a limited lifespan. A number of slates are broken at their corners - the maintenance of the slates will be an ongoing consideration. There is an amount of rusting to the roof leadwork. Limited inspection access to main roof eaves voids. Ownership and maintenance responsibilities should be confirmed.

Rainwater fittings	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Vegetation noted to guttering which should be cleared out. Rusting noted to cast iron gutters, downpipes and to gutter brackets. P.V.C gutters & downpipes are weathered in appearance. The efficiency of the system cannot be commented upon, as it was not raining at the time of inspection. Ownership and maintenance responsibilities should be confirmed.
Main walls	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Cracking and flaking noted to window ingos & mullions. Flaking noted to sandstone façade to front right corner. The maintenance of the stone pointing will be an ongoing consideration. Ownership & maintenance responsibilities should be confirmed.
Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Double glazing failed to bathroom Velux window.
External decorations	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Timber windows are weathered in appearance. The maintenance of external decorations will be an ongoing consideration.
Conservatories / porches	
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	
Communal areas	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Communal external entrance doors and external staircase are weathered in appearance. Visible plasterboard joints to shared entrance hallway walls. Rusting noted to window frame of second floor communal landing area. Door handle to first floor communal external door is loose. Ownership, rights of access & maintenance responsibilities should be confirmed.
Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	
Ceilings	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Visible plasterboard joints noted to a number of ceilings.
Internal walls	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	High moisture reading noted to wall to side of shower cubicle as per *"Dampness, rot & infestation"*. Visible plasterboard joints noted to a number of walls.
Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Floors felt sound when walked upon. There is an amount of uneveness to the floor surfaces.
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No notable defects, where open to inspection.
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	
Internal decorations	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	General marking noted to internal decorations. Condensation / staining noted to wall above shower cubicle.
Cellars	
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	

Electricity	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	As per distribution board sticker the next electrical inspection is due 17.11.2025. The Institution of Engineering and Technology recommends that inspections and testing are undertaken at least every ten years and on a change of occupancy. It should be appreciated that only the most recently constructed or re-wired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations.
Gas	
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No notable defects, where open to inspection.
Heating and hot water	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	The condition or efficiency of the heating system cannot be commented upon. The heating and unvented hot water systems should be periodically tested by a qualified engineer, in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements, and any recommendations implemented.
Drainage	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	The condition or efficiency of the drainage system cannot be commented upon.

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

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

Repair Categories

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

4. VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

Confirm:-

1. Local Authority Completion Certificate issued for conversion.
2. If woodworm treated to main roof space and any guarantee obtained.
3. Ownership, rights of access and maintenance responsibilities for all communal areas including roof, chimney stacks and rainwater fittings.
4. Ownership and maintenance responsibilities for fire alarm system.

Estimated re-instatement cost for insurance purposes

£275,000.

Valuation and market comments

One Hundred and Thirty Thousand Pounds, £130,000.

Report author:	Christopher Park, M.R.I.C.S., Chartered Surveyor, R.I.C.S. Registered Valuer.
Address:	14 Victoria Street, Kirkwall, KW15 1DN.
Signed:	.....
Date of report:	13th September 2021.

SINGLE SURVEY TERMS AND CONDITIONS (WITH MVR)

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. [1]

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 ticking 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.

[1] Which shall be in accordance with the current RICS Valuation Standards (the Red Book) and RICS Codes of Conduct

Prior to 1 December 2008, Purchasers have normally obtained their own report from their chosen Surveyor. By contrast, a Single Survey is instructed by the Seller and made available to all potential Purchasers in expectation that the successful Purchaser will have relied upon it. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors rules require disclosure of any potential conflict of interest when acting for the Seller and the Purchaser in the same transaction. The Single Survey may give rise to a conflict of interest and if this is of concern to any party they are advised to seek their own independent advice.
The Report and any expressions or assessments in it are not intended as advice to the Seller or Purchaser or any other person in relation to an asking price or any other sales or marketing decisions.

The Report is based solely on the Property and is not to be relied upon in any manner whatsoever when considering the valuation or condition of any other property.
If certain minor matters are mentioned in the Report it should not be assumed that the Property is free of other minor defects.

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

1.3 LIABILITY

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

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

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

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

1.4 GENERIC MORTGAGE VALUATION REPORT

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

1.5 TRANSCRIPT MORTGAGE VALUATION FOR LENDING PURPOSES

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

1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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

1.7 PAYMENT

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

1.8 CANCELLATION

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

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

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

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

1.9 PRECEDENCE

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

1.10 DEFINITIONS

- the "Lender" is the party who has provided or intends or proposes to provide financial assistance to the Purchaser towards the purchase of the Property and in whose favour a standard security will be granted over the Property;

- the "Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor, prepared from information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report, but in a style and format required by the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes will be prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected from a surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and who is competent to survey, value and report on the Property;

- the "Generic Mortgage Valuation Report" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor from information in the Report but in the Surveyor's own format.

- the "Market Value" *is The estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion*

- the "Property" is the property which forms the subject of the Report;

- the "Purchaser" is the person (or persons) who enters into a contract to buy the Property from the Seller;

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

2.2 THE INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

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

2.3 THE REPORT

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

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

2.3.1 Category 3: Urgent repairs or replacement are needed now. Failure to deal with them may cause problems to other parts of the property or cause a safety hazard. Estimates for repairs or replacement are needed now.

2.3.2 Category 2: Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.

2.3.3 Category 1: No immediate action or repair is needed.

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

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

2.4 SERVICES

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

2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Dwellings

Scotland

7 ALBERT STREET, KIRKWALL, KW15 1HP

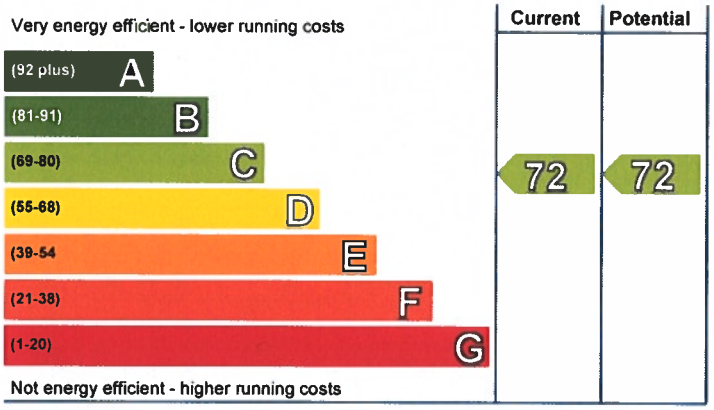
Dwelling type:	Top-floor flat	**Reference number:**	5219-6921-1000-0202-2202
Date of assessment:	02 September 2021	**Type of assessment:**	RdSAP, existing dwelling
Date of certificate:	13 September 2021	**Approved Organisation:**	Elmhurst
Total floor area:	109 m²	**Main heating and fuel:**	Electric storage heaters
Primary Energy Indicator:	289 kWh/m²/year		

You can use this document to:

- **Compare current ratings of properties to see which are more energy efficient and environmentally friendly**

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	£3,825

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

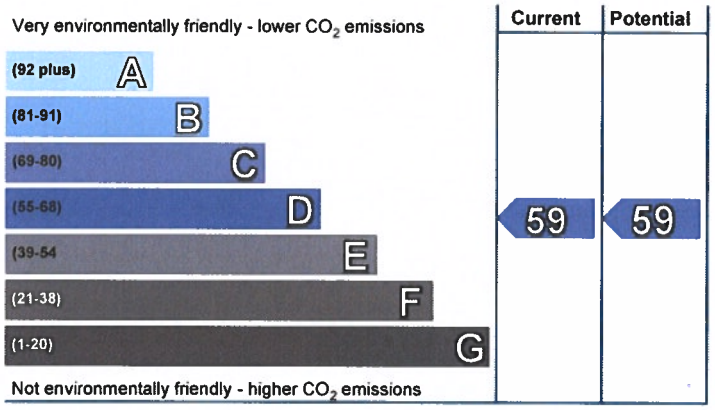


Energy Efficiency Rating

This graph shows the current efficiency of your home, taking into account both energy efficiency and fuel costs. The higher this rating, the lower your fuel bills are likely to be.

Your current rating is **band C (72)**. 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_2) 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 D (59)**. 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

There are currently no improvement measures recommended for your home.

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	Timber frame, as built, insulated (assumed)	★★★★★	★★★★★
Roof	Flat, insulated (assumed)	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Floor	(another dwelling below)	—	—
Windows	Mostly double glazing	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Main heating	Electric storage heaters	★★☆☆☆	★☆☆☆☆
Main heating controls	Manual charge control	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Secondary heating	Room heaters, electric	—	—
Hot water	Electric immersion, off-peak	★★★☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 87% 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_2 emissions, running costs and the savings possible from making improvements.

The impact of your home on the environment

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

The calculated emissions for your home are 49 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 5.3 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. You could reduce emissions by switching to renewable energy sources.

Estimated energy costs for this home

	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£2,847 over 3 years	£2,847 over 3 years	Not applicable
Hot water	£639 over 3 years	£639 over 3 years	
Lighting	£339 over 3 years	£339 over 3 years	
Totals	**£3,825**	**£3,825**	

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

None

Low and zero carbon energy sources

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

LZC energy sources present: There are none provided for this home

Your home's heat demand

You could receive Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) payments and help reduce carbon emissions by replacing your existing heating system with one that generates renewable heat and, where appropriate, having your loft insulated and cavity walls filled. The estimated energy required for space and water heating will form the basis of the payments. For more information go to www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/rhi.

Heat demand	Existing dwelling	Impact of loft insulation	Impact of cavity wall insulation	Impact of solid wall insulation
Space heating (kWh per year)	7,491	N/A	N/A	N/A
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,252			

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.