



## Survey Report On

**Old Nisthouse,  
Mirbister  
Harray,  
Orkney,  
KW17 2LQ.**

**Client:** Mr Alastair & Mrs Louise Forsyth.

**Client address:** Old Nisthouse, Mirbister, Harray, Orkney, KW17 2LQ.

**Date of inspection:** 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

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## 1. INFORMATION AND SCOPE OF INSPECTION

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

All references to visual inspection refer to an inspection from within the property without 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.

<b>Description</b>	Part two storey, part single storey property attached to neighbouring outbuilding via a stone shed.
<b>Accommodation</b>	Ground Floor – 2 Sitting Rooms, Kitchen / Diner, Bathroom, Utility Room and 2 Bedrooms. First Floor – Landing, Bathroom and 2 Bedrooms.
<b>Gross internal floor area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	162m <sup>2</sup> .
<b>Neighbourhood and location</b>	Situated in the rural parish of Harray.
<b>Age</b>	Main c.1800's. Side extension converted from former outbuilding c.1990. Rear extensions c.1970's & c.1995. Exact dates are not known.
<b>Weather</b>	Strong winds with mixed bright spells and heavy rain showers.
<b>Chimney stacks</b>	<i>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</i>  3 stone chimney stacks with the left stack pointed and the middle and right stacks rendered. There is 1 pot to the left stack and 2 pots to each of the middle and right stacks, with copings to each. No visible leadwork where passing through the roof, as viewed from ground level. Stainless steel wood pellet boiler flue.

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**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.*

Main – pitched roof clad stone slate on timber battens and rafters.

Side Extension – pitched roof clad stone slate to front slope and corrugated asbestos sheeting to rear slope on plywood sarking and timber trusses. Photovoltaic panels fitted to front roof slope.

Rear Left Extension – mono-pitched roof clad asbestos slate on felt, timber sarking boards and trusses. Small section of what appears to be a flat concrete roof with felt finish.

Rear Right Extension – mono-pitched roof clad asbestos slate on felt, plywood sarking and timber trusses.

Fibreglass insulation laid between and over ceiling joists within all roof spaces limiting inspection access to “Head & Shoulders” from the hatch.

**Rainwater fittings**

*Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.*

P.V.C gutters and downpipes with section of cast iron downpipe to rear elevation.

**Main walls**

*Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.*

Main – stone walls, finished either pointed, smooth rendered or roughcast.

Side Extension – stone walls finished either pointed or roughcast.

Rear Left Extension – concrete block cavity walls finished roughcast.

Rear Right Extension – timber frame inner skin, concrete block outer skin finished roughcast.

**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.*

Double glazed timber windows.  
Single glazed skylights to left sitting room.  
Double glazed timber external door to utility room.  
Single glazed timber external door between right sitting room and greenhouse.  
Timber panelled door between kitchen and stone shed.

**External decorations**

*Visually inspected.*

Paint finish to external joinery, roughcast finish and to a number of window ingos & sills.

**Conservatories / porches**

*Visually inspected.*

None.

**Communal areas**

*Visually inspected.*

Shared tarmac road from public road.  
Ownership, rights of access and maintenance responsibilities should be confirmed.

**Garages and permanent outbuildings**

*Visually inspected.*

Attached stone shed with solid floor, pitched roof clad stone slate to front slope & corrugated asbestos sheeting to rear slope and double glazed timber external door. Photovoltaic panels fitted to front roof slope.  
Greenhouse attached to front of main 2 storey section with solid floor, concrete block lower walls and single glazed timber windows & door.  
2 basic timber sheds.  
Detached greenhouse.

**Outside areas and boundaries**

*Visually inspected.*

As per Seller, total site area extends to approximately 1.5 acres – this should be confirmed.  
Stone chipped parking area.  
Rear concrete pathway.  
Boundaries are a combination of stone walls and agricultural style post & wire fencing.

**Ceilings**

*Visually inspected from floor level.*

Ceilings appear to be generally lined either plasterboard or tongue & groove boarding.

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**Internal walls**

*Visually inspected from floor level.  
Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.*

Internal walls and partitions appear to be generally lined plasterboard with section of hardwall plaster finish to landing external wall.

**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.*

Floors are a combination of solid and suspended timber.

**Internal joinery and kitchen fittings**

*Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.  
Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.*

Internal doors are either timber panelled or glazed panelled.  
Timber staircase, facings and skirtings.  
Built in units to kitchen and utility room.

**Chimney breasts and fireplaces**

*Visually inspected. No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.*

Chimney breasts appear to be lined plasterboard.  
Stone hearth to right sitting room with solid fuel stove.  
Stone hearth and timber mantle to fireplace to left sitting room – the flue has been blocked up.

**Internal decorations**

*Visually inspected.*

Ceilings are finished either emulsion, papered or painted / varnished tongue & groove boarding.  
Walls are finished either emulsion or papered.  
Paint or varnish finish to internal joinery.

**Cellars**

*Visually inspected.*

None.

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**Electricity**

*Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.*

Mains electricity supply.  
17 photovoltaic panels installed to side extension & stone shed front roof slope – ownership and details of any Feed In Tariff should be confirmed.

**Gas**

*Visually inspected.*

No mains gas in Orkney.  
Private bottled gas supply to utility room.

**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.  
Ground Floor Bathroom – bath with electric shower over, wash hand basin and W.C.  
First Floor Bathroom – bath, wash hand basin and W.C.  
Ceramic kitchen sink and drainer.  
Stainless steel kitchen sink and drainer to utility room.  
Outside tap.

**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.*

Wood pellet boiler to radiator central heating system.  
Solid fuel stove to right sitting room.  
Oil fired range cooker to kitchen.  
Foam insulated hot water cylinder and lagged cold water storage tank in first floor left bedroom cupboard.  
P.V.C oil storage tank.

**Drainage**

*Drainage covers etc were not lifted. Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.*

Private septic tank.

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## Fire, smoke and burglar alarms

*Visually inspected.*

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

Smoke detector to rear hallway.

Carbon monoxide alarm to right sitting room and kitchen.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Fire Safety Legislation effective from February 2022 requires 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 detecting alarm must be installed in every kitchen area and all smoke and heat alarms must be ceiling mounted and interlinked. Where there is a carbon-fuelled appliance e.g. central heating boiler, open fire, wood burning stove etc, a carbon monoxide detector is also required. The purchaser(s) should appraise themselves of the requirements of this legislation and engage with appropriately accredited contractors to ensure compliance.

### Any additional limits to inspection:

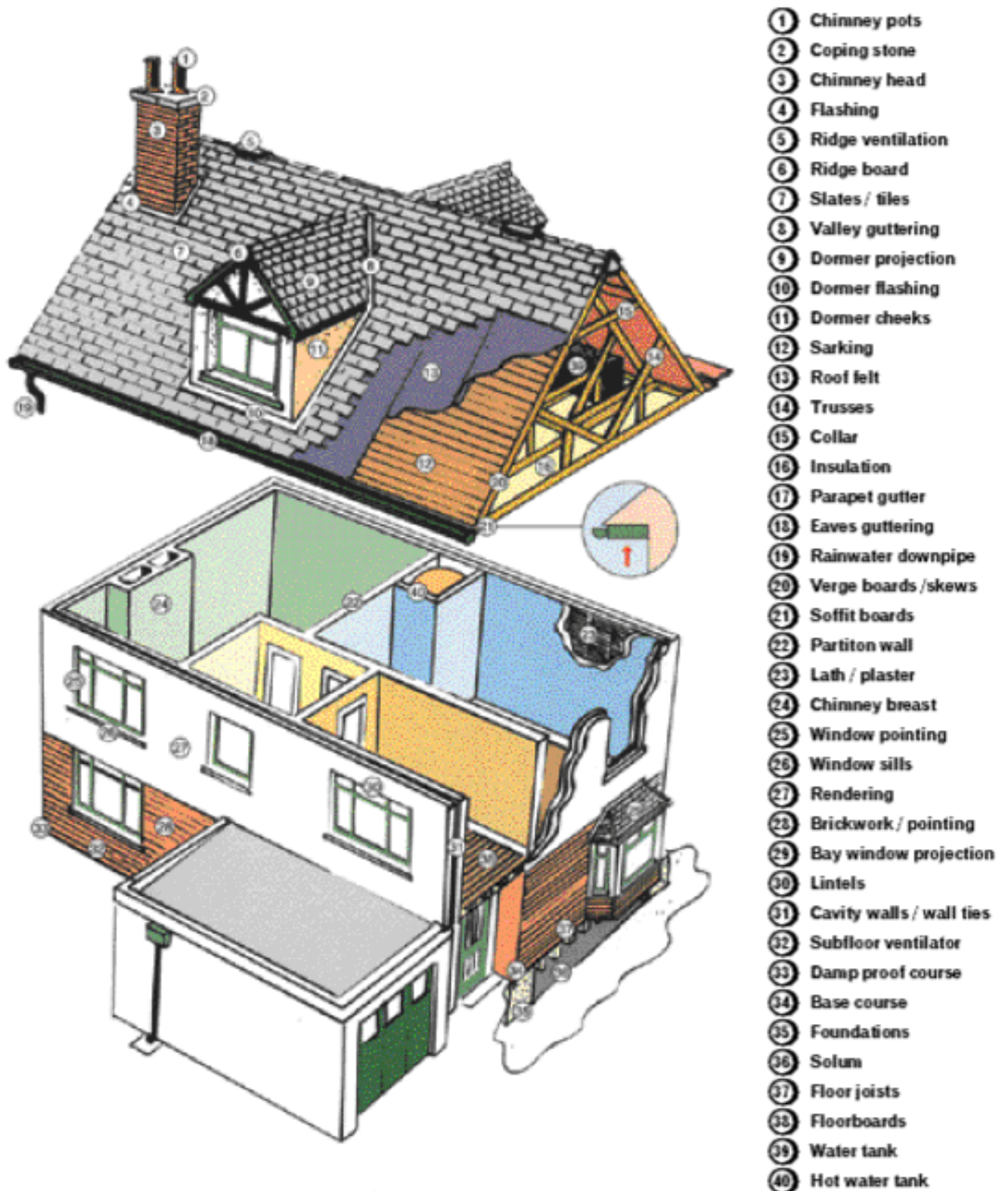
There was no access for inspection to the foundations, to behind side wall linings, to timber side walls or to the underside of the main floor construction. The property was fully furnished at the time of inspection. Fitted coverings prevented access to a number of floor surfaces. Fibreglass insulation laid between and over ceiling joists within all roof spaces limiting inspection access to "Head & Shoulders" from the hatch. No inspection access to underside of flat roof. Photovoltaic panels fitted to side extension and stone shed front roof slope. The condition or 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






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.

<p><b>Category 3:</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Category 2:</b> Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.</p>	<p><b>Category 1:</b> No immediate action or repair is needed.</p>
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 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Structural movement</b></p>	
<p>Repair category</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>Notes:</p>	<p>There was no evidence of significant subsidence, settlement or cracking to the main walls.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dampness, rot and infestation</b></p>	
<p>Repair category</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Notes:</p>	<p>High moisture readings noted to partition wall ingo between kitchen and left sitting room. Slightly high moisture readings noted to the following, which should be monitored. This is not an exhaustive list:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to right sitting room ceiling by chimney breast</li> <li>• landing window ingos</li> </ul> <p>Woodworm noted to the following, confirm if treated and any guarantee obtained. This is not an exhaustive list:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• main roof timbers and battens</li> <li>• roof space timbers over left sitting room</li> <li>• scarring noted to first floor bedroom floors</li> </ul> <p>Minor wet rot to corners of left sitting room front window sill.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chimney stacks</b></p>	
<p>Repair category:</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Notes:</p>	<p>Hairline cracking to chimney stack copings and to middle smooth rendered stack. No visible leadwork to chimney stacks where passing through the roof, as viewed from ground level.</p>

 <b>Roofing including roof space</b>	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	<p>Woodworm noted as per "<i>Dampness, rot and infestation</i>".</p> <p>Stone slate is weathered in appearance with areas of missing mortar noted – the maintenance of the slate will be an ongoing consideration.</p> <p>Asbestos slate is weathered in appearance with notable moss accumulation noted.</p> <p>Ridge tiles are weathered in appearance.</p> <p>Corrugated asbestos roof sheets are weathered in appearance with moss accumulation noted – if ever to be cut, sanded or drilled advice should first be sought from H.S.E. and S.E.P.A.</p>
 <b>Rainwater fittings</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	<p>Gutters and downpipes are weathered in appearance with rusting to cast iron downpipe and gutter brackets.</p> <p>The efficiency of the system cannot be commented upon.</p>
 <b>Main walls</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	<p>The maintenance of pointing will be an ongoing consideration.</p> <p>Hairline cracking noted to the following, this is not an exhaustive list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• front kitchen window sill</li> <li>• a number of window ingos</li> <li>• wall between rear extension bathroom and utility windows</li> </ul>
 <b>Windows, external doors and joinery</b>	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	<p>A number of windows are stiff to operate and require maintenance.</p> <p>Minor wet rot noted as per "<i>Dampness, rot and infestation</i>".</p>
 <b>External decorations</b>	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	<p>External decorations are weathered in places - the maintenance of external decorations will be an ongoing consideration.</p>
 <b>Conservatories / porches</b>	
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	
 <b>Communal areas</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	<p>Ownership, rights of access and maintenance responsibilities for shared access road should be confirmed.</p>

 <b>Garages and permanent outbuildings</b>	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	<p>Double glazing unit failed to stone shed external door.</p> <p>Gutter brackets have come away from the wall with part of the guttering held up with string, as per Seller, this is to be repaired prior to sale. Gutter joint has been taped up.</p> <p>The stone shed might be capable of being occupied as a garage for a small car, or a motorbike. Should this ever be the case it is strongly recommended that the wall, door and roof space between the house and shed are fireproofed, prior to being occupied as a garage.</p> <p>Basic timber sheds are weathered in appearance.</p>
 <b>Outside areas and boundaries</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Stone boundary walls are in keeping with their age.
 <b>Ceilings</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	<p>Slightly high moisture readings noted as per <i>"Dampness, rot and infestation"</i>.</p> <p>Small area of uneven finish to ground floor right bedroom.</p>
 <b>Internal walls</b>	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	High moisture readings noted as per <i>"Dampness, rot and infestation"</i> .
 <b>Floors including sub-floors</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	<p>Floors felt sound when walked upon with creaking noted to first floor landing.</p> <p>Woodworm scarring noted as per <i>"Dampness, rot and infestation"</i>.</p>
 <b>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings</b>	
Repair category:	3
Notes:	<p>There is no handrail or ballustrades to staircase which is a safety concern.</p> <p>Handle is loose to door between sitting room and greenhouse.</p> <p>Utility room built in units are dated.</p>
 <b>Chimney breasts and fireplaces</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	<p>The condition or efficiency of the flues cannot be commented upon.</p> <p>If the open fireplace is to be used again it should be inspected by a suitable qualified person prior to first use.</p>

 <b>Internal decorations</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Small area of staining to right sitting room ceiling by chimney breast.
 <b>Cellars</b>	
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	
 <b>Electricity</b>	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	The consumer unit is dated – confirm when last inspected. 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.
 <b>Gas</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Confirm when last inspected. In the interest of safety all gas appliances should be checked by a Gas Safe Registered Engineer.
 <b>Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings</b>	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	First floor bathroom extractor appears to vent into the roof space.
 <b>Heating and hot water</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	The condition or efficiency of the heating system cannot be commented upon. The heating and hot water systems should be periodically tested by a qualified engineer, in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements, and any recommendations implemented.
 <b>Drainage</b>	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Stone shed downpipe does not appear to discharge to a drain. 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.

<b>Structural movement</b>	<b>1</b>	<p><b>Repair Categories</b></p> <p><b>Category 3:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Category 2:</b> Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.</p> <p><b>Category 1:</b> No immediate action or repair is needed.</p>
<b>Dampness, rot and infestation</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Chimney stacks</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Roofing including roof space</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Rainwater fittings</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Main walls</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Windows, external doors and joinery</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>External decorations</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Conservatories / porches</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>Communal areas</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Garages and permanent outbuildings</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Outside areas and boundaries</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Ceilings</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Internal walls</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Floors including sub-floors</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Chimney breasts and fireplaces</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Internal decorations</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Cellars</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>Electricity</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Gas</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Heating and hot water</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Drainage</b>	<b>2</b>	

### 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.

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

#### 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. Site boundaries and ownership & maintenance responsibilities of boundaries
2. If woodworm treated and any guarantee obtained
3. Septic tank is registered with SEPA
4. Ownership, rights of access and maintenance responsibilities for shared access road
5. Ownership of photovoltaic panels and details of any Feed In Tariff
6. If any alterations or extensions requiring planning, building warrant or any other Local Authority Consents have been carried out and the necessary approvals obtained

Where defects or repairs have been identified within this Home Report, regardless of whether reported as category 1, 2 or 3 (please read category definitions), it is always best practice to obtain detailed competitive estimates from reputable contractors or specialists prior to entering into any legally binding contract.

##### Estimated re-instatement cost for insurance purposes

£710,000.

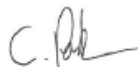
##### Valuation and market comments

Three Hundred and Sixty Five Thousand Pounds, £365,000.

Some lenders may have issues with corrugated asbestos roof sheeting. Interested parties should confirm the property would be considered a suitable security with their lender prior to offering on the property.

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**Date of report:** 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

# 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. <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 ticking 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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### **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.

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

The outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), declared by the World Health Organisation as a “Global Pandemic” on 11 March 2020, has impacted global financial markets. Travel restrictions have been implemented by many countries.

Market activity is being impacted in many sectors. As at the valuation date, I consider that I can attach less weight to previous market evidence for comparison purposes, to inform opinions of value. Indeed, the current response to COVID-19 means that we are faced with an unprecedented set of circumstances on which to base a judgement. My valuation(s) is / are therefore reported on the basis of ‘material valuation uncertainty’ as per VPS 3 and VPGA 10 of the RICS Red Book Global. Consequently, less certainty – and a higher degree of caution – should be attached to our valuation than would normally be the case. Given the unknown future impact that

COVID-19 might have on the real estate market, we recommend that you keep the valuation of the subject property under frequent review.

*“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)

# Scotland

Dwellings

**OLD NISTHOUSE, NORTH BIGGING ROAD, HARRAY, ORKNEY, KW17 2LQ**

**Dwelling type:** Detached house  
**Date of assessment:** 09 February 2023  
**Date of certificate:** 22 February 2023  
**Total floor area:** 162 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Primary Energy Indicator:** 263 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year

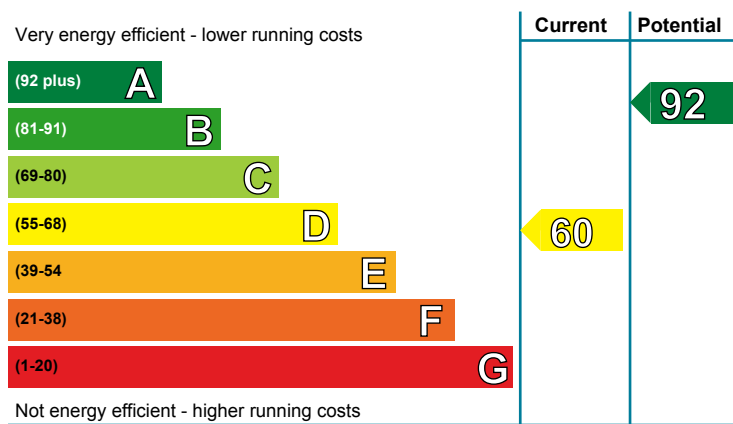
**Reference number:** 0211-1015-9202-4727-7204  
**Type of assessment:** RdSAP, existing dwelling  
**Approved Organisation:** Elmhurst  
**Main heating and fuel:** Boiler and radiators, wood pellets

## 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

<b>Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*</b>	<b>£15,525</b>	See your recommendations report for more information
<b>Over 3 years you could save*</b>	<b>£4,896</b>	

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

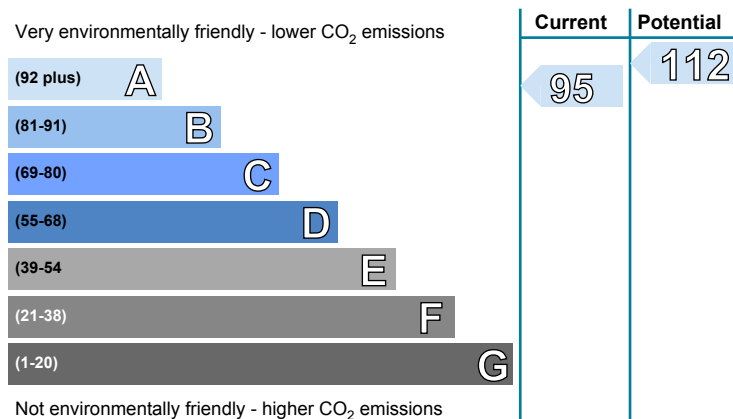


## Energy Efficiency Rating

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 D (60)**. 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<sub>2</sub>) emissions. The higher the rating, the less impact it has on the environment.

Your current rating is **band A (95)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (59)**.

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

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

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical savings over 3 years
1 Room-in-roof insulation	£1,500 - £2,700	£2691.00
2 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£681.00
3 Floor insulation (solid floor)	£4,000 - £6,000	£1059.00

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](http://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. See the addendum section on the last page of this report for further information relating to items in the table.

Element	Description	Energy Efficiency	Environmental
Walls	Sandstone or limestone, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
	Sandstone or limestone, as built, insulated (assumed)	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
	Timber frame, as built, insulated (assumed)	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Roof	Pitched, 250 mm loft insulation	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
	Roof room(s), ceiling insulated	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Floor	Solid, no insulation (assumed)	—	—
	Solid, limited insulation (assumed)	—	—
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, wood pellets	★★★★☆☆	★★★★★★
Main heating controls	Programmer, TRVs and bypass	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Secondary heating	Room heaters, dual fuel (mineral and wood)	—	—
Hot water	From main system	★★★★☆☆	★★★★★★
Lighting	Low energy lighting in all 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 8 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>/yr.

The average Scottish household produces about 6 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Based on this assessment, heating and lighting this home currently produces approximately 1.3 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 2.7 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.












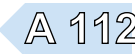
## Estimated energy costs for this home

	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£13,563 over 3 years	£9,192 over 3 years	
Hot water	£1,359 over 3 years	£834 over 3 years	
Lighting	£603 over 3 years	£603 over 3 years	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£15,525</b>	<b>£10,629</b>	

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

## Recommendations for improvement

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

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical saving per year	Rating after improvement	
			Energy	Environment
1 Room-in-roof insulation	£1,500 - £2,700	£897		
2 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£227		
3 Floor insulation (solid floor)	£4,000 - £6,000	£353		
4 Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£153		
5 Wind turbine	£15,000 - £25,000	£1318		

## 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](http://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 Room-in-roof insulation

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

### 2 Internal or external wall insulation

Internal or external wall insulation involves adding a layer of insulation to either the inside or the outside surface of the external walls, which reduces heat loss and lowers fuel bills. As it is more expensive than cavity wall insulation it is only recommended for walls without a cavity, or where for technical reasons a cavity cannot be filled. Internal insulation, known as dry-lining, is where a layer of insulation is fixed to the inside surface of external walls; this type of insulation is best applied when rooms require redecorating. External solid wall insulation is the application of an insulant and a weather-protective finish to the outside of the wall. This may improve the look of the home, particularly where existing brickwork or rendering is poor, and will provide long-lasting weather protection. Further information can be obtained from the National Insulation Association ([www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk](http://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 (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](http://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.

### 4 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](http://www.microgenerationcertification.org).

### 5 Wind turbine

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

## 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)	29,327	N/A	(483)	(1,407)
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,980			

## Addendum

The assessment does not include any feed-in tariffs that may be applicable to this property.

This dwelling has stone walls and may be exposed to wind driven rain 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](http://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](http://www.scottishepcregister.org.uk) and entering the report reference number (RRN) printed at the top of this page.

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Related party disclosure:	No related party

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](http://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](http://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 [greener-scotland.org](https://www.greener-scotland.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.

**HOMEENERGYSCOTLAND.ORG**  
**0808 808 2282**  
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# property questionnaire

Property address	OLD NISTHOUSE, MIRBISTER HARRAY ORKNEY. KW17 2LQ
Seller(s)	ALASTAIR & LOUISE FORSYTH.
Completion date of property questionnaire	09 / 02 / 2023

# property questionnaire

## Note for sellers

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

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

1.	Length of ownership	
	How long have you owned the property?	13 YEARS 3 MONTHS
2.	Council tax	
	Which Council Tax band is your property in? (Please circle)	
	A B C <b>D</b> E F G H	
3.	Parking	
	What are the arrangements for parking at your property?	
	(Please tick all that apply)	
	• Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	• Allocated parking space	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• Driveway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	• Shared parking	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• On street	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• Resident permit	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• Metered parking	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• Other (please specify):	<input type="text"/>
4.	Conservation area	
	Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (that is an area of special architectural or historical interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)?	Yes/No/ Don't know No

# property questionnaire

5.	Listed buildings	
	Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (that is a building recognised and approved as being of special architectural or historical interest)?	Yes/No No
6.	Alterations/additions/extensions	
a.	(i) During your time in the property, have you carried out any structural alterations, additions or extensions (for example, provision of an extra bath/shower room, toilet, or bedroom)?  <u>If you have answered yes</u> , please describe below the changes which you have made:	Yes/No No
	(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work?  <u>If you have answered yes</u> , the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking.  If you do not have the documents yourself, please note below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange to obtain them:	Yes/No N/A
b.	Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property?  <u>If you have answered yes</u> , please answer the three questions below:	Yes/No YES
	(i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?	Yes/No NOT ALL
	(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?	Yes/No No
	(iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or patio doors (with approximate dates when the work was completed): different design. Kitchen window Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicitor or estate agent.	

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7.	<b>Central heating</b>	
a.	<p>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).</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes or partial</u> – what kind of central heating is there? (Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air).</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please answer the three questions below:</p>	<p>Yes/No/ Partial</p> <p>YES</p> <p>Wood pellet boiler</p>
	i) When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed?	October 2010
	<p>(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:</p>	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>No</p>
	(iii) When was your maintenance agreement last renewed? (Please provide the month and year).	N/A
8.	<b>Energy Performance Certificate</b>	
	Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?	Yes/No
9.	<b>Issues that may have affected your property</b>	
a.	<p>Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?</p>	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>YES</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>No</p>
b.	<p>Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:</p>	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>YES.</p> <p>Kitchen roof, rear.</p>

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## 10. Services

a. Please tick which services are connected to your property and give details of the supplier:

Services	Connected	Supplier
Gas or liquid petroleum gas	X	
Water mains or private water supply	✓	PRIVATE / SCOTTISH WATER.
Electricity	✓	SSE
Mains drainage	X	
Telephone	✓	ZEN INTERNET.
Cable TV or satellite	X	
Broadband	✓	ZEN INTERNET

b. Is there a septic tank system at your property?

Yes/No

If you have answered yes, please answer the two questions below:

YES

(i) Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic tank?

Yes/No/  
Don't know

DON'T KNOW

(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank?

Yes/No

If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:

No

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11.	Responsibilities for shared or common areas	
a.	<p>Are you aware of any responsibility to contribute to the cost of anything used jointly, such as the repair of a shared drive, private road, boundary, or garden area?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	<p>Yes/No/ Don't know YES.</p> <p>ACCESS ROAD FROM HOUSE TO A986</p>
b.	<p>Is there a responsibility to contribute to repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell or other common areas?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	<p>Yes/No/ Not applicable</p> <p>No</p>
c.	<p>Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the property?</p>	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>No</p>
d.	<p>Do you have the right to walk over any of your neighbours' property – for example to put out your rubbish bin or to maintain your boundaries?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	<p>Yes/No</p> <p><del>Yes</del></p> <p>ACCESS THROUGH STEADING &amp; BACK GATE.</p>
e.	<p>As far as you are aware, do any of your neighbours have the right to walk over your property, for example to put out their rubbish bin or to maintain their boundaries?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>No</p>
f.	<p>As far as you are aware, is there a public right of way across any part of your property? (public right of way is a way over which the public has a right to pass, whether or not the land is privately-owned.)</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>No</p>
12.	Charges associated with your property	
a.	<p>Is there a factor or property manager for your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please provide the name and address, and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:</u></p>	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>No</p>



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b.	<p>Is there a common buildings insurance policy?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?</p>	<p>Yes/No/ Don't know</p> <p>Yes/No/ Don't know N/A.</p>
c.	<p>Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regular basis for the upkeep of common areas or repair works, for example to a residents' association, or maintenance or stair fund.</p>	<p>N/A.</p>
13. Specialist works		
a.	<p>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?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please say what the repairs were for, whether you carried out the repairs (and when) or if they were done before you bought the property.</p>	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>YES</p> <p>WOODWORM BEFORE WE BOUGHT THE PROPERTY NO SIGN SINCE.</p>
b.	<p>As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:</p>	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>No</p>
c.	<p><u>If you have answered yes to 13(a) or (b)</u>, do you have any guarantees relating to this work?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, these guarantees will be needed by the purchaser and should be given to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have them yourself <u>please write below who has these documents</u> and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange for them to be obtained. You will also need to provide a description of the work carried out. This may be shown in the original estimate.</p> <p>Guarantees are held by:</p>	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>N/A.</p>

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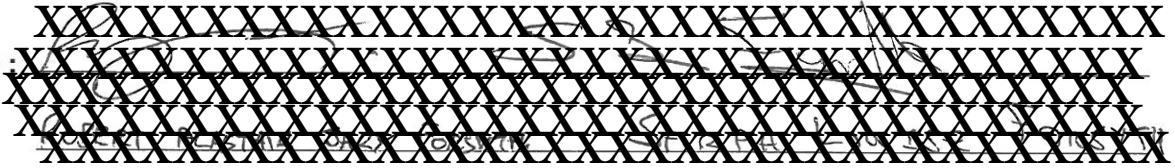
<b>14.</b>	<b>Guarantees</b>					
<b>a.</b>	<b>Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following:</b>					
(i)	Electrical work	No ✓	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
(ii)	Roofing	No ✓	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
(iii)	Central heating	No ✓	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
(iv)	National House Building Council (NHBC)	No ✓	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
(v)	Damp course	No ✓	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
(vi)	Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)	No ✓	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
<b>b.</b>	<b><u>If you have answered 'yes' or 'with title deeds', please give details of the work or installations to which the guarantee(s) relate(s):</u></b>					
<b>c.</b>	<b>Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed above?</b>  <b><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></b>					<b>Yes/No</b>  N/A.
<b>15.</b>	<b>Boundaries</b>					
	<b>So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in the last 10 years?</b>  <b><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></b>					<b>Yes/No/Don't know</b>  No

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16.	Notices that affect your property	
In the past three years have you ever received a notice:		
a.	advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?	Yes/No No
b.	that affects your property in some other way?	Yes/No No
c.	that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?	Yes/No No
<b><u>If you have answered yes to any of a-c above, please give the notices to your solicitor or estate agent, including any notices which arrive at any time before the date of entry of the purchaser of your property.</u></b>		

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.

Signature(s) : 

Date: 09/02/2023