

HOME REPORT

12 HILLVIEW APARTMENTS
YORK ROAD
NEWTON STEWART
DG8 6JS



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Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Scotland

Dwellings

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Dwelling type: Top-floor flat
Date of assessment: 28 July 2022
Date of certificate: 02 August 2022
Total floor area: 58 m²
Primary Energy Indicator: 344 kWh/m²/year

Reference number: 2383-1014-4203-4712-2200
Type of assessment: RdSAP, existing dwelling
Approved Organisation: Elmhurst
Main heating and fuel: Boiler and radiators, electric

You can use this document to:

- Compare current ratings of properties to see which are more energy efficient and environmentally friendly
- Find out how to save energy and money and also reduce CO₂ emissions by improving your home

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*

£2,949

See your recommendations report for more information

Over 3 years you could save*

£789

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

Very energy efficient - lower running costs



Current	Potential
63	73

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 (63)**. 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.

Not energy efficient - higher running costs

Very environmentally friendly - lower CO₂ emissions



Current	Potential
59	70

Environmental Impact (CO₂) Rating

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

Your current rating is **band 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.

Not environmentally friendly - higher CO₂ emissions

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

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical savings over 3 years
1 Increase loft insulation to 270 mm	£100 - £350	£192.00
2 Low energy lighting	£50	£72.00
3 Heat recovery system for mixer showers	£585 - £725	£93.00

A full list of recommended improvement measures for your home, together with more information on potential cost and savings and advice to help you carry out improvements can be found in your recommendations report.

To find out more about the recommended measures and other actions you could take today to stop wasting energy and money, visit greenerscotland.org or contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

THIS PAGE IS THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE WHICH MUST BE AFFIXED TO THE DWELLING AND NOT BE REMOVED UNLESS IT IS REPLACED WITH AN UPDATED CERTIFICATE

Summary of the energy performance related features of this home

This table sets out the results of the survey which lists the current energy-related features of this home. Each element is assessed by the national calculation methodology; 1 star = very poor (least efficient), 2 stars = poor, 3 stars = average, 4 stars = good and 5 stars = very good (most efficient). The assessment does not take into consideration the condition of an element and how well it is working. 'Assumed' means that the insulation could not be inspected and an assumption has been made in the methodology, based on age and type of construction.

Element	Description	Energy Efficiency	Environmental
Walls	Granite or whinstone, as built, insulated (assumed)	★★★★★	★★★★★
Roof	Pitched, 150 mm loft insulation Flat, insulated (assumed)	★★★★☆ ★★★★☆	★★★★☆ ★★★★☆
Floor	(another dwelling below)	—	—
Windows	Single glazed	★☆☆☆☆	★☆☆☆☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, electric	★☆☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Secondary heating	None	—	—
Hot water	Electric immersion, off-peak	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 23% 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, CO₂ emissions, running costs and the savings possible from making improvements.


The impact of your home on the environment

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

The calculated emissions for your home are 58 kg CO₂/m²/yr.

The average Scottish household produces about 6 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Based on this assessment, heating and lighting this home currently produces approximately 3.4 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 0.9 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.


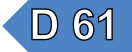






Estimated energy costs for this home

	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£1,992 over 3 years	£1,416 over 3 years	
Hot water	£672 over 3 years	£579 over 3 years	
Lighting	£285 over 3 years	£165 over 3 years	
Totals	£2,949	£2,160	

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 Increase loft insulation to 270 mm	£100 - £350	£64		
2 Low energy lighting for all fixed outlets	£50	£24		
3 Heat recovery system for mixer showers	£585 - £725	£31		
4 Replace single glazed windows with low-E double glazed windows	£3,300 - £6,500	£143		

Choosing the right improvement package

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

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

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

1 Loft insulation

Loft insulation laid in the loft space or between roof rafters to a depth of at least 270 mm will significantly reduce heat loss through the roof; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Insulation should not be placed below any cold water storage tank, any such tank should also be insulated on its sides and top, and there should be boarding on battens over the insulation to provide safe access between the loft hatch and the cold water tank. The insulation can be installed by professional contractors but also by a capable DIY enthusiast. Loose granules may be used instead of insulation quilt; this form of loft insulation can be blown into place and can be useful where access is difficult. The loft space must have adequate ventilation to prevent dampness; seek advice about this if unsure. Further information about loft insulation and details of local contractors can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk).

2 Low energy lighting

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

3 Heat recovery system for mixer showers

A shower heat recovery system extracts heat from the water in the shower drain and transfers it to incoming cold water. This reduces the amount of energy needed per shower. Building regulations generally apply to this work, so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department and seek advice from a qualified plumber or heating engineer.

4 Double glazed windows

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

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

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)	3,994	(401)	N/A	N/A
Water heating (kWh per year)	1,906			

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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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, with the facility to search for any single record by entering the property address. This gives everyone access to any current, valid EPC except where a property has a Green Deal Plan, in which case the report reference number (RRN) must first be provided. The energy performance data in these documents, together with other building information gathered during the assessment is held on the Scottish EPC Register and is available to authorised recipients, including organisations delivering energy efficiency and carbon reduction initiatives on behalf of the Scottish and UK governments. A range of data from all assessments undertaken in Scotland is also published periodically by the Scottish Government. Further information on these matters and on Energy Performance Certificates in general, can be found at www.gov.scot/epc.

Advice and support to improve this property

There is support available, which could help you carry out some of the improvements recommended for this property on page 3 and stop wasting energy and money. For more information, visit [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.

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SINGLE SURVEY



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Single Survey

survey report on:

Property address	12 HILLVIEW APARTMENTS YORK ROAD NEWTON STEWART DG8 6JS
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Customer	MR NICK HORNE
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Customer address	
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Prepared by	DM Hall LLP
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Date of inspection	28th July 2022
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PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 THE SURVEYORS

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

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

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

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

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

If the Surveyors have had a previous business relationship within the past two years with the Seller or Sellers 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.

To date, 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 the 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.

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

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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 Report² will be from information contained in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report.

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

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;

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- the "Market Value" is the estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion;
- the "Property" is the property which forms the subject of the Report;
- the "Purchaser" is the person (or persons) who enters into a contract to buy the Property from the Seller;
- a "prospective Purchaser" is anyone considering buying the Property;
- the "Report" is the report, of the kind described in Part 2 of these Terms and Conditions and in the form set out in part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008;
- the "Seller" is/are the proprietor(s) of the Property;
- the "Surveyor" is the author of the Report on the Property; and
- the "Surveyors" are the firm or company of which the Surveyor is an employee, director, member or partner (unless the Surveyor is not an employee, director, member or partner, when the "Surveyors" means the Surveyor) whose details are set out at the head of the Report.
- the "Energy Report" is the advice given by the accredited Energy Company, based on information collected by the Surveyor during the Inspection, and also includes an Energy Performance Certificate, in a Government approved format.

PART 2 - DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT

2.1 THE SERVICE

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

2.2 THE INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

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

2.3 THE REPORT

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

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

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

WARNING:

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

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

2.4 SERVICES

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

2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

"Market Value" 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. In arriving at the opinion of the Market Value, the Surveyor also makes various standard assumptions covering, for example, vacant possession; tenure and other legal considerations; contamination and hazardous materials; the condition of un-inspected parts; the right to use mains services; and the exclusion of curtains, carpets etc. from the valuation. In the case of flats, the following further assumptions are made that:

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

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

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

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

1. Information and scope of inspection

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

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

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

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

Description	<p>The property comprises an end-of-terrace converted top (first) floor flat within a two-storey development containing approximately 15No. flats in total. The subjects are located to the front right-hand corner of the development.</p> <p>We understand that the property was originally built in c.1864 as 'Douglas Academy', extended to the rear in c.1927 and converted to it's present use in c.2017. The building is Category B Listed and falls within the 'Newton Stewart' CA328 Conservation Area, as designated by Historic Environment Scotland.</p>
Accommodation	<p>FIRST FLOOR: Hallway, Living Room / Kitchen, Dining Room, one Bedroom and Bathroom.</p> <p>We understand that the subject property also comprises a store room located on the opposite side of the common corridor. Access is by way of a lockable timber door and with two storage compartments provided.</p>
Gross internal floor area (m²)	58 approximately.
Neighbourhood and location	The property is located in an established residential area with mixed style residential properties and some commercial properties adjacent and is conveniently located for local facilities and amenities.
Age	Built c.1864; converted c.2017.
Weather	Weather conditions were overcast with regular heavy rain showers following a mixed weather spell.

Chimney stacks	There are a series of stone construction chimney stacks with mortar pointed finish externally and base flashing formed in apparent lead material.
Roofing including roof space	<p>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>ROOF SURFACE: The main roof is dual pitched and finished with natural slate coverings and assumed concrete ridge tiles. There are a series of assumed lead lined valley gutters. There is a tower over the dining room area which has an assumed mineral felt covered or single ply membrane flat roof. This could not be viewed during our inspection.</p> <p>ROOF SPACE: Roof access was available to the main roof void via a hatch located to the hallway. The roof is of timber truss construction with assumed under-slate felt, timber tongue and groove sarking and with insulation laid between and over joist positions to a depth of approximately 150mm. The division wall with the neighbouring flatted property comprises solid concrete construction.</p> <p>An access hatch is located to the dining room, below the tower. This provided access to a void space containing a timber floor with timber staircase leading to the flat roof area above. The staircase was not utilised due to health and safety reasons. No apparent insulation installed. There are a series of leaded stained glass windows to the tower void area.</p>
Rainwater fittings	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Rainwater fittings are generally of cast iron design with half round eaves gutters and round externally mounted downpipes. Lead lined valley gutter arrangements generally run to traditional cast-iron hoppers serving downpipes.</p>
Main walls	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</p> <p>Main walls are of solid stone construction, mortar pointed externally.</p> <p>Sub floor ventilators are installed below ground floor level.</p>

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	<p>We are unable to confirm the presence or composition of a damp proof course from our external inspection.</p>
Windows, external doors and joinery	<p>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</p> <p>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</p> <p>Doors and windows were not forced open.</p> <p>Windows are single glazed, comprising a combination of metal or timber framed casement design.</p> <p>The entrance door to the flat is of timber construction. Double doors serving the north and south ground floor entrances to the building are timber framed and glazed.</p>
External decorations	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>External timbers and metal work have been previously decorated.</p>
Conservatories / porches	<p>None.</p>
Communal areas	<p>Circulation areas visually inspected.</p> <p>Access to the development is available to both north and south ends of the building at ground floor level by way of glazed timber double doors with Videx secure door entry controls routed to each flat.</p> <p>Corridors extend between the north and south entrances and with winding staircases serving the first floor at each end. The first floor corridor similarly extends between both staircases and with a series of timber framed and glazed double doors positioned intermittently along corridors.</p> <p>Ceilings are assumed to be timber framed with plasterboard linings. Internal walls are a combination of solid stone construction with plaster linings or timber stud construction with plasterboard linings. Floors are of assumed suspended timber joists overlaid with timber flooring.</p> <p>There is an assumed fire alarm system installed to common areas with a series of ceiling mounted detectors apparent.</p>
Garages and permanent outbuildings	<p>No significant permanent outbuildings.</p>
Outside areas and boundaries	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>External grounds and boundaries are assumed to be communal. Grounds are broadly level and rectangular on plan and with rear grounds sloping upward to the rear.</p> <p>Front, left and right hand grounds are generally surfaced in asphalt and with a large parking area to the front. We understand that parking is unallocated but shared generally between flat owners.</p>

	<p>There is a stone chipped drying green to the rear of the development and with a bin store adjacent comprising concrete paviour hardstandings and perimeter timber fencing.</p> <p>The rear boundary comprises a high level masonry retaining wall. Remaining boundaries generally comprise low-level masonry walls.</p> <p>There is an assume derelict public hall to the north, known as 'The Anderson Hall' and with further assumed derelict properties to the rear, beyond the retaining wall; access to which has been blocked off by temporary Heras fencing.</p>
<p>Ceilings</p>	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>Ceilings generally comprise timber joists overlaid with plasterboard linings.</p>
<p>Internal walls</p>	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</p> <p>Internal walls are generally of timber stud construction with plasterboard linings. The wall dividing the subject flat and the common corridor is of solid stone construction with plasterboard dry-linings.</p>
<p>Floors including sub floors</p>	<p>Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Physical access to the sub floor area may be taken if the Surveyor deems it is safe and reasonable to do so, and subject to a minimum clearance of 1m between the underside of floor joists and the solum as determined from the access hatch.</p> <p>FLOORS: Floors are of suspended timber joists overlaid with assumed timber tongue and groove floorboards.</p> <p>SUB FLOORS: No access was obtained to sub floor areas.</p>
<p>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings</p>	<p>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</p> <p>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</p> <p>Internal joinery, including skirtings, architraves and window cills, is generally of paint finished timber design. Internal doors are generally of panelled pre-finished timber veneer design.</p> <p>The kitchen suite comprises a range of modern fitted floor and wall mounted units with melamine faced worktops.</p> <p>There are a number of built-in cupboards/wardrobes.</p>

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Chimney breasts and fireplaces	None.
Internal decorations	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>All internal surfaces have been previously decorated.</p>
Cellars	None.
Electricity	<p>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.</p> <p>Mains supply with digital dual rate meter and consumer unit located to a cupboard within the entrance hallway. Visible wiring is of PVC coated cabling with 13 amp sockets provided.</p>
Gas	None.
Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings	<p>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>We understand that the subjects are provided with mains water supply. The rising main and shut off valve could not be located. However, where visible, distribution pipework generally appears to be formed in copper and plastic.</p> <p>There is a standard stainless steel sink with drainer to the kitchen.</p> <p>The bathroom suite comprises a toilet, wash hand basin and bath with glazed screen and mixer shower over.</p>
Heating and hot water	<p>Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>Central heating is provided via an Elterm AsD-W 12kW electric boiler located to a cupboard within the bedroom, serving a series of steel panelled radiators which are generally fitted with thermostatically controlled valves.</p> <p>There is a central heating thermostat located to the entrance hallway.</p> <p>The central heating system provides domestic hot water, supplemented by a jacket insulated hot water storage cylinder located to a second cupboard adjacent to the boiler.</p> <p>Central heating and hot water controls are integrated to the boiler</p>

	fascia panel.
Drainage	<p>Drainage covers etc. were not lifted.</p> <p>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</p> <p>Drainage is to main sewers. Drain covers are located within the external grounds.</p>
Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>Smoke and heat detectors installed.</p> <p>Legislation by the Scottish Government, which took effect from February 2022, requires all residential properties to have a system of inter-linked smoke alarms and heat detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors are also required where appropriate. Purchasers should appraise themselves of the requirements of this legislation, and engage with appropriately accredited contractors to ensure compliance.</p>
Any additional limits to inspection	<p>For flats / maisonettes</p> <p>Only the subject flat and internal communal areas giving access to the flat were inspected.</p> <p>If the roof space or under-building / basement is communal, reasonable and safe access is not always possible. If no inspection was possible, this will be stated. If no inspection was possible, the surveyor will assume that there are no defects that will have a material effect on the valuation.</p> <p>The building containing the flat, including any external communal areas, was visually inspected only to the extent that the surveyor is able to give an opinion on the general condition and standard of maintenance.</p> <p>Parts of the property, which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible, cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect.</p> <p>I have not carried out an inspection for Japanese Knotweed and unless otherwise stated, for the purposes of the valuation I have assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plants within the boundaries of the property or in neighbouring properties.</p> <p>The report does not include an asbestos inspection. However asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 2000, when it became a banned substance. If the possibility of asbestos based products has been reported within the limitations of the inspection and you have concerns you should engage a qualified asbestos surveyor. Any such materials should not be drilled or disturbed without prior advice from a licensed specialist.</p> <p>Random testing for dampness was undertaken internally with the use of a moisture meter where accessible and considered</p>

	<p>appropriate.</p> <p>The property was tenanted, fully furnished and all floors were covered. Floor coverings restricted my inspection of flooring. In accordance with Health and Safety guidelines I have not disturbed insulation, furniture or personal effects (particularly in cupboards). Floor coverings, personal effects in cupboards and fitted wardrobes were not moved and restricted my inspection.</p> <p>My physical inspection of the roof void area was restricted due to insulation material, stored items and lack of suitable crawl boards. As a result the roof void area was only viewed from the access hatch.</p> <p>My inspection of the main roof coverings was restricted from ground level and some parts were not visible. General site topography and adjacent buildings partially blocked lines of sight. The flat roof over the tower void area encompassing the dining room area could not be viewed.</p> <p>I was not able to inspect the sub floor area.</p> <p>Concealed areas beneath and around kitchen and bathroom appliances and fittings were not visible. Water spillage in these areas can often be discovered unexpectedly with resultant damage to concealed parts of the fabric.</p> <p>The inspection is not a fire or life safety risk assessment and should not be relied on as a risk assessment inspection. Further advice should be sought if a specific risk assessment of the property and building that it forms part of is required.</p> <p>Where repairs are required at height compliance with Health and Safety legislation often requires the use of scaffolding which can significantly impact on the cost of repair. Pricing repairs is out with the remit of this report but it would be prudent to consider costs and budgeting before offering. The various trades can advise further.</p>
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Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house




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


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2. Condition


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


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


 Structural movement	
Repair category	1
Notes	The property has been affected by previous movement but within the limitations of the inspection there was no evidence to suggest that this is recent or ongoing.

 Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	2
Notes	There is evidence of wood boring insect infestation to roof void timbers. This can be treated by a timber/specialist contractor.

 Chimney stacks	
Repair category	1
Notes	<p>No significant defects apparent.</p> <p>Chimneys, particularly of older properties, can be a source of water penetration and defects to rendering, mortar and flashings can be difficult to detect from a ground level inspection. These will require to be maintained in good repair to discourage water penetration. It is good practice to engage a reputable roofing or building contractor prior to purchase to advise on life expectancy and repair/replacement costs.</p> <p>We assume these are defined as common and with repair and maintenance costs assumed to be shared between owners within the development on an equitable basis. Confirmation and full details should be obtained of this and whether there is an appointed Building Factor.</p>

 Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	2
Notes	<p>There is evidence of wood boring insect infestation to roof void timbers. Please see comments under section 'Dampness, Rot & Infestation'.</p> <p>There are a number of slipped, chipped and missing slates. A licensed roofing contractor can inspect and advise further. Inspection at close quarters may reveal further deterioration/damage to roofing materials, especially where these are original.</p> <p>Natural slates have an expected lifespan of up to 100 years or more depending on slate quality, source, thickness and cutting skill of the slate. Slates will deteriorate over time; nail fixings will corrode and loosen resulting in on-going maintenance requirements. Close quarter and disruptive inspections may reveal damage to roofing materials, especially where these are original. Regular maintenance should be anticipated particularly after adverse weather conditions.</p> <p>There are valley gutters. These can be problematic, especially within older buildings, and maintenance should be undertaken regularly.</p> <p>Ridge pointing appears weathered and with hairline cracks evident to pointing. A reputable roofing contractor can inspect at close quarters and advise as to repairs necessary.</p> <p>We assume these are defined as common and with repair and maintenance costs assumed to be shared between owners within the development on an equitable basis. Confirmation and full details should be obtained of this and whether there is an appointed Building Factor.</p> <p>Within the main roof void, separation between the subject flat and the common corridor appears incomplete/partially. This may present a fire and security risk.</p>

 Rainwater fittings	
Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Metal rainwater fittings are corroded in places. These should be treated and redecorated. Metal rainwater fittings require regular maintenance.</p> <p>We assume these are defined as common and with repair and maintenance costs assumed to be shared between owners within the development on an equitable basis. Confirmation and full details should be obtained of this and whether there is an appointed Building Factor.</p>

 Main walls	
Repair category	2
Notes	<p>There are localised instances of cracked and loose mortar pointing to main walls. Vegetation growth is evident in localised areas. A reputable building contractor can inspect at close quarters and advise as to repairs necessary.</p> <p>We assume these are defined as common and with repair and maintenance costs assumed to be shared between owners within the development on an equitable basis. Confirmation and full details should be obtained of this and whether there</p>

	is an appointed Building Factor.
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Windows, external doors and joinery

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Individual windows were found to be stiff to operate. A reputable joinery or window specialist can inspect and advise as to repair/improvement works.</p> <p>Random windows and doors are opened but not all and inspections can be restricted by window blinds, curtains, ornaments etc. Handles, locks and opening mechanisms can deteriorate through usage and repair or replacement can be anticipated on an ad hoc basis. No assurances can be provided that all window fittings are functional.</p>



External decorations

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>No significant defects evident.</p> <p>We assume metal rainwater fittings are defined as common and with decoration costs assumed to be shared between owners within the development on an equitable basis. Confirmation and full details should be obtained of this and whether there is an appointed Building Factor.</p>



Conservatories/porches

Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.



Communal areas

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>No significant defects evident.</p> <p>We assume the common fire alarm and door entry systems are defined as common and with repair and maintenance costs assumed to be shared between owners within the development on an equitable basis. Confirmation and full details should be obtained of this and whether there is an appointed Building Factor.</p>



Garages and permanent outbuildings

Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.



Outside areas and boundaries

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>There are regular instances of uneven and cracked pavements to hardstanding areas. Asphalt surfaced access roads and parking areas are worn and with pot-holes and cracked surfacing evident. Ongoing maintenance and repairs should be anticipated.</p> <p>Paint markings delineating parking bays are worn and failing. Renewal of paintwork should be anticipated.</p> <p>There are localised instances of missing copes and hairline cracks to mortar pointing of boundary walls. A reputable building contractor can inspect and advise as to repairs necessary.</p> <p>There is a high level retaining wall to the assumed mutual rear boundary line. The solicitor or licensed conveyancer should confirm responsibility for maintenance and repair of the retaining wall.</p> <p>The timber post and panel fencing to the bin store area appears weathered and will require an ongoing commitment to maintenance and repair.</p> <p>We assume these are defined as common and with repair and maintenance costs assumed to be shared between owners within the development on an equitable basis. Confirmation and full details should be obtained of this and whether there is an appointed Building Factor.</p>



Ceilings

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>Hairline cracks are evident to ceilings. Hairline cracks can be in-filled during the next routine period of decoration works.</p> <p>A moisture stained section of plaster ceiling to the dining room area was noted. However this was tested and found to be dry. The tenant advises that this was a former roof leak, presumably extending from the tower flat roof, which was subsequently reported as repaired.</p>



Internal walls

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>There are instances of hairline cracks to internal walls. Hairline cracks can be in-filled during the next routine period of decoration works.</p>



Floors including sub-floors

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>There are localised sections of uneven flooring.</p> <p>It is not unusual to discover areas of past water spillage when floor coverings are removed in kitchen and bathroom compartments, revealing the need for further</p>

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	repair and maintenance work.
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Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.



Chimney breasts and fireplaces

Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.



Internal decorations

Repair category	1
Notes	Decorative finishes are locally worn/marked.



Cellars

Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.



Electricity

Repair category	1
Notes	It is recommended that all electrical installations be checked every five years or on change of ownership to keep up to date with frequent changes in Safety Regulations. Further advice will be available from a qualified NICEIC/ SELECT registered Contractor. It should be appreciated that only recently constructed or rewired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations.



Gas

Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.



Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.

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Heating and hot water

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>It is assumed that the heating and hot water systems have been properly installed, serviced and maintained on a regular basis and installed in accordance with the relevant regulations.</p> <p>Boilers and central heating systems should be tested and serviced by a suitably qualified heating engineer on an annual basis to ensure their safe and efficient operation.</p>



Drainage

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Standing water was evident externally to a gulley to the right hand gable of the building. A reputable drainage specialist can inspect further and advise as to repairs necessary.</p> <p>We assume external drainage is defined as common and with repair and maintenance costs assumed to be shared between owners within the development on an equitable basis. Confirmation and full details should be obtained of this and whether there is an appointed Building Factor.</p>

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

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

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.

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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?	First
2. Are there three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is there a toilet on the same level as a bedroom?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

4. Valuation and conveyancer issues

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

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

Usual enquiries should be made of the Local Authority. A Property Enquiry certificate should be obtained.

It is assumed that the property is sold under 'Absolute Ownership' and free from any onerous restrictions or obligations.

The subjects form part of a block of flats and it has been assumed that maintenance/repair costs of the assumed common parts of the building detailed within this report will be shared on an equitable basis with adjoining proprietors. It is therefore assumed that the cost of common repairs detailed within the report will be apportioned accordingly although exact liability should be confirmed. The Factor should be asked to confirm whether there are any planned or outstanding repair or maintenance works and whether there is a common building reinstatement policy for the whole property, including communal areas.

We understand the building was converted to flatted dwellings in c.2017. It is assumed all necessary Local Authority and other consents have been obtained for alterations and the appropriate documentation, including Building Warrants and Completion Certificates issued. If any works did not require consent then it is assumed they meet the standards required by the Building Regulations or are exempt.

It is understood the property was developed in c.2017. It is assumed that the balance of any remaining construction certification will be transferred with the Title Deeds.

The property is a Listed building and falls within the 'Newton Stewart' CA328 Conservation Area, as designated by Historic Environment Scotland. As such the cost of repair or reinstatement works are likely to be higher than normal. Any works considered necessary will require to be carried out in consultation with the Local Authority Planning Department and Historic Environment Scotland.

There is a high level assumed mutual retaining boundary wall to the assumed rear boundary. We assume the subjects are allocated with a parking space. Reference to the Title will confirm the precise extent of ownership, grounds and boundaries, existence of any rights of access; the adopted status of roads, definition, responsibility and share of maintenance of any defined common areas/elements.

We assume that the existing tenancy is on a short term basis and that vacant possession can be given.

Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

£240,000 (TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY THOUSAND POUNDS)

It should be noted this sum is an estimate calculated by using a rate per square metre based on information provided by Building Cost Information Service (BCIS).

For Listed buildings and historic properties within Conservation Areas you should seek further specialist insurance advice.

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Valuation and market comments

£75,000 (SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS)

The report assumes that there are no unusual or onerous title conditions.

The valuation has reflected the prevailing market for this style of property in the locality.

The property appears to be tenanted at present; this valuation assumes vacant possession will be available at the time of purchase.

Signed

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Date of report

24th August 2022

Mortgage Valuation Report



Property Address

Address 12 HILLVIEW APARTMENTS, YORK ROAD, NEWTON STEWART, DG8 6JS
Seller's Name MR NICK HORNE
Date of Inspection 28th July 2022

Property Details

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

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

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

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

Approximate Year of Construction

Tenure

Absolute Ownership Leasehold Ground rent £ Unexpired years

Accommodation

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

Gross Floor Area (excluding garages and outbuildings) m² (Internal) m² (External)

Residential Element (greater than 40%) Yes No

Garage / Parking / Outbuildings

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

Permanent outbuildings:

No significant permanent outbuildings.

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Construction

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

Special Risks

Has the property suffered structural movement? Yes No

If Yes, is this recent or progressive? Yes No

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

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

Service Connections

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

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

Brief description of Central Heating:

Electric boiler to radiators.

Site

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

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

Location

Residential suburb Residential within town / city Mixed residential / commercial Mainly commercial
 Commuter village Remote village Isolated rural property Other (specify in General Remarks)

Planning Issues

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

If Yes provide details in General Remarks.

Roads

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

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General Remarks

The property comprises an end-of-terrace converted top (first) floor flat within a two-storey development containing approximately 15 flats in total.

ACCOMMODATION: OTHER: Internal Store Room accessed from common corridor.

At the time of our inspection, the subjects were tenanted, furnished and all floors covered.

The general condition of the property appears consistent with its age and type of construction.

Usual enquiries should be made of the Local Authority. A Property Enquiry certificate should be obtained.

It is assumed that the property is sold under 'Absolute Ownership' and free from any onerous restrictions or obligations.

The subjects form part of a block of flats and it has been assumed that maintenance/repair costs of the assumed common parts of the building detailed within this report will be shared on an equitable basis with adjoining proprietors. It is therefore assumed that the cost of common repairs detailed within the report will be apportioned accordingly although exact liability should be confirmed. The Factor should be asked to confirm whether there are any planned or outstanding repair or maintenance works and whether there is a common building reinstatement policy for the whole property, including communal areas.

We understand the building was converted to flatted dwellings in c. 2017. It is assumed all necessary Local Authority and other consents have been obtained for alterations and the appropriate documentation, including Building Warrants and Completion Certificates issued. If any works did not require consent then it is assumed they meet the standards required by the Building Regulations or are exempt.

It is understood the property was developed in c. 2017. It is assumed that the balance of any remaining construction certification will be transferred with the Title Deeds.

The property is a Listed building and falls within the 'Newton Stewart' CA328 Conservation Area, as designated by Historic Environment Scotland. As such the cost of repair or reinstatement works are likely to be higher than normal. Any works considered necessary will require to be carried out in consultation with the Local Authority Planning Department and Historic Environment Scotland.

There is a high level assumed mutual retaining boundary wall to the assumed rear boundary. We assume the subjects are allocated with a parking space. Reference to the Title will confirm the precise extent of ownership, grounds and boundaries, existence of any rights of access; the adopted status of roads, definition, responsibility and share of maintenance of any defined common areas/elements.

We assume that the existing tenancy is on a short term basis and that vacant possession can be given.

Mortgage Valuation Report

Essential Repairs

None deemed essential.

Estimated cost of essential repairs £ Retention recommended? Yes No Amount £

Mortgage Valuation Report

Comment on Mortgageability

The subjects would form suitable security for mortgage purposes.

Valuations

Market value in present condition £

Market value on completion of essential repairs £

Insurance reinstatement value
(to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT) £

Is a reinspection necessary? Yes No

Buy To Let Cases

What is the reasonable range of monthly rental income for the property assuming a letting on a 6 month Short Assured Tenancy basis? £

Is the property in an area where there is a steady demand for rented accommodation of this type? Yes No

Declaration

Signed Security Print Code [470512 = 7563]
Electronically signed by:-

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Professional qualifications PGDipSurv MRICS

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Report date 24th August 2022

PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE



DM HALL
CHARTERED SURVEYORS

Property Questionnaire

Property address	12 HILLVIEW APARTMENTS, YORK ROAD, NEWTON STEWART, DG8 6JS
Seller(s)	Nicholas Horne
Completion date of property questionnaire	29/7/22

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?	17 March 2017
2.	Council tax	
	Which Council Tax band is your property in? (Please circle)	
	A B Ⓒ D E F G H	
3.	Parking	
	What are the arrangements for parking at your property? (Please tick all that apply)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garage <input type="checkbox"/> • Allocated parking space <input type="checkbox"/> • Driveway <input type="checkbox"/> • Shared parking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • On street <input type="checkbox"/> • Resident permit <input type="checkbox"/> • Metered parking <input type="checkbox"/> • Other (please specify): <input style="width: 400px;" type="text"/> 	
4.	Conservation area	
	Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (i.e. 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

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5. Listed buildings		
	Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (i.e. a building recognised and approved as being of special architectural or historical interest)?	Yes / 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)? If you have answered <u>yes</u> , please describe below the changes which you have made:	Yes / No
	(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work? If you have answered <u>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
b.	Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property? If you have answered <u>yes</u> , please answer the three questions below:	Yes / No
	(i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?	Yes / No
	(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?	Yes / No
	(iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows, doors or patio doors (with approximate dates when the work was completed): Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicitor or estate agent.	

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

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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 / liquid petroleum gas	—	
	Water mains / private water supply	✓	scottish water
	Electricity	✓	not sure of supplier as rented
	Mains drainage	✓	scottish water
	Telephone	✓	bt
	Cable TV / satellite	✓	freesat
Broadband	✓	not sure	
b.	Is there a septic tank system at your property? If you have answered yes, please answer the two questions below:	Yes / No	
c.	(i) Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic tank?	Yes / No / Don't know	
d.	(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank? If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:	Yes / 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>External areas are shared between owners</p>	Yes / No / Don't Know
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>Factors in place Blytheswood Property Management</p>	Yes / No / Not applicable
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>	Yes / No
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>all external areas are shared</p>	Yes / No
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>all external areas are shared</p>	Yes / No
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>	Yes / No
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>Lucy Hales Blytheswood Property Management Munro House Quarrywood Court Livingston EH54 6AX 2021 charge including building insurance £1000</p>	Yes / No

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b.	<p>Is there a common buildings insurance policy?</p> <p>If you have answered yes, 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</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>13. Specialist works</p>		
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>If you have answered yes, please say what the repairs were for, whether you carried out the repairs (and when) or if they were done before you bought the property:</p>	<p>Yes / No</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>If you have answered yes, please give details:</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>
c.	<p>If you have answered yes to 13(a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work?</p> <p>If you have answered yes, these guarantees will be needed by the purchaser and should be given to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have them yourself please write below who has these documents 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>

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

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16.	Notices that affect your property	
	In the past 3 years have you ever received a notice:	
a.	advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?	Yes / No / Don't know
b.	that affects your property in some other way?	Yes / No / Don't know
c.	that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?	Yes / No / Don't know
	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.	

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: _____

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