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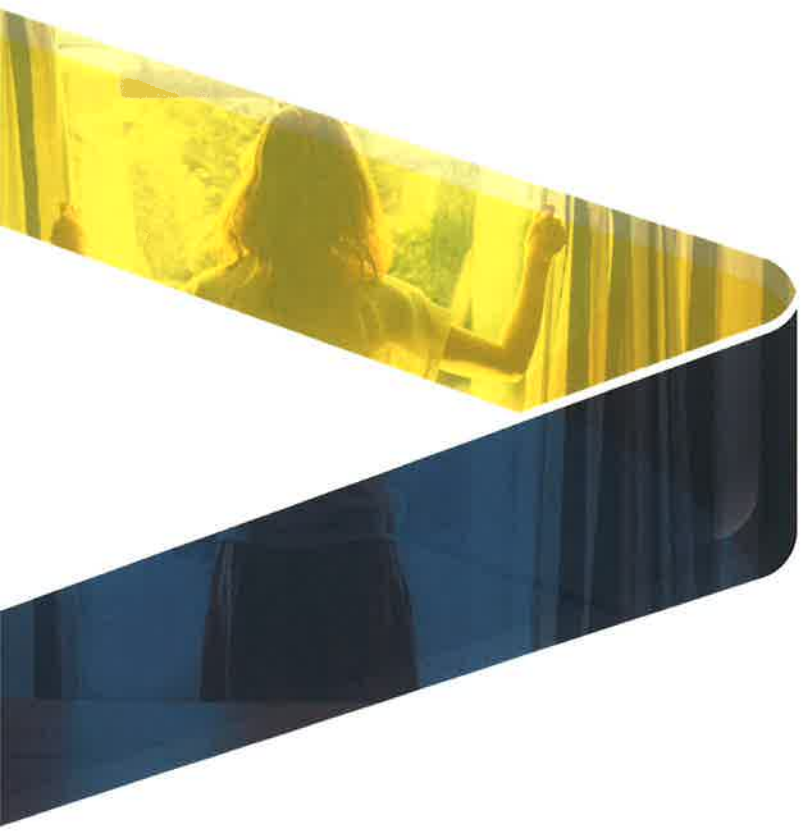

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Home Report

Property: **Ivy Cottage**
Ythanwells
Huntly
Aberdeenshire
AB54 6BE

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Report reference: **1079052-1-2**

Date of Report: **24/11/2020**

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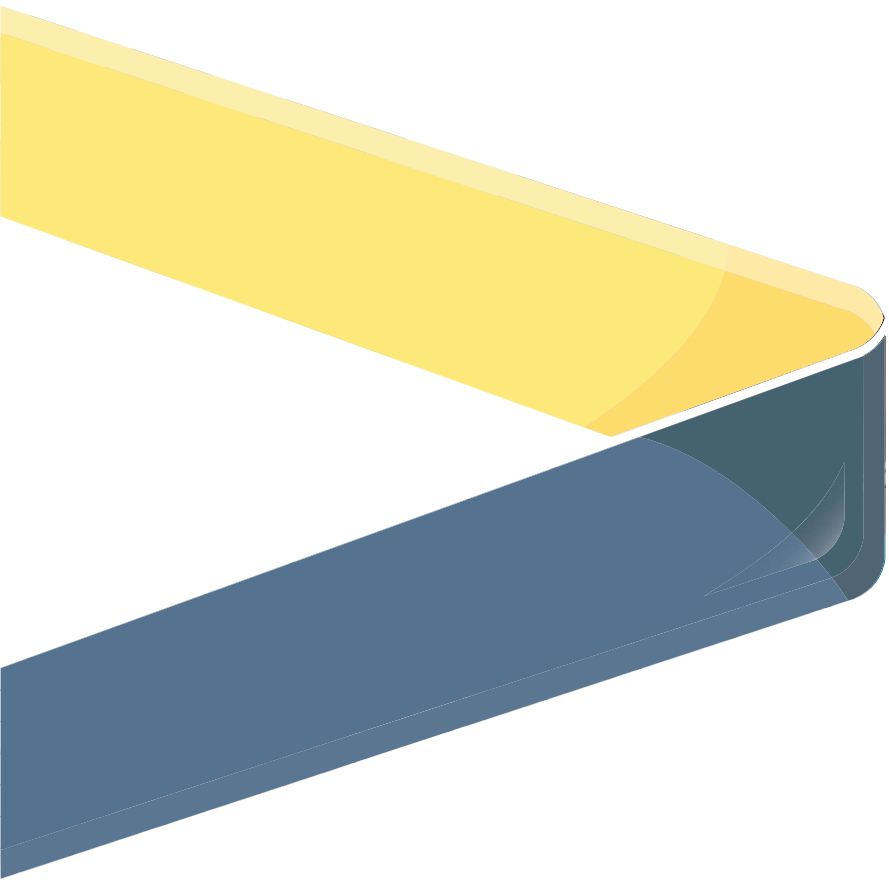

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Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Dwellings

Scotland

IVY COTTAGE GLENYTHAN, YTHANWELLS, HUNTLY, AB54 6BE

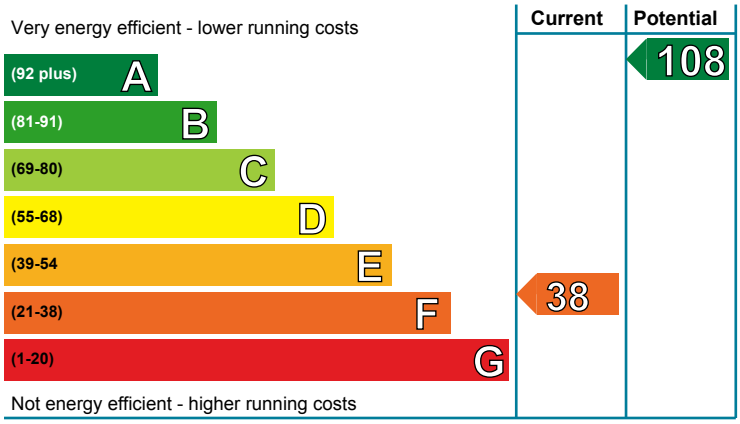
Dwelling type:	Detached house	**Reference number:**	9170-2924-9290-2720-4361
Date of assessment:	24 November 2020	**Type of assessment:**	RdSAP, existing dwelling
Date of certificate:	27 November 2020	**Approved Organisation:**	Elmhurst
Total floor area:	76 m²	**Main heating and fuel:**	Boiler and radiators, oil
Primary Energy Indicator:	418 kWh/m²/year		

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_2 emissions by improving your home**

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	**£4,125**	See your recommendations report for more information
Over 3 years you could save*	**£2,307**	

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

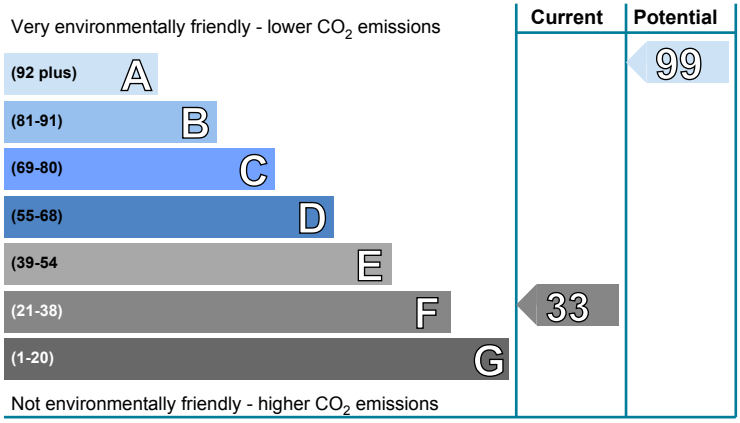


Energy Efficiency Rating

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 F (38)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (61).**

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



Environmental Impact (CO_2) Rating

This graph shows the effect of your home on the environment in terms of carbon dioxide (CO_2) emissions. The higher the rating, the less impact it has on the environment.

Your current rating is **band F (33)**. 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	£1326.00
2 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£411.00
3 Floor insulation (solid floor)	£4,000 - £6,000	£168.00

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.

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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, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
	Granite or whinstone, as built, insulated (assumed)	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Roof	Roof room(s), no insulation (assumed)	★☆☆☆☆	★☆☆☆☆
Floor	Solid, no insulation (assumed)	—	—
	Solid, insulated (assumed)	—	—
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, oil	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Secondary heating	Room heaters, dual fuel (mineral and wood)	—	—
Hot water	From main system	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 50% of fixed outlets	★★★★☆	★★★★☆

The energy efficiency rating of your home

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

As we all use our homes in different ways, the energy rating is calculated using standard occupancy assumptions which may be different from the way you use it. The rating also uses national weather information to allow comparison between buildings in different parts of Scotland. However, to make information more relevant to your home, local weather data is used to calculate your energy use, CO_2 emissions, running costs and the savings possible from making improvements.

The impact of your home on the environment

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

The calculated emissions for your home are 108 kg $CO_2/m^2/yr$.

The average Scottish household produces about 6 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Based on this assessment, heating and lighting this home currently produces approximately 8.2 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 7.5 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	£3,375 over 3 years	£1,389 over 3 years	You could save £2,307 over 3 years
Hot water	£471 over 3 years	£243 over 3 years	
Lighting	£279 over 3 years	£186 over 3 years	
Totals	**£4,125**	**£1,818**	

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	£442	D 58	E 50
2	Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£137	D 65	D 57
3	Floor insulation (solid floor)	£4,000 - £6,000	£56	D 67	D 60
4	Add additional 80 mm jacket to hot water cylinder	£15 - £30	£8	D 68	D 61
5	Low energy lighting for all fixed outlets	£25	£27	C 69	D 62
6	Replace boiler with new condensing boiler	£2,200 - £3,000	£58	C 71	D 65
7	Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£42	C 74	C 69
8	Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£3,500 - £5,500	£290	B 85	C 79
9	Wind turbine	£15,000 - £25,000	£669	A 108	A 99

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.

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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). 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). 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. 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 Hot water cylinder insulation

Increasing the thickness of existing insulation by adding an 80 mm cylinder jacket around the hot water cylinder will help maintain the water at the required temperature; this will reduce the amount of energy used and lower fuel bills. The jacket should be fitted over the top of the existing foam insulation and over any thermostat clamped to the cylinder. Hot water pipes from the hot water cylinder should also be insulated, using pre-formed pipe insulation of up to 50 mm thickness, or to suit the space available, for as far as they can be accessed to reduce losses in summer. All these materials can be purchased from DIY stores and installed by a competent DIY enthusiast.

5 Low energy lighting

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

6 Condensing boiler

A condensing boiler is capable of much higher efficiencies than other types of boiler, meaning it will burn less fuel to heat this property. This improvement is most appropriate when the existing central heating boiler needs repair or replacement, however there may be exceptional circumstances making this impractical. Condensing boilers need a drain for the condensate which limits their location; remember this when considering remodelling the room containing the existing boiler even if the latter is to be retained for the time being (for example a kitchen makeover). Building regulations generally apply to this work and a building warrant may be required, so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department and seek advice from a qualified heating engineer.

7 Solar water heating

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

8 Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels

A solar PV system is one which converts light directly into electricity via panels placed on the roof with no waste and no emissions. This electricity is used throughout the home in the same way as the electricity purchased from an energy supplier. Planning permission might be required, building regulations generally apply to this work and a building warrant may be required, so it is best to check with your local authority. The assessment does not include the effect of any Feed-in Tariff which could appreciably increase the savings that are shown on this EPC for solar photovoltaic panels, provided that both the product and the installer are certified by the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (or equivalent). Details of local MCS installers are available at www.microgenerationcertification.org.

9 Wind turbine

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

Low and zero carbon energy sources

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

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

Your home's heat demand

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

Heat demand	Existing dwelling	Impact of loft insulation	Impact of cavity wall insulation	Impact of solid wall insulation
Space heating (kWh per year)	19,353	(741)	N/A	(2,188)
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,771			

Addendum

This dwelling has stone walls and so requires further investigation to establish whether these walls are of cavity construction and to determine which type of wall insulation is best suited.

About this document

This Recommendations Report and the accompanying Energy Performance Certificate are valid for a maximum of ten years. These documents cease to be valid where superseded by a more recent assessment of the same building carried out by a member of an Approved Organisation.

The Energy Performance Certificate and this Recommendations Report for this building were produced following an energy assessment undertaken by an assessor accredited by Elmhurst (www.elmhurstenergy.co.uk), an Approved Organisation Appointed by Scottish Ministers. The certificate has been produced under the Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2008 from data lodged to the Scottish EPC register. You can verify the validity of this document by visiting www.scottishepcregister.org.uk and entering the report reference number (RRN) printed at the top of this page.

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Use of this energy performance information

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

Advice and support to improve this property

There is support available, which could help you carry out some of the improvements recommended for this property on page 3 and stop wasting energy and money.For more information, visit greenerscotland.org or contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

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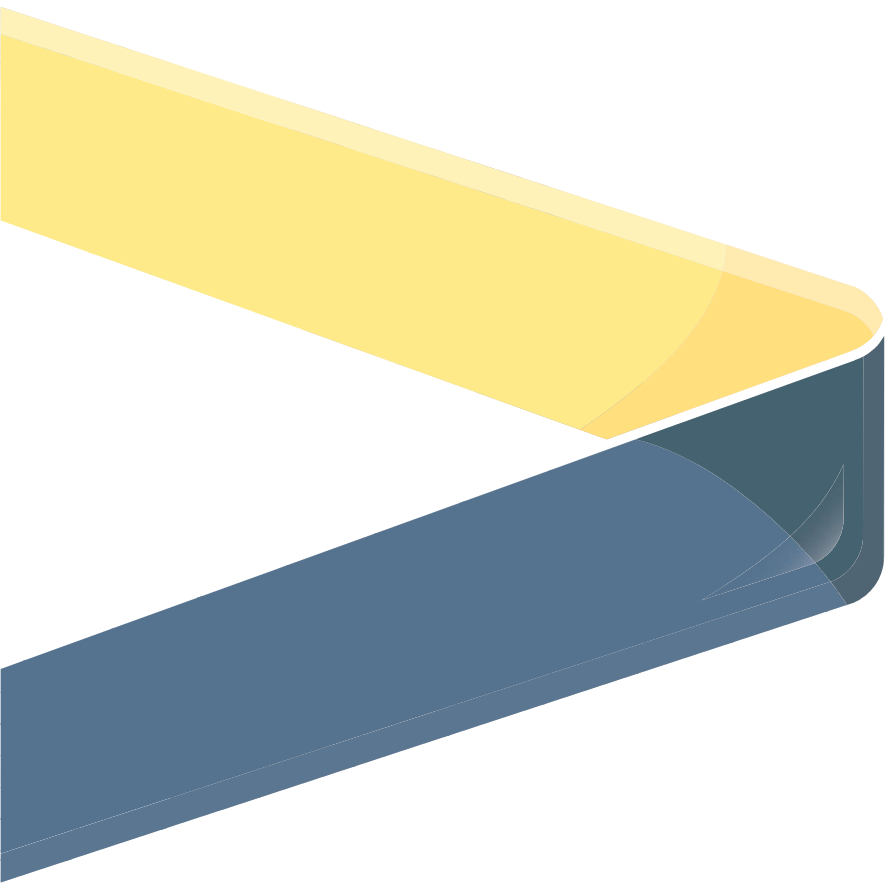

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Schedule 1

Survey Report

Ivy Cottage
Ythanwells
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Aberdeenshire
AB54 6BE

Customer	Callum Morrison
Date of Inspection	24/11/2020
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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 moving any obstructions and externally from ground level within the site and adjoining public areas. Any references to left or right in a description of the exterior of the property refer to the view of someone standing facing that part of the property from the outside.

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

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

Description	The subjects comprise a Detached One Storey and Attic Cottage.
Accommodation	GROUND FLOOR: Lounge, Sitting room, Bathroom and Kitchen. UPPER FLOOR: Two Attic Bedrooms.
Gross internal floor area (m^2)	Approximately 76 sq.m.
Neighbourhood and location	The property occupies a pleasant rural setting in the are of Ythanwells where surrounding land is mainly residential and agricultural use. Although facilities are restricted in the immediate vicinity, a good range of amenities can be found within the nearby town of Huntly and in the village of Insch.
Age	In excess of 100 years.
Weather	Dull but dry following a mixed spell of weather.
Chimney stacks	**Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.** The chimney stacks are of stone construction, rendered externally.
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.** The roofs are of pitched, timber framed design incorporating timber sarking, clad externally with slates. The ridges are tiled. Valleys are formed in lead. No access could be gained to any roof void due to the lack

	of suitable access points. There is a ceiling hatch to the upper floor landing, however, this was screwed shut at the time of inspection.
Rainwater fittings	**Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.** Gutters are of half round design with round downpipes formed in pvc.
Main walls	**Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.** **Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.** The main walls are of traditional solid stone construction, rendered externally. Walls to the extension are formed in pointed stone/blockwork.
Windows, external doors and joinery	**Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.** **Random windows were opened and closed where possible.** **Doors and windows were not forced open.** The windows are of double glazed u pvc. There is also double glazed roof light incorporated. The entrance door is of timber frame and panel design incorporating double glazed insert. Facias and soffits are formed in a mixture of timber and pvc
External decorations	**Visually inspected.** Painted finishes and low maintenance pvc.
Conservatories/Porches	There are no conservatories or porches.
Communal areas	There are no communal areas.
Garages and permanent outbuildings	**Visually inspected**. There is a detached garage/workshop outbuilding of timber

	and metal sheet construction. This incorporates a roller vehicle entrance door. Attached to the side of the house, there is a boiler house outbuilding of blockwork construction with pitched timber framed roof clad with slates.
Outside areas and boundaries	**Visually inspected.** The property includes garden grounds on all sides laid out mostly in grass and also incorporates a hardcore surfaced driveway. The full extent of the site could be confirmed with reference to the titles.
Ceilings	**Visually inspected from floor level.** The ceilings appear to be predominantly of plasterboard.
Internal walls	**Visually inspected from floor level.** **Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.** Internal walls appear to be predominantly of plasterboard. There are some areas of wood panelling incorporated.
Floors including sub floors	**Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.** Floors are a mixture of suspended timber and solid concrete. No access could be gained to any sub-floor areas.
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	**Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.** **Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.** Internal joinery finishes are formed in timber. Interior doors are of traditional frame and panel design. There is also a double glazed u pvc external doors between the Sitting Room and hall. The kitchen consists of a range of fitted floor and wall mounted units with laminate worktops incorporating

	stainless steel sink.
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	**Visually inspected.** **No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.** There is a brick/tiled fireplace to the lounge incorporating solid fuel stove.
Internal decorations	**Visually inspected.** Walls and ceilings are generally painted throughout. Joinery finishings are painted.
Cellars	There are no cellars.
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 with the meter located at the first floor landing. Visible wiring is of pvc coated cabling. Sockets are of the 13 amp variety.
Gas	There is no mains gas serving the property.
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.** The sellers advise the property is served by a private water supply from a well. Visible plumbing within the property is formed in copper and pvc materials. The water preparation equipment is contained within the bathroom cupboard. The bathroom consists of w.c., wash hand basin and panelled bath with mixer slide rail and overhead drench shower. There is a sink to the kitchen.
Heating and hot water	**Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected.**

	No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. There is an oil fired "Grant" central heating boiler within the adjacent boiler house outbuilding and this serves a series of steel panel radiators throughout the property and also provides domestic hot water. Central heating radiators are equipped with thermostatic valves. The system incorporates a Hive thermostat. There is an insulated hot water storage cylinder within the landing cupboard which incorporates an electric immersion heater.
Drainage	**Drainage covers etc. were not lifted.** **Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.** The sellers advise drainage is to a private septic tank located within the site.
Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	**Visually inspected.** **No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.** A smoke alarm is present.
Any additional limits to inspection	At the time of inspection, the property was occupied, fully furnished and all floors were covered. Cupboard accommodation contained personal belongings. No access could be gained to any roof voids or sub-floor areas due to the lack of suitable access points. A hatch to the first floor landing was screwed shut. Random testing for dampness was undertaken internally with the use of a moisture meter where accessible and considered appropriate. Parts of the property, which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible, cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect. 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. 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.

▷ Sectional diagram showing elements of a typical house:



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

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

2. CONDITION

This section identifies problems and tells you about the urgency of any repairs by using one of 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 ongoing.

Dampness, rot and infestation



Repair category:	1
Notes	No obvious evidence of significant dampness, rot or wood boring insect infestation.

Chimney stacks



Repair category:	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.

Roofing including roof space



Repair category:	2
Notes	The concrete skew tabling is cracked and deteriorating and will require early repair. There are also various chipped and broken slates and open areas of ridge pointing. A competent roofing contractor would be able to inspect and carry out all appropriate repairs.

Rainwater fittings



Repair category:	1
Notes	No significant defects evident, however, rainwater fittings should ideally tested during periods of heavy rainfall.

Main walls



Repair category:	2
Notes	There are some cracked and boss areas of render to the main walls. Future repairs might be anticipated.

Windows, external doors and joinery



Repair category:	2
Notes	There is softening/decay to areas of the timber windows.

External decorations

Repair category:	2
Notes	Weathering is affecting areas of external decorations and early upgrading will be required.

Conservatories/porches

Repair category:	-
Notes	There are no conservatories or porches.

Communal areas

Repair category:	-
Notes	There are no communal areas.

Garages and permanent outbuildings

Repair category:	1
Notes	The grouting to the windows of the outbuilding requires attention. External decorations are weathered. There is no rainwater goods to the attached boiler house outbuilding.

Outside areas and boundaries

Repair category:	1
Notes	No significant defects evident. There are some mature trees in close proximity the condition of these trees should be monitored on an ongoing basis.

Ceilings

Repair category:	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.

Internal walls

Repair category:	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.

Floors including sub-floors

Repair category:	1
Notes	No significant defects evident. 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 repair and maintenance work.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

Repair category:	1
Notes	Kitchen fittings are functional but display a degree of wear and tear including blistering of a door veneer.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces

Repair category:	1
Notes	It is assumed the stove was installed in accordance with regulations in force at the time. A Heatas registered contractor will be able to provide further advice.

Internal decorations

Repair category:	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.

Cellars

Repair category:	-
Notes	There are no cellars.

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 IEE regulations.

Gas

Repair category:	-
Notes	There is no mains gas.

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

Repair category:	1
Notes	The sellers advise the property is served by a private water supply. It is not possible to comment on legal issues or the quality or quantity of the supply for the purposes of this report although all were seen to be satisfactory. A Local Authority test can be carried out on the supply to ensure it is free from harmful trace elements/bacteria.

Heating and hot water

Repair category:	2
Notes	It is assumed that the heating and hot water systems have been properly serviced and maintained on a regular basis and installed in accordance with the relevant regulations. Boilers and central heating systems should be tested and serviced by an Oftec registered engineer on an annual basis to ensure their safe and efficient operation. The oil tank installation may not conform to current day requirements. An Oftec approved installer would be able to provide further advice.

Drainage

Repair category:	1
Notes	The septic tank has not been inspected and condition, legal and environmental issues have not been investigated. For the purposes of this report, all are assumed to be satisfactory.

Summary:

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.

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.

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

Remember:

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

Warning:

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

3. ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Guidance notes on Accessibility Information:

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

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

Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:

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

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

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:	The property has been extended in the past. It is assumed that all appropriate Local Authority consents were obtained for these works at the time and that relevant documentation, including warrants and completion certificates have been issued. If any works did not require consent, then it is assumed they meet the standards required by the Building Regulations or are exempt. The sellers advise that the property is served by a private water supply. It is not possible to comment on legal issues or the quantity of quality of the supply and for the purposes of this report, all are assumed to be satisfactory. The exact source and position of the supply should be confirmed. The sellers advise that drainage is to a private septic tank. The septic tank has not been inspected and condition, legal and environmental issues have not been investigated. For the purposes of this report, all are assumed to be satisfactory. A specialist drainage contractor could provide further advice. Access to the property is gained over a private unmade access road. It is assumed that all appropriate rights of access are contained within the titles. Any maintenance liabilities should be established. The full extent of the site and boundaries can be confirmed with reference to the titles.
Estimated re-instatement cost for insurance purposes:	£275,000 (TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE 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).

Valuation and market comments:	Market Value as at 24th November, 2020 - £160,000 (ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY THOUSAND POUNDS). The local property market has performed fairly consistently over recent months despite the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic.

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Report author:	Greig G Baxter BSc (Hons) MRICS
Company name	DM Hall (Inverurie)
Address:	64 Market Place, Inverurie, AB51 3XN
Date of report:	27/11/2020

Mortgage Valuation Report

Ivy Cottage
Ythanwells
Huntly
Aberdeenshire
AB54 6BE

Seller's Name:	Callum Morrison
Date of Inspection:	24/11/2020
Prepared by:	Greig G Baxter BSc (Hons) MRICS

1. Property Details

Property type:	House
Floor(s) on which located ***(Flat or maisonettes only):***	
Number of floors in block ***(Flat or maisonettes only):***	
Number of units in block ***(Flat or maisonettes only):***	
Is there a lift provided? ***(Flat or maisonettes only):***	
Property style:	Detached
Does the surveyor believe that the property was built for the public sector, e.g. local authority, military, police?	No
Approximate year of construction:	1900

2. Tenure

Tenure:	Absolute Ownership
Ground rent:	
Unexpired years:	

3. Accommodation

Number of living rooms:	2
Number of bedrooms:	2
Number of kitchens:	1
Number of Bathrooms	1
Number of water closets:	1
Other Rooms:	0
Internal gross floor area (excluding garages and outbuildings):	76m²
External gross floor area (excluding garages and outbuildings):	m²
Does the property have a residential element greater than 40%?	Yes

4. Garage / Parking / Outbuildings

Parking type:	Single garage
Available on site?	Yes
Permanent Outbuildings:	Boiler house. * The Single Garage noted above relates to the Garage/Workshop Outbuilding.

5. Construction

Main wall type:	Stone
Other (please specify):	
Roof type:	Slate
Other (please specify):	

6. Special Risks

Has the property suffered structural movement?	Yes

Is this recent or progressive?	No
Is there evidence, history, or reason to anticipate subsidence, heave, landslip or flood in the immediate vicinity?	No
If yes, please specify any of the above:	

7. 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 the 'brief description of central heating' section below

Drainage:	Private
Electricity:	Mains
Central Heating:	Yes
Water:	Private
Gas:	None
Brief description of central heating:	Oil fired radiator system.

8. Site

Apparent legal issues to be verified by the conveyancer

Legal Issue	Verification	Description
Rights of way:	Yes	
Shared drives / access:	Yes	See general remarks
Garage or other amenities on separate site:		
Shared service connections:	Yes	See general remarks.
Ill-defined boundaries:		
Agricultural land included with property:		
Other:		

9. Location

Location type:	Isolated rural property
Other (if not specified):	

10. Planning Issues

Has the property been extended / converted / altered?	Yes
Details (if extended, converted, or altered):	The property has been extended in the past. It is assumed that all appropriate Local Authority consents were obtained for these works at the time and that relevant documentation, including warrants and completion certificates have been issued. If any works did not require consent, then it is assumed they meet the standards required by the Building Regulations or are exempt.

11. Roads

Roads that relate to the property:	

12. General Remarks

General remarks on the property:	The property occupies a pleasant rural setting in the are of Ythanwells where surrounding land is mainly residential and agricultural use. Although facilities are restricted in the immediate vicinity, a good range of amenities can be found within the nearby town of Huntly and in the village of Insch. The sellers advise that the property is served by a private water supply. It is not possible to comment on legal issues or the quantity of quality of the supply and for the purposes of this report, all are assumed to be satisfactory. The exact source and position of the supply should be confirmed. The sellers advise that drainage is to a private septic tank. The septic tank has not been inspected and condition, legal and environmental issues have not been investigated. For the purposes of this report, all are assumed to be satisfactory. A specialist drainage contractor could provide further advice. Access to the property is gained over a private unmade access road. It is assumed that all appropriate rights of access are contained within the titles. Any maintenance liabilities should be established. The full extent of the site and boundaries can be confirmed with reference to the title Generally, the property was found to be in a reasonable condition for its age and type and well presented. Areas of the external fabric would benefit from some paint and maintenance with particular attention given to the roof structures, windows and external decorations.

13. Essential Repairs

Information relating to essential repairs for the property:	
Estimated cost of essential repairs:	
Retention recommendation?	
Amount:	

14. Comment on Mortgageability

Information relating to mortgageability of the property:	Subject to our comments contained within this report, and any lender's specific criteria, we would confirm the property will form suitable security for mortgage purposes.

15. Valuations

Market value in present condition:	£160,000.00
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)	£275,000.00
Is re-inspection necessary?	No

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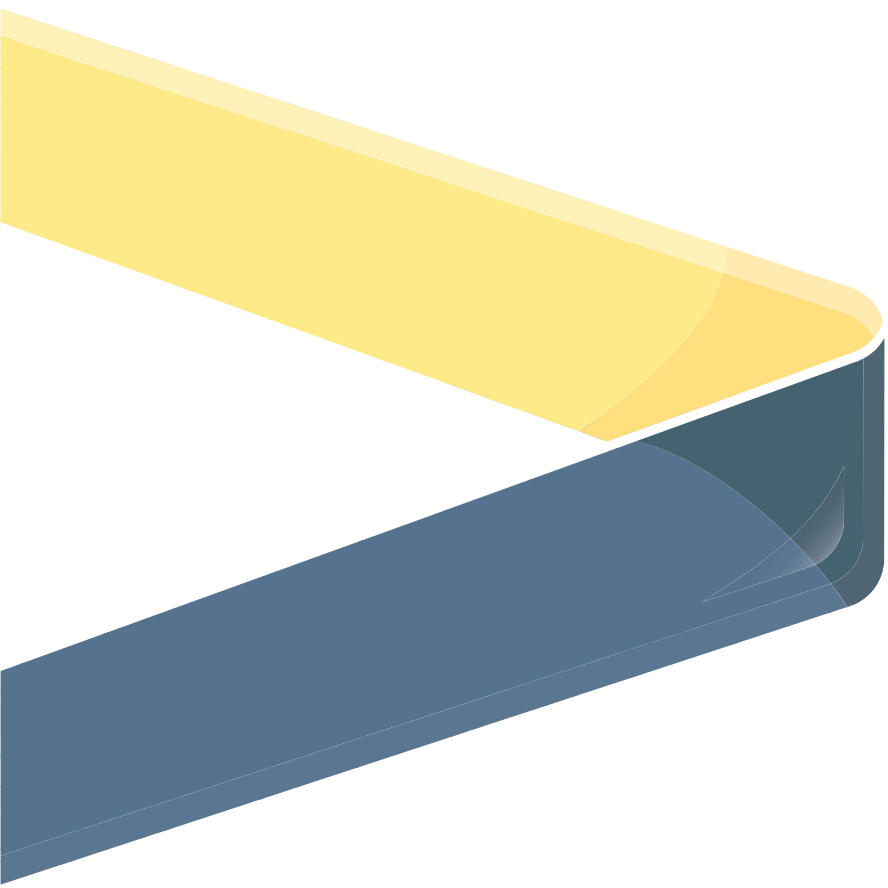
PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE



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Property Questionnaire

Ivy Cottage

Ythanwells

Huntly

Aberdeenshire

AB54 6BE

Property Address:	Ivy Cottage Ythanwells Huntly Aberdeenshire AB54 6BE
Seller(s):	Callum Morrison
Completion date of Property Questionnaire:	24/11/2020

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?	2 years and months

2. Council Tax

Which Council Tax band is your property in?	C

3. Parking

What are the arrangements for parking at your property?	Garage, Driveway

4. Conservation Area

Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (i.e. an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)?	No

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?	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)?**	No
If you have answered yes, please describe the changes which you have made:	
(ii). **Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work?**	

If you have answered yes, the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. *If you do not have the documents yourself, please note below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange to obtain them.*	
b. **Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property? If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:**	No
(i). Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?	
(ii). Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?	
(iii). Please describe the changes made to the windows, doors, or patio doors (with approximate dates when the work was completed? Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicitor or estate agent.	

7. Central Heating

a. **Is there a central heating system in your property?** Note: A partial central heating system is one which does not heat all the main rooms of the property – the main living room, the bedroom(s), the hall and the bathroom).	Yes
If you answered yes/partial: **What kind of central heating is there? (Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas, warm air).** ***If you answered yes, please answer the following three questions:***	Oil
(i). When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed?	2000
(ii). Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system? ***If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance agreement:***	No
(iii). When was your maintenance agreement last renewed? (Please provide the month and year).	

8. Energy Performance Certificate

Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old? Note: The surveyor will provide this within their inspection.	Yes

9. Issues that may have affected your property

a. **Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it?**	No
If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?	
b. **Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property?**	No
If you have answered yes, please give details:	

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	Yes	Private water supply
Electricity	Yes	Edf
Mains drainage		
Telephone		
Cable TV/Satellite		
Broadband		

b. **Is there a septic tank system in the property?** **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

(ii). Do you have maintenance contract for your septic tank? ***If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:***	No

11. Responsibilities for Shared or Common Areas

a. **Are you aware of any responsibility to contribute to the cost of anything used jointly, such as the repair of a shared drive, private road, boundary, or garden area?**	Yes
If you have answered yes, please give details:	All users of the private access road contribute to the maintenance of the road.
b. **Is there a responsibility to contribute to repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell or other common areas?**	No
If you have answered yes, please give details:	
c. **Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the property?**	No
d. **Do you have the right to walk over any of your neighbours' property - for example, to put out your rubbish bin or to maintain your boundaries?**	No
If you have answered yes, please give details:	
e. **As far as you are aware, do any of your neighbours have the right to walk over your property, for example to put out their rubbish bin or to maintain their boundaries?**	No
If you have answered yes, please give details:	
f. **As far as you are aware, is there a Public Right of Way across any part of your property? (A Public Right of Way is a way over which the public has a right to pass, whether or not the land is privately-owned).**	No

If you have answered yes, please give details:	

12. Charges associated with your property

a. **Is there a factor or property manager for your property?**	No
If you have answered yes, please provide the name and address and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:	
b. **Is there a common buildings insurance policy?**	No
If you have answered yes, is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?	
c. **Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regular basis for the upkeep of common areas or repair works, e.g. to a Resident's Association, or maintenance or stair fund.**	

13. Specialist Works

a. **As far as you are aware, has treatment of dry rot, wet rot, damp or any other specialist work ever been carried out to your property?**	No
If you have answered yes, please say what the repairs were for, whether they carried out the repairs (and when), or if they were done before you bought the property:	
b. **As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property?**	No
If you have answered yes, please give details:	
c. **If you have answered yes to 13 (a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work?**	
*If you have answered yes, these guarantees will be needed by the purchaser and should be given to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have them yourself, **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. **Guarantees are held by:**	

14. Guarantees

a.

Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following?

(i). Electrical work	No
(ii). Roofing	No
(iii). Central Heating	No
(iv). NHBC	No
(v). Damp course	No
(vi). Any other work or installations? (For example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)	No
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***	No

15. Boundaries

a. **So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in the last 10 years?**	No
If you have answered yes, please give details:	

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?**	No
b. **that affects your property in some other way?**	No
c. **that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?**	No

Notice:
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 purchase of your property.

SINGLE SURVEY TERMS AND CONDITIONS (WITH MVR)

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 THE SURVEYORS

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

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

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

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

The individual Surveyor will be a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors who is competent to survey, value and report upon Residential Property. [1]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.3 LIABILITY

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

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

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

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

1.4 GENERIC MORTGAGE VALUATION REPORT

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

1.5 TRANSCRIPT MORTGAGE VALUATION FOR LENDING PURPOSES

The Surveyors undertake that on being asked to do so by a prospective purchaser, or his/her professional advisor or Lender, they will prepare a Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report[2] 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.

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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

- a "prospective Purchaser" is anyone considering buying the Property.

- the "Report" is the report, of the kind described in Part 2 of these Terms and Conditions and in the form set out in part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008;

- the "Seller" is/are the proprietor(s) of the Property;

- the "Surveyor" is the author of the Report on the Property; and

- the "Surveyors" are the firm or company of which the Surveyor is an employee, director, member or partner (unless the Surveyor is not an employee, director, member or partner, when the "Surveyors" means the Surveyor) whose details are set out at the head of the Report.

- the "Energy Report" is the advice given by the accredited Energy Company, based on information collected by the Surveyor during the Inspection, and also includes an Energy Performance Certificate, in a Government approved format.

PART 2 – DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT

2.1 THE SERVICE

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

2.2 THE INSPECTION

The Inspection is a general surface examination of those parts of the Property which are accessible: in other words, *visible and readily available for examination from*

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

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

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

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

2.3 THE REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.4 SERVICES

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

defects or shortcomings with the installations. No tests are made of any services or appliances.

2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

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

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

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

"Re-instatement cost" *is an estimate for insurance purposes of the current cost of rebuilding the Property in its present form* unless otherwise stated. This includes the cost of rebuilding the garage and permanent outbuildings, site clearance and professional fees, but excludes VAT (except on the fees).
Sellers or prospective Purchasers may consider it prudent to instruct a re-inspection 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

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