

YOUR ONESURVEY
HOME REPORT

ADDRESS

Red Kite Cottage
Knockfarrel, Dingwall
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PREPARED FOR

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SINGLE SURVEY

A report on the condition of the property, with categories being rated from 1 to 3.



Single Survey

Survey report on:

Surveyor Reference	I/24/11/013/JB
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Customer	Peter Thomson and Sheila Dale
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Selling address	Red Kite Cottage Knockfarrel, Dingwall IV15 9TQ
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Date of Inspection	12/11/2024
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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.

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

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 expectation that the successful Purchaser will have relied upon it. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors rules require disclosure of any potential conflict of interest when acting for the Seller and the Purchaser in the same transaction. The Single Survey may give rise to a conflict of interest and if this is of concern to any party they are advised to seek their own independent advice.

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

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

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

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

1.3 LIABILITY

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

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

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

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

1.4 GENERIC MORTGAGE VALUATION REPORT

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

1.5 TRANSCRIPT MORTGAGE VALUATION FOR LENDING PURPOSES

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

1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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

1.7 PAYMENT

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

1.8 CANCELLATION

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

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

In the case of cancellation or the inspection not proceeding, the Surveyor will refund any fees paid by the Seller for the inspection and Report, except for

expenses reasonably incurred and any fee due in light of the final paragraph of this section.

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

1.9 PRECEDENCE

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

1.10 DEFINITIONS

- the "Lender" is the party who has provided or intends or proposes to provide financial assistance to the Purchaser towards the purchase of the Property and in whose favour a standard security will be granted over the Property;
- the "Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor, prepared from information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report, but in a style and format required by the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes will be prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected from a surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and who is competent to survey, value and report on the Property;
- the "Generic Mortgage Valuation Report" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor from information in the Report but in the Surveyor's own format.
- the "Market Value" is *The estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion*
- the "Property" is the property which forms the subject of the Report;
- the "Purchaser" is the person (or persons) who enters into a contract to buy the Property from the Seller;
- a "prospective Purchaser" is anyone considering buying the Property.
- the "Report" is the report, of the kind described in Part 2 of these Terms and Conditions and in the form set out in part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008;
- the "Seller" is/are the proprietor(s) of the Property;
- the "Surveyor" is the author of the Report on the Property; and

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

- 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 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 will not be inspected or reported on.

Description	The subjects comprise a detached single storey and attic Dwellinghouse with rear Sun Room and side Utility Room projection.
Accommodation	The accommodation may be summarised as follows:- Ground Floor - open plan Kitchen/Dining area with Sun Room off, Utility, Inner Hall, Showerroom, 2 Bedrooms. Attic Floor - Ancillary accommodation.
Gross internal floor area (m ²)	71 (m ²) or thereby.
Neighbourhood and location	The subjects are situated in an elevated rural position at Knockfarrel, close to Loch Ussie and the Cat's Back. Surrounding properties comprise scattered rural dwellings of a mixed age and style, together with farm/croft land. There are limited amenities nearby with wider ranging facilities being found in Conon Bridge and commuting distance of both Dingwall and Inverness city centre.
Age	Approximately 70 years.
Weather	Dry and bright with generally dry conditions preceding the date of inspection. The report should be read in context of these weather conditions.
Chimney stacks	There is a single brick chimney stack with a concrete cope and fireclay cans. There is lead flashing detail where the stack adjoins the roof. <i>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.</i>

<p>Roofing including roof space</p>	<p>The roof is of pitched/hipped design and clad with slates. There is a flat roofed dormer projection to the side, together with a Velux rooflight to the front.</p> <p>Access to the roof space was available via a hatch in the storage area off the attic floor ancillary accommodation. This confirmed the roof to be of timber trussed design with the rafters having Kingspan insulation.</p> <p>The Utility Room projection has a flat felt roof.</p> <p>The Sun Room projection has a pitched slate clad roof.</p> <p>There were no roof spaces available for inspection to either of these two extensions.</p> <p><i>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.</i></p> <p>Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points with the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally.</p> <p><i>Roof spaces were visually inspected and were entered where there was safe and reasonable access, normally defined as being from a 3m ladder within the property. If this is not possible, then physical access to the roof space may be taken by other means if the Surveyor deems it safe and reasonable to do so.</i></p>
<p>Rainwater fittings</p>	<p>The rainwater good are a mixture of cast iron and pvc painted types.</p> <p><i>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.</i></p>
<p>Main walls</p>	<p>The main walls are understood to now be of timber frame, cavity concrete block construction, wet rendered externally.</p> <p>The Utility Room extension is understood to be solid leaf brick/block construction, wet rendered externally.</p> <p>The Sun Room projection is of modern timber frame, cavity concrete block construction, wet rendered externally.</p> <p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.</p> <p>Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</p>
<p>Windows, external doors and joinery</p>	<p>The windows comprise replacement pvc double glazed types</p> <p>The side entrance doors and sun room patio doors are of pvc double glazed manufacture.</p> <p>The fascia, soffits and barge boards appear formed in timber.</p> <p><i>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</i></p> <p><i>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</i></p> <p><i>Doors and windows were not forced open.</i></p>
<p>External decorations</p>	<p>The external decoration comprise painted and wood stained finishes.</p> <p><i>Visually inspected.</i></p>

Conservatories / porches	Not applicable.
Communal areas	Not applicable.
Garages and permanent outbuildings	Not applicable.
Outside areas and boundaries	<p>The subjects occupy a irregular shaped site which is mainly laid to grass, together with gravel paved pathways and a tarmacadamed driveway.</p> <p>The subjects are bounded by the road to the front, whilst the side and rear boundaries are formed in post and wire fencing.</p> <p>Visually inspected.</p>
Ceilings	<p>Ceilings are consistent with being of plasterboard construction.</p> <p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p>
Internal walls	<p>Internal walls are consistent with being of plasterboard construction with localised areas of timber panelling having been applied.</p> <p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</p>
Floors including sub floors	<p>Flooring is predominantly of solid concrete construction, whilst the attic floor is of suspended timber construction.</p> <p>Our inspection was restricted due to the presence of fitted floor coverings and furnishings, etc.</p> <p>There was no access to the sub-floor area during the course of our inspection given the nature of construction.</p> <p>Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected.</p> <p>No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.</p>
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	<p>Internal skirtings and architraves comprise softwood varnished types and internal pass doors comprise panelled and glazed styles.</p> <p>The Kitchen is fitted with a range of fitted floor units with acrylic worktop surfaces.</p> <p>The Utility Room is fitted with a series of fitted floor and wall mounted units, with acrylic worktop surfaces.</p> <p>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</p> <p>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</p>
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	<p>There is a wood burning stove in the Sittingroom.</p> <p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</p>

Internal decorations	Internal decoration mainly comprises painted finishes. Visually inspected.
Cellars	Not applicable.
Electricity	Mains supply. The electrical installation comprises 13 amp sockets and PVC clad cabling, where seen. The smart meter and consumer units comprising multi circuit breakers is located in the storage area off the attic floor ancillary accommodation. 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.
Gas	Not applicable.
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	Mains supply. Internal plumbing work comprises a mixture of copper and plastic pipework, where seen. The Showerroom comprises a modern suite made up of a WC, wash hand basin and comprises a wet room with electric Mira Sport shower over. 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.
Heating and hot water	Central heating is understood to be provided via the oil fired Boulter Camray 5 Buderus 40/65 floor mounted boiler, which is located in the Utility Room and feeds a series of water filled radiators. Domestic hot water is understood to be provided via the primary heating system and contained within the pre-insulated cold/hot water cylinder located in the storage area off the attic floor ancillary accommodation. It is fitted with a single electric immersion heater for supplementary hot water provision, together with a thermostat. Secondary heating is provided by the wood burning stove in the Sittingroom. 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.
Drainage	Drainage is understood to be to a private septic tank located within the garden grounds. Drainage covers etc were not lifted. Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.

<p>Fire, smoke and burglar alarms</p>	<p>Mains operated smoke alarms noted within the property.</p> <p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No test whatsoever were carried out to any systems or appliances.</p> <p>There is now a requirement in place for compliant interlinked fire, smoke and heat detectors in residential properties. The new fire smoke and alarm standard came into force in Scotland in February 2022, requiring a smoke alarm to be installed in the room most frequently used for living purposes and in every circulation space on each floor. A heat alarm also requires to be installed in each kitchen. The alarms need to be ceiling mounted and interlinked. Where there is a carbon fuelled appliance such as a boiler, open fire or wood burner etc. a carbon monoxide detector is also required.</p> <p>The surveyor will only comment on the presence of a smoke detector etc. but will not test them, ascertain if they are in working order, interlinked and / or fully compliant with the fire and smoke alarm standard that was introduced in 2022.</p> <p>We have for the purposes of the report, assumed the system is fully compliant, if not then the appropriate compliant system will required to be installed prior to sale. This of course should be confirmed by your legal advisor.</p>
<p>Any additional limits to inspection</p>	<p>The property was fully furnished at the time of our inspection and the services were not tested.</p> <p>Restricted inspection in cupboards due to storage items.</p> <p>Not all windows and doors were tested at the time of our inspection.</p> <p>Due to fitted carpets and floor coverings no detailed inspection was possible of the floor timbers and accordingly we cannot guarantee their soundness or otherwise.</p> <p>Failure of shower seals can result in dampness and decay to underlying/adjoining hidden areas.</p> <p>Insulation has been laid over the roof rafters and accordingly a head and shoulders inspection of the roof space was possible only.</p> <p>It is outwith the scope of this inspection to determine whether or not asbestos based products are present within the property. Asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 1999, when it became a banned substance. If you have any concerns you should engage the services of a qualified asbestos surveyor.</p> <p>An inspection for Japanese Knotweed was not carried out. This is a plant which is subject to control regulation, is considered to be invasive and one which can render a property unsuitable for some mortgage lenders. It is therefore assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed within the boundaries of the property or its neighbouring property. Identification of Japanese Knotweed is best undertaken by a specialist contractor. If it exists removal must be undertaken in a controlled manner by specialist contractors. This can prove to be expensive.</p> <p>Normal maintenance is not treated as a repair for the purposes of the Single Survey. When a category 1 rating is provided this means the property must continue to be maintained in the normal way.</p>

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.

2. CONDITION

This section identifies problems and tells you about the urgency of any repairs by using one of the above 3 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:	2
Notes:	<p>The Sitting Room sill and the render to wall is cracked in places.</p> <p>There are trees growing within close proximity of the property.</p> <p>We understand the property was originally of non-traditional PRC (Precast Reinforced Concrete) construction which has subsequently had an outer leaf of blockwork constructed externally and in the current owners time has had the internal PRC construction removed and an internal timber frame constructed.</p> <p>We understand a Structural Inspection has been carried out by Allen Gordon LLP on 2nd December 2024. We would recommend a copy of this report be retained.</p>

Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	There was no evidence found of significant dampness, rot or infestation within those areas of the property available for inspection.

Chimney stacks	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	This appeared generally in fair condition consistent with age.

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.

Roofing including roof space

Repair category:	2
Notes:	<p>The roof is of a complex design and all junctions/valleys are potential weak points. A regular repair and maintenance programme should therefore be envisaged and it would be prudent to have an annual inspection carried out.</p> <p>Moss/vegetation growth on roof surfaces should be removed.</p> <p>The valley's are currently choked with leaves.</p> <p>Flat roofs have a limited life and depending on their age and quality of workmanship can fail at any time.</p> <p>A restricted inspection was possible only of the roof space due to accessibility, insulation materials and stored items.</p> <p>Insulation has been laid over the roof rafters and accordingly a head and shoulders inspection of the roof space was possible only.</p>

Rainwater fittings

Repair category:	2
Notes:	<p>At the time of our inspection there was no evidence of damp staining/water staining on wall surfaces which would indicate leakage. It should be noted that it was not raining at the time of our inspection.</p> <p>There is evidence of corrosion which may result in leakage.</p> <p>The rainwater fittings would benefit from decoration.</p>

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.

Main walls	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	<p>The external render is defective in places with cracked and bossed sections being evident.</p> <p>The window sill to the Sittingroom is cracked.</p> <p>We understand the property was originally of non-traditional PRC (Precast Reinforced Concrete) construction which has subsequently had an outer leaf of blockwork constructed externally and in the current owners time has had the internal PRC construction removed and an internal timber frame constructed.</p> <p>Please see above Structural movement section.</p>

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	<p>These generally appeared in fair condition consistent with age.</p> <p>Windows can be problematic and over time the operation of the windows can be affected and opening mechanisms damaged. It is therefore likely that maintenance/repair will be required as part of an ongoing maintenance programme.</p> <p>The external joinery is weathered in places.</p>

External decorations	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Overhaul/repair works are required to external decorative finishes including possible repairs to external joinery work/metalwork prior to redecoration.

Conservatories / porches	
Repair category:	
Notes:	Not applicable.

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.

Communal areas	
Repair category:	
Notes:	Not applicable.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category:	
Notes:	Not applicable.

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	<p>The boundaries appear reasonably well defined and fences etc. Regular maintenance will be required. You should verify with your conveyancer the extent of the boundaries attaching to the property.</p> <p>The outside areas and boundaries will require repairs and maintenance.</p> <p>There are trees in close proximity to the property. Trees can cause problems to the structures and services beneath the ground.</p> <p>Please see above Structural movement section.</p>

Ceilings	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Within the limits of our inspection these generally appeared in good condition consistent with age. During redecoration some plaster filling/repair may be required.

Internal walls	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Within the limits of our inspection these generally appeared in fair condition consistent with age. During redecoration some plaster filling/repair may be required.

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.

Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	<p>Flooring is generally level and firm to the tread.</p> <p>Due to fitted carpets and floor coverings no detailed inspection was possible of the floor timbers and accordingly we cannot guarantee their soundness or otherwise.</p>

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	<p>The internal joinery is generally in keeping with the age and type of property and appeared in good condition consistent with age.</p> <p>The Kitchen units are of a modern type and appeared in adequate condition for their age and purpose.</p> <p>Some of the Utility Room doors were ill-fitting.</p>

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	<p>There is a wood burning stove in the Sittingroom. It should be emphasised that the flues were not checked or appliances tested.</p>

Internal decorations	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	<p>The property appears in fair decorative condition consistent with age (although it is recognised that on taking occupancy home owners may consider redecoration).</p>

Cellars	
Repair category:	
Notes:	Not applicable.

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.

Electricity

Repair category:

2

Notes:

The electrical system within the property appeared of modern design, there being a circuit breaker type distribution board. It should be emphasised that the system was not tested at the time of our inspection. The Institution of Engineering and Technology recommends that inspections and testing are undertaken at least every ten years for owner-occupied properties and on a change of occupancy. It should be appreciated that only the most recently constructed or re-wired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations. We would recommend an Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) be obtained prior to purchase.

Gas

Repair category:

Notes:

Not applicable.

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

Repair category:

1

Notes:

The plumbing and fittings appeared in serviceable condition but were not tested.

The sanitary fittings are of modern style and type.

Concealed areas around baths and shower trays cannot be inspected however water spillage over a period of time can result in unexpected defects to hidden parts of the building fabric.

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.

Heating and hot water

Repair category:

2

Notes:

The central heating boiler is semi modern. Informed opinion suggests that boilers have a life expectancy between 10 and 20 years depending on the quality of the boiler and whether or not regular maintenance has been carried out. Future repair or replacement should be anticipated. This should be checked by an OFTEC registered tradesman.

It is assumed the system has been installed in accordance with good practice and complied with regulations current at the time of installation, particularly with regard to ventilation, positioning and support of the storage tanks. Confirmation of this should be sought.

Drainage

Repair category:

1

Notes:

Drainage, we understand is to a exclusive septic tank which we understand lies within the feu. This was not checked or tested. It should be ensured that appropriate registration documents are available.

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

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

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

4. VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

The valuation is made on the assumption that any alterations that may have been carried out to the property satisfy all relevant legislation and full certification can be made available. Whilst not necessarily an exhaustive list, alterations noted at the time of our inspection include the construction of an outer leaf of blockwork, the removal of the original non-traditional PRC (Precast Reinforced Concrete) construction wall panels being replaced with a internal timber frame, the attic floor conversion, the Utility Room and Sun Room projections.

We are unaware of any adverse planning proposals affecting the subjects although this should be confirmed by obtaining a Property Enquiry Certificate.

Absolute Ownership assumed. We are unaware of any easements, servitudes or rights of way which may adversely affect the property. This point should be confirmed by reference to the Title Deeds.

Drainage, we understand is to a exclusive septic tank which we understand lies within the feu. This was not checked or tested. It should be ensured that appropriate registration documents are available.

Where items of maintenance or repair have been identified, the purchaser, should, prior to purchase, satisfy themselves as to the costs and implications of these issues.

The subjects would provide adequate security for lending institutions loan purposes subject to the specific lending institutions criteria.

Estimated re-instatement cost (£) for insurance purposes

275,000 (Two Hundred & Seventy-Five Thousand Pounds)

We are of the opinion that the subjects should be insured for buildings reinstatement purposes for a sum of not less than the above noted figure. Building costs are currently increasing significantly above inflation due to material and labour shortages. It is recommended that you update this figure regularly to ensure that you have adequate cover or alternatively seek specialist advice from your insurer.

Valuation (£) and market comments

245,000 (Two Hundred & Forty-Five Thousand Pounds)

The property is considered to be a reasonable purchase at or around the above noted valuation based on those matters covered within this report.

Our valuation reflects current market conditions relating to this area. We would assume that current trends will prevail at the ultimate date of disposal with no adverse or onerous matters being introduced into the market during the intervening period which would have a detrimental effect on price.

Report author:

James Burns, BSc MRICS

Company name:

Inverness - Allied Surveyors Scotland Ltd

Address:	Pavilion1 Fairways Business Park Inverness IV2 6AA
Signed:	Electronically Signed: 273042-b326f2c2-6385
Date of report:	23/12/2024

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MORTGAGE VALUATION REPORT

Includes a market valuation of the property.





Mortgage Valuation Report

Property:	Red Kite Cottage Knockfarrel, Dingwall IV15 9TQ	Client: Peter Thomson and Sheila Dale Tenure: Scottish Ownership
Date of Inspection:	12/11/2024	Reference: JB/JMB/I/24/11/013

This report has been prepared as part of the seller's instructions to carry out a Single Survey on the property referred to above. The purpose of this report is to summarise the Single Survey for the purpose of advising a potential lender on the suitability of the property for mortgage purposes. The decision as to whether mortgage finance will be provided is entirely a matter for the lender. You should not rely on this report in making your decision to purchase but consider all the documents provided in the Home Report. Your attention is drawn to the additional comments elsewhere within the report which set out the extent and limitations of the service provided. This report should be read in conjunction with the Single Survey Terms and Conditions (with MVR). In accordance with RICS Valuation – Global Standards 2017 this report is for the use of the party to whom it is addressed or their named client or their nominated lender. No responsibility is accepted to any third party for the whole or any part of the reports contents. Neither the whole or any part of this report may be included in any document, circular or statement without prior approval in writing from the surveyor.

1.0 LOCATION

The subjects are situated in an elevated rural position at Knockfarrel, close to Loch Ussie and the Cat's Back. Surrounding properties comprise scattered rural dwellings of a mixed age and style, together with farm/croft land. There are limited amenities nearby with wider ranging facilities being found in Conon Bridge and commuting distance of both Dingwall and Inverness city centre.

2.0 DESCRIPTION	2.1 Age:	Approximately 70 years.
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The subjects comprise a detached single storey and attic Dwellinghouse with rear Sun Room and side Utility Room projection.

3.0 CONSTRUCTION

The walls are understood to be of timber framed cavity concrete block construction, wet rendered externally.

The roof is pitched/hipped and slated.

Flooring is of solid concrete construction to ground floor level and suspended timber construction to attic floor level.

Windows comprise replacement uPVC double glazed units.

4.0 ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation may be summarised as follows:-

Ground Floor - open plan Kitchen/Dining area with Sun Room off, Utility, Inner Hall, Showerroom, 2 Bedrooms.

Attic Floor - Ancillary accommodation.

5.0 SERVICES (No tests have been applied to any of the services)

Water:	Mains	Electricity:	Mains	Gas:	None	Drainage:	Private septic tank.
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Central Heating: Oil fired central heating.

6.0	OUTBUILDINGS				
Garage:	None.				
Others:	None.				
7.0	GENERAL CONDITION - <i>A building survey has not been carried out, nor has any inspection been made of any woodwork, services or other parts of the property which were covered, unexposed or inaccessible. The report cannot therefore confirm that such parts of the property are free from defect. Failure to rectify defects, particularly involving water penetration may result in further and more serious defects arising. Where defects exist and where remedial work is necessary, prospective purchasers are advised to seek accurate estimates and costings from appropriate Contractors or Specialists before proceeding with the purchase. Generally we will not test or report on boundary walls, fences, outbuildings, radon gas or site contamination.</i>				
At the date of our inspection the subjects were found to be in reasonable order both internally and externally, consistent with age and type. Some works of a general routine maintenance nature should be anticipated.					
We understand a Structural Inspection has been carried out by Allen Gordon LLP on 2nd December 2024. We would recommend a copy of this report be retained.					
8.0	ESSENTIAL REPAIR WORK <i>(as a condition of any mortgage or, to preserve the condition of the property)</i>				
The are no works of an essential nature for mortgage purposes.					
8.1 Retention recommended:	N/A				
9.0	ROADS & FOOTPATHS				
Roads ex adverso the subjects are assumed to be adopted.					
10.0	BUILDINGS INSURANCE (£):	275,000	GROSS EXTERNAL FLOOR AREA	82	Square metres
<i>This figure is an opinion of an appropriate sum for which the property and substantial outbuildings should be insured against total destruction on a re-instatement basis assuming reconstruction of the property in its existing design and materials. Furnishings and fittings have not been included. No allowance has been included for inflation during the insurance period or during re-construction and no allowance has been made for VAT, other than on professional fees. Further discussions with your insurers is advised.</i>					
11.0	GENERAL REMARKS				
<p>The valuation is made on the assumption that any alterations that may have been carried out to the property satisfy all relevant legislation and full certification can be made available. Whilst not necessarily an exhaustive list, alterations noted at the time of our inspection include the construction of an outer leaf of blockwork, the removal of the original non-traditional PRC (Precast Reinforced Concrete) construction wall panels being replaced with a internal timber frame, the attic floor conversion, the Utility Room and Sun Room projections.</p> <p>We are unaware of any adverse planning proposals affecting the subjects although this should be confirmed by obtaining a Property Enquiry Certificate.</p> <p>Absolute Ownership assumed. We are unaware of any easements, servitudes or rights of way which may adversely affect the property. This point should be confirmed by reference to the Title Deeds.</p> <p>Drainage, we understand is to a exclusive septic tank which we understand lies within the feu. This was not checked or tested. It should be ensured that appropriate registration documents are available.</p> <p>Where items of maintenance or repair have been identified, the purchaser, should, prior to purchase, satisfy themselves as to the costs and implications of these issues.</p> <p>The subjects would provide adequate security for lending institutions loan purposes subject to the specific lending institutions criteria.</p>					
12.0	VALUATION <i>On the assumption of vacant possession and that the property is unaffected by any adverse planning proposals, onerous burdens, title restrictions or servitude rights. It is assumed that all necessary Local Authority consents, which may have been required, have been sought and obtained. No investigation of any contamination on, under or within the property has been made as we consider such matters to be outwith the scope of this report. All property built prior to the year 2000 may contain asbestos in one or more of its components or fittings. It is impossible to identify without a test. It is beyond the scope of this inspection to test for asbestos and future occupants should be advised that if they have any concerns then they should ask for a specialist to undertake appropriate tests.</i>				
12.1	Market Value in present condition (£):	245,000	Two Hundred & Forty-Five Thousand Pounds		

12.2	Market Value on completion of essential works (£):	-	N/A	
12.3	Suitable security for normal mortgage purposes?	Yes		
12.4	Date of Valuation:	12/11/2024		
Signature:		Electronically Signed: 273042-b326f2c2-6385		
Surveyor:	James Burns	BSc MRICS	Date:	23/12/2024
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PART 3.

ENERGY REPORT

A report on the energy efficiency of the property.



energy report

energy report on:

Property address	Red Kite Cottage Knockfarrel, Dingwall IV15 9TQ
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Customer	Peter Thomson and Sheila Dale
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Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Scotland

Dwellings

RED KITE COTTAGE, KNOCKFARREL, DINGWALL, IV15 9TQ

Dwelling type: Detached house
Date of assessment: 12 November 2024
Date of certificate: 13 November 2024
Total floor area: 89 m²
Primary Energy Indicator: 263 kWh/m²/year

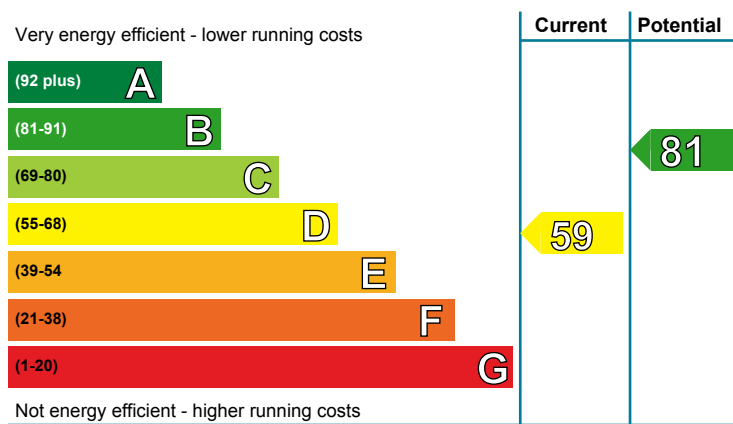
Reference number: 9140-2862-2190-2194-7535
Type of assessment: RdSAP, existing dwelling
Approved Organisation: Elmhurst
Main heating and fuel: Boiler and radiators, oil

You can use this document to:

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

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	£4,551	See your recommendations report for more information
Over 3 years you could save*	£1,239	

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

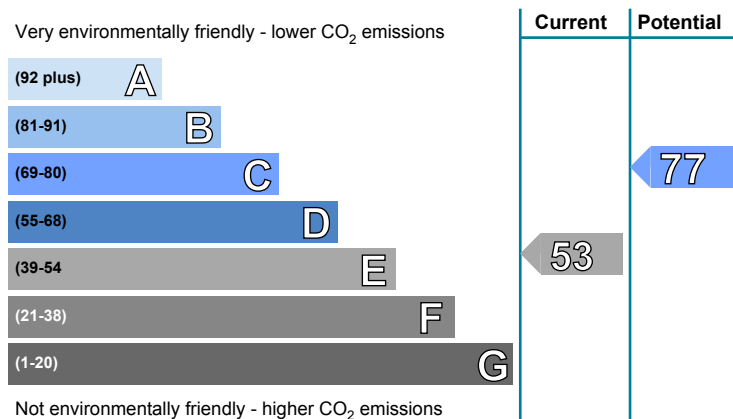


Energy Efficiency Rating

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

Your current rating is **band D (59)**. 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 (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 E (53)**. 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 Flat roof or sloping ceiling insulation	£850 - £1,500	£156.00
2 Floor insulation (solid floor)	£4,000 - £6,000	£459.00
3 Condensing boiler	£2,200 - £3,000	£210.00

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	Timber frame, with additional insulation	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
	Timber frame, as built, partial insulation (assumed)	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
	Timber frame, as built, insulated (assumed)	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Roof	Pitched, insulated at rafters	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
	Roof room(s), insulated	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Floor	Solid, no insulation (assumed)	—	—
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, oil	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Secondary heating	Room heaters, wood logs	—	—
Hot water	From main system	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in all fixed outlets	★★★★★	★★★★★

The energy efficiency rating of your home

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

As we all use our homes in different ways, the energy rating is calculated using standard occupancy assumptions which may be different from the way you use it. The rating also uses national weather information to allow comparison between buildings in different parts of Scotland. However, to make information more relevant to your home, local weather data is used to calculate your energy use, 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 62 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 5.6 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Adopting recommendations in this report can reduce emissions and protect the environment. If you were to install all of these recommendations this could reduce emissions by 2.5 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	£3,603 over 3 years	£2,664 over 3 years	
Hot water	£663 over 3 years	£363 over 3 years	
Lighting	£285 over 3 years	£285 over 3 years	
Totals	£4,551	£3,312	

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 Flat roof or sloping ceiling insulation	£850 - £1,500	£52		
2 Floor insulation (solid floor)	£4,000 - £6,000	£153		
3 Replace boiler with new condensing boiler	£2,200 - £3,000	£70		
4 Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£63		
5 Replacement glazing units	£1,000 - £1,400	£77		
6 Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£3,500 - £5,500	£391		

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 Flat roof or sloping ceiling insulation

Insulating a flat roof or sloping ceiling will significantly reduce heat loss through the roof; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Insulation can be placed on top of the roof under the waterproof membrane and should particularly be considered when the waterproofing needs to be replaced. Further information about roof 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 with your local authority building standards department.

2 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.

3 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.

4 Solar water heating

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

5 Replacement glazing units

Replacing existing double-glazed units with new high-performance units. Building regulations require that replacement glazing is to a standard no worse than previous; a building warrant is not required. Planning permission might be required for such work if a building is listed or within a conservation area so it is best to check with your local authority.

6 Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels

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

Low and zero carbon energy sources

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

LZC energy sources present:

- Biomass secondary heating

Your home's heat demand

In this section, you can see how much energy you might need to heat your home and provide hot water. These are estimates showing how an average household uses energy. These estimates may not reflect your actual energy use, which could be higher or lower. You might spend more money on heating and hot water if your house is less energy efficient. The table below shows the potential benefit of having your loft and walls insulated. Visit <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy-at-home> for more information.

Heat demand	Existing dwelling	Impact of loft insulation	Impact of cavity wall insulation	Impact of solid wall insulation
Space heating (kWh per year)	13,635	N/A	N/A	N/A
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,721			

About this document

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P A R T 4 .

PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE

The owner of the property is required to complete this document which asks for information on the property such as 'Which council tax band?' etc.



Property Questionnaire

Property Address

Red Kite Cottage

Knockfarrel, Dingwall

IV15 9TQ

Seller(s)

Peter Thompson and Sheila Dale

Completion date of property questionnaire

05/11/2024

Note for sellers

1.	Length of ownership
	<p>How long have you owned the property?</p> <p>21 years</p>
2.	Council tax
	<p>Which Council Tax band is your property in? (Please circle)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> H</p>
3.	Parking
	<p>What are the arrangements for parking at your property?</p> <p>(Please tick all that apply)</p> <p>Garage <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Allocated parking space <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Driveway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Shared parking <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>On street <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Resident permit <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Metered parking <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other (please specify):</p>

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4.	Conservation area	
	Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (that is an area of special architectural or historical interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
5.	Listed buildings	
	Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (that is a building recognised and approved as being of special architectural or historical interest)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	If you have answered yes, please describe below the changes which you have made: <i>Built a sunroom Installed insulation in walls and roof Reconfigured room layout</i>	
	(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
	If you have answered yes, the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking.	
	If you do not have the documents yourself, please note below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange to obtain them:	
b	Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
	If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:	
	(i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> 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.	
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).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Partial

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	If you have answered yes or partial - what kind of central heating is there? (Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air).	
	If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:	
	(i) When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed? <i>2000</i>	
	(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract <i>Simon Kelman of Inverness will be servicing the heating system in November</i>	
	(iii) When was your maintenance agreement last renewed? (Please provide the month and year). <i>October</i>	
8.	Energy Performance Certificate	
	Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
	If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
b	Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
	If you have answered yes, please give details:	
10.	Services	

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a	Please tick which services are connected to your property and give details of the supplier:		
	Services	Connected	Supplier
	Gas or liquid petroleum gas	N	
	Water mains or private water supply	Y	Scottish Water
	Electricity	Y	Eon Next
	Mains drainage	N	
	Telephone	Y	BT
	Cable TV or satellite	N	
	Broadband	Y	BT
b	Is there a septic tank system at your property?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	If you have answered yes, please answer the two questions below:		
	(i) Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic tank?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don't know
	(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract: <i>Scottish Water</i>		
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? If you have answered yes, please give details:		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
b	Is there a responsibility to contribute to repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell or other common areas? If you have answered yes, please give details:		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
c	Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the property?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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? If you have answered yes, please give details:		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

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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? If you have answered yes, please give details:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
f	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.) If you have answered yes, please give details:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
12. Charges associated with your property		
a	Is there a factor or property manager for your property? If you have answered yes, please provide the name and address, and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
b	Is there a common buildings insurance policy?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
	If you have answered yes, is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factors 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, for example to a residents' 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
	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.	
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	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:	

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14.	Guarantees	
a	Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following:	
(i)	Electrical work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> With title deeds <input type="checkbox"/> Lost
(ii)	Roofing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> With title deeds <input type="checkbox"/> Lost
(iii)	Central heating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> With title deeds <input type="checkbox"/> Lost
(iv)	National House Building Council(NHBC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> With title deeds <input type="checkbox"/> Lost
(v)	Damp course	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> With title deeds <input type="checkbox"/> Lost
(vi)	Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> With title deeds <input type="checkbox"/> Lost
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	If you have answered yes, please give details:	

15.	Boundaries	
	So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in the last 10 years?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
	If you have answered yes, please give details:	
16.	Notices that affect your property	
	In the past three years have you ever received a notice:	
a	advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
b	that affects your property in some other way?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
c	that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
	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):	Peter Thompson
Capacity:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Legally Appointed Agent for Owner
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1. INTRODUCTION

Allen Gordon LLP were instructed by Mr P Thompson to carry out an inspection of Red Kite House, Knockfarrel, to assess the structural condition of the house following significant renovations undertaken circa 2006. The inspection took place on 02 December 2024 and comprised a visual review of the property, no finishes or fittings were removed hence any defects which were hidden or obscured at the time of the inspection cannot be commented upon.

The presence and nature of any timber rot or infestation is out with the scope of this report, as is the presence or nature of any asbestos. Should assessment of these be required, please consult experts who are qualified to do so.

2. DESCRIPTION

It is believed that the house as originally constructed was a pre-fabricated structure, comprising a cement-based wall panel complete with a very shallow duo pitch roof. A concrete block outer leaf was added later in the properties life to add protection to the prefabricated panels. It is thought that a new, higher roof was also added at this time. While in the ownership of Mr P Thompson, circa 2006, the house underwent significant renovations. The prefabricated concrete walls were removed and replaced with an insulated timber stud construction.

As it currently stands, the house comprises a 1.5 storey cottage with a slated, hipped roof. A small, cathedral roofed sunroom extension, also slated, is located off the east gable end. A flat roofed extension is located off the north-west corner of the building. The flat roof is covered in roofing felt. A blockwork chimney breast is located slightly east of the centre of the main block. A large, flat-roofed dormer window is located on the south side of the roof. The external walls are timber frame with blockwork cladding with a wet-dash render.

3. OBSERVATIONS

Overall, the house is in good structural condition. Externally, a crack was noted below a large window on the right end of the south elevation (Photo 1).

Internally, the finishes are in very good condition. A few cosmetic cracks were noted in the ceiling (Photo 2) and appeared to tie in with joints in the ceiling plasterboard. Hairline cracks were recorded in the thermalite-type blockwork wall between the hall and the bathroom (Photos 3 to 5). No excessive deflection or bounce was noted in the first-floor.

4. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

While the house would not comply with current building regulations in terms of construction detailing, it appears to be structurally sound.

The external crack below the south elevation window, in our opinion, is likely to be the result of a lack of movement joints in blockwork skin of the house. The blockwork has been built without flexible movement joints in the masonry exterior leaf. It is now accepted that there should be movement joints at maximum 6m centres to prevent shrinkage cracking.

If desired, the lack of movement joints can be addressed by forming joints in the external masonry by saw cutting at the defect location, inserting flexible sealant and stainless-steel horizontal slip ties across the formed joint to allow horizontal movement between the sections of wall.

The internal cracks we recorded are cosmetic and are not cause for concern.

At present we believe the house is competent and structurally sound. We would recommend that the external crack, as a minimum, should be sealed with a flexible mastic to avoid water ingress and further degradation. We would recommend periodic inspections of the roofs, particularly the flat roof area, to ensure that roof coverings are performing adequately.

APPENDIX A



Photo 1 - Crack below window



Photo 2 - Crack in ceiling



Photo 3 - Cracks in hall / bathroom wall



Photo 4 - Cracks in hall / bathroom wall



Photo 5 - Cracks in hall / bathroom wall