

# Single Survey

survey report on:

<b>Property address</b>	The Haven 17 Main Street Cuminestown Turriff Aberdeenshire AB53 5YJ
<b>Customer</b>	Mr S Howitt
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<b>Date of inspection</b>	22nd October 2021



## PART 1 - GENERAL

### 1.1 THE SURVEYORS

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

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

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

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

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

If the Surveyors have had a previous business relationship within the past two years with the Seller or Sellers Agent or relative to the property, they will be obliged to indicate this by ticking the adjacent box.

The Surveyors have a written complaints handling procedure. This is available from the offices of the Surveyors at the address stated.

### 1.2 THE REPORT

The Surveyors will not provide an amended Report on the Property, except to correct factual inaccuracies.

The Report will identify the nature and source of information relied upon in its preparation.

The Surveyor shall provide a Market Value of the Property, unless the condition of the Property is such that it would be inappropriate to do so. A final decision on whether a loan will be granted rests with the Lender who may impose retentions in line with their lending criteria. The date of condition and value of the property will be the date of inspection.

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

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

# Terms and Conditions

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<sup>2</sup> will be from information contained in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report.

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## 1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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

## 1.7 PAYMENT

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

## 1.8 CANCELLATION

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

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

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

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

## 1.9 PRECEDENCE

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

## 1.10 DEFINITIONS

- the "Lender" is the party who has provided or intends or proposes to provide financial assistance to the Purchaser towards the purchase of the Property and in whose favour a standard security will be granted over the Property;
- the "Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor, prepared from information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report, but in a style and format required by the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes will be prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected from a surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and who is competent to survey, value and report on the Property;
- the "Generic Mortgage Valuation Report" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor from information in the Report but in the Surveyor's own format;

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

## PART 2 - DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT

### 2.1 THE SERVICE

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

### 2.2 THE INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

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

## 2.3 THE REPORT

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

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

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

### **WARNING:**

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

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

## 2.4 SERVICES

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

## 2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

## 2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

## 2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 1. Information and scope of inspection

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

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

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

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

<b>Description</b>	A traditional style single storey detached cottage type dwellinghouse.
<b>Accommodation</b>	Ground Floor - Entrance hall, livingroom, three bedrooms, dining kitchen, sun lounge, toilet with w.c. and shower room with w.c.
<b>Gross internal floor area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	112 square metres or thereby.
<b>Neighbourhood and location</b>	The subjects are situated within an established residential area in the rural village of Cuminestown. Other properties in the vicinity are generally of a similar nature and local amenities are available in the village.
<b>Age</b>	Originally built around 1900, or before, subsequently extended to the rear possibly around 1984.
<b>Weather</b>	Dry and bright.
<b>Chimney stacks</b>	<b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b>  There are three chimney stacks, of block and harled construction, with clay chimneypots, and having metal and rubber flashings around the chimneyheads. The chimneys were inspected from ground level only.
<b>Roofing including roof space</b>	<b>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b>  <b>Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally.</b>  <b>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.</b>



	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p>The main roof is of traditional pitched timber construction, externally clad with slates, and having a tiled ridge. Over the extension the roof is partly of pitched timber clad with slates and partly flat and laid in rubber sheeting, having been re-covered in recent years.</p> <p>The main roof covering was inspected from ground level. The flat roof was viewed with the aid of a ladder.</p> <p>An inspection of the roof space over the property was carried out, access being gained via a ceiling hatch in the hallway. This area was found to be partly floored although unlined. Inspection within this area was restricted due to limited accessibility, stored goods and insulation material. Additional insulation has been installed within the roof space in the past.</p>
<b>Rainwater fittings</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b></p> <p>Rainwater fittings comprise plain style, round section, pvc gutters and downpipes. It was not raining at the time of inspection and the adequacy of the system could not be verified.</p>
<b>Main walls</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b></p> <p><b>Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</b></p> <p>The main walls are of solid stone construction, with the extension walls being of solid concrete block, and the whole property is externally harled. The walls have been re-harled in recent years.</p>
<b>Windows, external doors and joinery</b>	<p><b>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</b></p> <p><b>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</b></p> <p><b>Doors and windows were not forced open.</b></p> <p>The windows, replaced in the past, are of pvc framed construction, all equipped with sealed unit double glazing.</p> <p>The front and back doors, also replaced in the past, are of pvc construction, with sealed unit double glazed sections. In addition, there are large pvc framed sealed unit double glazed patio doors to the rear of the sun lounge.</p> <p>Not all windows/doors were opened or tested in operation.</p>

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<b>External decorations</b>	There is no requirement for external decoration to the house.
<b>Conservatories / porches</b>	There is no porch or conservatory.
<b>Communal areas</b>	There are no communal areas.
<b>Garages and permanent outbuildings</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p>There is a large single car detached garage located at the rear of the site, of block and harled wall construction, with a pitched and slated roof and concrete flooring. Vehicular access is provided by an aluminium up-and-over door to the front, and there are separate pedestrian access doors at the front and rear.</p> <p>There are no outbuildings.</p>
<b>Outside areas and boundaries</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p>The subjects are contained within a fairly level site with garden ground to the rear of the house only. The garden area is mainly concrete slab surfaced, with an adjacent gravelled parking area.</p> <p>Site boundaries are defined by concrete block walls and timber fencing.</p>
<b>Ceilings</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected from floor level.</b></p> <p>Ceilings appeared to be plasterboard lined. There is timber cladding to the ceiling in the sun lounge.</p>
<b>Internal walls</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected from floor level.</b></p> <p><b>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</b></p> <p>Internal walls and partitions appeared to be plasterboard lined.</p>
<b>Floors including sub floors</b>	<p><b>Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.</b></p> <p><b>Physical access to the sub floor area may be taken if the Surveyor deems it is safe and reasonable to do so, and subject to a minimum clearance of 1m between the underside of floor joists and the solum as determined from the access hatch.</b></p> <p>The flooring throughout is of suspended timber. No close inspection of the flooring was possible due to fixed and fitted floor coverings and furniture throughout, and most areas were unseen.</p> <p>We were unable to locate any hatches or loose sections of flooring to gain access to the sub-floor area and accordingly the underfloor timbers were unseen and we are unable to comment on their condition.</p>

<p><b>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings</b></p>	<p><b>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</b></p> <p><b>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</b></p> <p>Internal doors are mainly of lightweight, flush panel, sapele timber construction, and there are timber and glass doors between the lounge and kitchen. Kitchen and door facings appeared to be of hardwood and softwood.</p> <p>The kitchen is equipped with a range of wall, base and larder units, worktop surfacing, stainless steel sink unit and drainer, built-in double oven, cooker hob and integral appliances.</p>
<p><b>Chimney breasts and fireplaces</b></p>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</b></p> <p>All existing chimney breasts within the property have been boarded over and are no longer in use.</p> <p>The presence of a chimney or chimney breast should not be taken as an indication that there is any adequate or useable flue present.</p>
<p><b>Internal decorations</b></p>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p>Internal walls and ceilings are mainly painted. Joinery timbers are stained/varnished and painted.</p>
<p><b>Cellars</b></p>	<p>There are no cellars.</p>
<p><b>Electricity</b></p>	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p>A mains supply of electricity is laid on to the property. The electric meter and old style fusebox are located within a small cupboard in the front hallway. There is a distribution of 13 amp socket outlets throughout the main accommodation.</p>
<p><b>Gas</b></p>	<p><b>Accessible parts of the system 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.</b></p> <p>Liquid petroleum gas (LPG) is provided from a bulk storage cylinder located externally within the back garden.</p> <p>The only gas appliance within the property is the central heating boiler.</p> <p>There is no mains gas in the village.</p>

<p><b>Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings</b></p>	<p><b>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p>A mains supply of water is laid on to the property. The main stop-cock and rising main were unseen and their location should be ascertained by further investigation.</p> <p>The plumbing system, where seen, comprises copper supply pipes and pvc wastepipes. There is no requirement for a cold water storage tank within the property.</p> <p>The shower room, re-fitted around 2016, is equipped with white three piece sanitary fittings, together with a mixer shower unit. The area below the shower cubicle was unseen.</p> <p>The toilet is equipped with old style green coloured w.c. and wash-hand basin.</p> <p>Leakage can often occur around sanitary fittings causing deterioration to concealed areas which may only become apparent once the fittings are removed.</p>
<p><b>Heating and hot water</b></p>	<p><b>Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p>Space heating is provided by a gas-fired (LPG) central heating system. A wall mounted 'Worcester' condensing combi boiler located within the roof space, supplies individually, thermostatically controlled, pressed steel radiators throughout the main accommodation. The vendors advised that the boiler was replaced in 2017.</p> <p>Hot water is also provided directly from the central heating boiler, with no requirement for a hot water storage cylinder within the property.</p>
<p><b>Drainage</b></p>	<p><b>Drainage covers etc. were not lifted.</b></p> <p><b>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</b></p> <p>Drainage is assumed to be connected to the main public sewer.</p>
<p><b>Fire, smoke and burglar alarms</b></p>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p>There is a mains powered smoke alarm fitted in the hallway.</p>

<b>Any additional limits to inspection</b>	<p>The property was in occupation, fully furnished and floor covered at the time of inspection. Fixed and fitted floor coverings and furnishings were not lifted or moved. No sub-floor inspection was possible. Concealed areas around sanitary fittings and washing appliances were unseen. Inspection within the roof space was restricted due to limited accessibility, stored goods and insulation material. Inspection within cupboards and wardrobes was restricted due to stored goods and personal effects.</p> <p>Woodwork or other parts of the structure that were covered, unexposed or inaccessible have not been inspected and we are therefore unable to confirm that any such part of the property is free from beetle, rot or other defects.</p> <p>Not all windows/doors were opened or tested in operation.</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 on neighbouring properties. Identification of Japanese Knotweed is best undertaken by a specialist contractor.</p>
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## Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house




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


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## 2. Condition


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

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

 Structural movement	
Repair category	1
Notes	There was no evidence of significant structural movement within the limitations of our inspection.

 Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	1
Notes	No evidence of woodworm or timber rot was apparent, within the scope and limitations of our inspection.  Damp meter readings were taken where considered appropriate within the property and moisture levels were found to be within an acceptable range.

 Chimney stacks	
Repair category	1
Notes	Chimney stacks appear to be in a fair state of repair within the limitations of our inspection but can be vulnerable to defect and should be regularly maintained.

 Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	2
Notes	The main roof coverings are of a type and age where regular, ongoing maintenance should be anticipated.  There are some loose/missing sections of pointing to the roof ridge tiles, requiring attention.  The flat roof covering has apparently been replaced in the past. Flat roofs typically have a limited lifespan and can be prone to unexpected leaks. Regular checks should be carried out.

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	Within the roof space, damp staining was evident to the innerface of the gable walls over the original part of the property, which should be monitored in due course.
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## Rainwater fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Within the limitations of our inspection rainwater goods were seen to be free from significant defect.</p> <p>We would highlight that it was not raining at the time of our inspection and we would recommend that all rainwater fittings be inspected during heavy rainfall in order to ensure they are free from defect.</p> <p>Some of the fittings are faded in places due to the effects of the sun.</p>



## Main walls

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Within the limitations of our inspection, no significant defects were noted, however normal levels of maintenance are recommended.</p> <p>We did detect some areas of bossed harling (hollow sections) which, whilst intact at the present time, may require patching up or re-harling in due course.</p>



## Windows, external doors and joinery

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Within the limitations of our inspection, no significant defects were noted to the windows and external doors.</p> <p>Windows and doors are of an age and style where a degree of ongoing maintenance should be anticipated to sealed units and opening mechanisms.</p> <p>Windows and doors were not fully opened or tested and it should be appreciated that some defects are only evident during certain weather conditions.</p>



## External decorations

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	Not applicable.



## Conservatories/porches

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	Not applicable.



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## Communal areas

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	Not applicable.



## Garages and permanent outbuildings

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	The back door to the garage was found to be weathered and deteriorated, and will require future replacement.  Ongoing maintenance and repair should be anticipated to the garage.



## Outside areas and boundaries

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Within the limitations of our inspection, no significant defects were noted to the outside areas and boundaries.  Boundary walls and fences should be regularly checked and maintained as necessary.



## Ceilings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Within the limitations of our inspection no significant defects were noted.



## Internal walls

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Within the limitations of our inspection no significant defects were noted.



## Floors including sub-floors

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Due to fitted carpets and floor coverings no detailed inspection of the floor was possible and accordingly no comment can be made on its condition.

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## Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Within the limitations of our inspection no significant defects were noted.  Low level glazing at internal doors should be checked for safety glass.



## Chimney breasts and fireplaces

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Within the limitations of our inspection no significant defects were noted.  Fireplaces have been removed or blocked without the installation of adequate ventilation. Ventilators should be fitted to prevent the build up of dampness within the chimney flue.



## Internal decorations

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	The property is in reasonable decorative order.  Textured coatings were noted to ceiling areas. On rare occasions, these materials can have an asbestos content. We have not tested these materials nor carried out an asbestos survey however, until the material is professionally tested, the ceilings should be left undisturbed and the material handled by a competent contractor only.



## Cellars

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	Not applicable.



## Electricity

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	Some components of the electrical installation, notably the fusebox, are of older style and will require upgrading to comply with current electrical regulations and standards.  At the time of inspection there was no evidence to indicate recent testing or upgrading of the electrical installation.  The Institution of Engineering and Technology recommends that domestic electrical installations are periodically checked and upgraded to comply with current electrical regulations.  Unless a Periodic Inspection Report or an Electrical Installation Condition Report has been prepared on the property by a qualified electrician in recent years then

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	<p>the possibility exists that the installation may not conform with current regulations.</p> <p>Inspection by an electrical contractor would be prudent.</p>
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## Gas

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Within the limitations of our inspection, no significant defects were noted to the gas installation.</p> <p>In the interests of safety and in light of recent regulations it would be prudent to have all gas appliances checked by a Gas Safe registered contractor.</p>



## Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>No tests have been undertaken of the system, however within the limitations of our inspection, no significant defects were noted.</p> <p>The cold water rising main was not fully inspectable.</p> <p>Sanitary fittings appear serviceable however surround seals/tiling/finishes should be checked and maintained watertight. We were unable to view concealed areas below sanitary fittings and cannot confirm they are free from damp or other defects.</p>



## Heating and hot water

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Within the limitations of our inspection, no significant defects were noted to the heating and hot water system.</p> <p>It is assumed that the central heating system has been properly installed and maintained to meet with all current regulations and standards with particular regard to fluing and ventilation requirements.</p>



## Drainage

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>At the time of inspection there was no evidence of undue surface water on the site.</p> <p>All foul and surface water drainage is assumed to be to the main public sewer. The system was not tested.</p>

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

Structural movement	1
Dampness, rot and infestation	1
Chimney stacks	1
Roofing including roof space	2
Rainwater fittings	1
Main walls	1
Windows, external doors and joinery	1
External decorations	-
Conservatories/porches	-
Communal areas	-
Garages and permanent outbuildings	2
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	2
Gas	1
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	1
Heating and hot water	1
Drainage	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.

## Category 2

Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.

## Category 1

No immediate action or repair is needed.

### Remember

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

### Warning

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

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## 3. Accessibility information

### Guidance notes on accessibility information

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

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

*Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:*

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

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

## 4. Valuation and conveyancer issues

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

### Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

It is assumed that the property is held under Absolute Ownership. This should be confirmed.

The property has been altered and extended in the distant past, together with the addition of the garage. As far as we could ascertain, no further significant alterations or additions have been made to the property in recent years which would have required local authority approval, although this cannot be guaranteed.

The property abuts neighbouring ground to the right-hand side and to the rear of the garage. It is assumed an adequate right of access would be available for inspection and maintenance purposes. This should be confirmed with the Title Deeds.

Vehicular access to the rear of the property is over a shared lane to the side. Access rights and maintenance liabilities should be ascertained from the Title Deeds.

It is assumed that the LPG cylinder is held under a leasing arrangement with the gas supplier, and further information in this regard should be obtained from the vendors.

The road and footpath fronting the property are fully formed and, we assume, maintained by the local authority. This should be confirmed.

Where defects or repairs have been identified within this report it is recommended that, prior to entering into any legally binding sale or purchase contract, further specialist's or contractor's advice and estimates should be obtained, to establish the implications, if any, on a potential offer to purchase or the sale price likely to be achieved for the property.

### Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

For Reinstatement Cost Assessment purposes, it is recommended that the subjects be insured for a sum of not less than FIVE HUNDRED AND TEN THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING (£510,000). This figure is the estimate of the cost of rebuilding the premises and bears no direct relationship to current market value.

### Valuation and market comments

Having considered matters, taking account of our general observations on site, we are of the opinion that the Market Value of the subjects in their present condition and with the benefit of vacant possession may be fairly stated in the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING (£180,000).

The property forms suitable security for mortgage purposes subject to the specific lending criteria of any mortgage provider.

**Signed**

Security Print Code [552299 = 9249 ]  
Electronically signed

**Report author**

Alan V Kennedy

# Single Survey

<b>Company name</b>	J & E Shepherd
<b>Address</b>	54 Broad Street, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire, AB43 9AH
<b>Date of report</b>	1st November 2021

# Mortgage Valuation Report



## Property Address

Address The Haven, 17 Main Street, Cuminestown, Turriff, Aberdeenshire, AB53 5YJ  
Seller's Name Mr S Howitt  
Date of Inspection 22nd October 2021

## Property Details

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

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

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

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

Approximate Year of Construction

## Tenure

Absolute Ownership  Leasehold Ground rent £  Unexpired years

## Accommodation

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

Gross Floor Area (excluding garages and outbuildings)  m<sup>2</sup> (Internal)  m<sup>2</sup> (External)

Residential Element (greater than 40%)  Yes  No

## Garage / Parking / Outbuildings

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

Permanent outbuildings:

None.



# Mortgage Valuation Report

## Construction

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

## Special Risks

Has the property suffered structural movement?  Yes  No

If Yes, is this recent or progressive?  Yes  No

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

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

## Service Connections

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

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

Brief description of Central Heating:

Gas-fired (LPG) combi boiler to radiators.

## Site

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

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

## Location

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

## Planning Issues

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

If Yes provide details in General Remarks.

## Roads

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

# Mortgage Valuation Report

## General Remarks

The subjects are situated within an established residential area in the rural village of Cuminestown. Other properties in the vicinity are generally of a similar nature and local amenities are available in the village.

The property was generally found to be in good condition for its age and type, having been altered, extended and upgraded in the past, although requiring routine maintenance and repair. Some elements of the property are ageing and likely to require future replacement.

The property has been altered and extended in the distant past, together with the addition of the garage. As far as we could ascertain, no further significant alterations or additions have been made to the property in recent years which would have required local authority approval, although this cannot be guaranteed.

The property abuts neighbouring ground to the right-hand side and to the rear of the garage. It is assumed an adequate right of access would be available for inspection and maintenance purposes. This should be confirmed with the Title Deeds.

Vehicular access to the rear of the property is over a shared lane to the side. Access rights and maintenance liabilities should be ascertained from the Title Deeds.

Materials which may have an asbestos content were noted within the property. These should not be damaged or disturbed without obtaining specialist advice.

## Essential Repairs

None apparent.

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

# Mortgage Valuation Report

## Comment on Mortgageability

The property forms suitable security for mortgage purposes subject to the specific lending criteria of any mortgage provider.

## Valuations

Market value in present condition £ 180,000  
Market value on completion of essential repairs £   
Insurance reinstatement value £ 510,000  
(to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT)  
Is a reinspection necessary?  Yes  No

## Buy To Let Cases

What is the reasonable range of monthly rental income for the property assuming a letting on a 6 month Short Assured Tenancy basis? £   
Is the property in an area where there is a steady demand for rented accommodation of this type?  Yes  No

## Declaration

Signed Security Print Code [552299 = 9249 ]  
Electronically signed by:-  
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Professional qualifications MRICS  
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