

# SINGLE Survey

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



# Single Survey

# Survey report on:

Customer	Mr. John Wilson
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Selling address	3 Colfin Cottages Bogside Portpatrick, Stranraer DG9 9AF

Date of Inspection	11/04/2023
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### **1. INFORMATION AND SCOPE OF INSPECTION**

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

All references to visual inspection refer to an inspection from within the property without 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 mid terraced cottage, with a courtyard of similar type and age cottages.
Accommodation	The accommodation comprises:
	Ground floor: entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, 2 bedrooms.
Gross internal floor area (m2)	The gross internal floor area is approximately 57 m <sup>2</sup> .
Neighbourhood and location	The subjects are situated approximately 3 miles east of Portpatrick, and a rural location, with an open aspect to the rear, towards the surrounding countryside and open fields. Stranraer is approximately 6 miles to the north-east, where adequate local facilities and amenities are available.
Age	Conversion circa 1993.
Weather	Dry and sunny.
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.
	None.
Roofing including roof space	Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required. Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally. Flat roofs have a limited life and depending on their age and quality of workmanship can fail

	at any time. 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.
	The main roof to the property is of pitched design, timber framed and slated. The ridge is stone.
	Within the roof void, the roof structure is of traditional timber frame construction, with timber sarking. There is no under slate felt.
	The roof is insulated to a depth of approximately 250 mm of insulation laid between the ceiling joists.
Rainwater fittings	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.
	The rainwater fittings are cast-iron.
Main walls	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required. Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.
	The main walls are of solid stone construction, externally pointed and painted and internally plasterboard lined.
Windows, external doors and joinery	Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available. Random windows were opened and closed where possible. Doors and windows were not forced open. Windows are PVC framed, double glazed, pivot style. The external front door is PVC with double glazed panel and there are PVC framed, double glazed French doors at the
	rear elevation off from the lounge.
External decorations	Visually inspected.
	External elevations are painted
Conservatories / porches	Visually inspected.
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Communal areas	Circulation areas visually inspected.

	There are no communal use areas in the dwelling.
Garages and	Visually inspected.
permanent outbuildings	There is no garage, although parking space is available at the rear of the property.
	The dwelling does not own the parking area, although has unrestricted access for use.
Outside areas and	Visually inspected.
boundaries	The front of the cottage has a shared courtyard, with similarly converted outbuildings and a detached house close by, (former farmhouse). The courtyard has flagstone paths with stone chipped areas, and planted shrubs.
	The rear garden has a flagstone seating/patio area and grass drying green, with rotary dryer.
	There are planted borders, with shrubs.
	There is unrestricted access to the rear grass drying green and parking area, although not ownership.
	There is an unmade access road to the rear of the cottages.
Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level.
	Ceilings are of plasterboard construction, with a plaster skim.
Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level. Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.
	Internal walls are lined with plasterboard and timber stud partition plasterboard lined.
Floors including sub floors	Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted. Sub-floor areas were inspected only to the extent visible from a readily accessible and unfixed hatch by way of an inverted "head and shoulders" inspection at the access point. 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.

	Floors are solid concrete, with a floating timber floor.
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved. Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.
	Skirtings and architraves are softwood timber which has been painted.
	Internal doors are timber panelled and timber framed with glazed panels.
	Kitchen fittings comprise fitted base and wall units, with marble effect fitted worktops.
	There is also a breakfast bar.
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	Visually inspected. No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.
	There is a fireplace in the lounge, with timber fireplace surround, tiled insert and hearth and coal effect electric fire.
Internal decorations	Visually inspected.
	Internal walls are wallpapered and tiled.
	Ceilings are wallpapered.
Cellars	Visually inspected where there was safe and purpose-built access.
	There is no cellar.
Electricity	Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the Surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.
	Mains electricity is connected. The electric meter and consumer unit, which has been fitted with circuit breakers, is located at higher level in the kitchen, above the entrance door to the hallway. Wiring, where visible, is PVC sheathed and insulated and there are 13 amp square pin sockets.
Gas	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.
	No mains gas available. Propane gas cylinders fuel the boiler.
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.
	Mains water is connected. Water pipes, where visible, are copper and PVC.
	Bathroom sanitary fitments comprise: wc, wash hand basin with pedestal, bath, electric shower over the bath.
	Sanitary fitments are in a beige suite.
Heating and hot water	Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.
	The cottage has a propane gas fired central heating system run from a Potterton Gold Combi HE combination boiler which is located in the kitchen.
	The central heating system is controlled by a programmer and thermostatic radiator valves. There is no hot water cylinder. The central heating boiler provides domestic hot water on demand.
Drainage	Drainage covers etc were not lifted. Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.
	Drainage is connected to a communal private septic tank.
Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	Visually inspected. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. The new Fire and Smoke Alarm Standard came in to force in February 2022. This new standard requires a smoke alarm to be installed in the room most frequently used for living purposes and in every circulation space on each floor. A heat alarm also needs 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 a carbon monoxide detector is also required. The purchaser should satisfy themselves in this regard. Smoke detectors are located in the entrance hallway and lounge. A heat detector is located in the kitchen.
Any additional limits to inspection	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. Parts of the property, which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible, cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect. The report does not include an asbestos inspection. However asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 2000, when it became a banned substance. If the possibilityy of asbestos based products hhas been reported with an limitations of the inspection and you have concerns you shoould engage a qualified assbestos surveyor. The property was unoccupied and unfurnished, although all floors were covered. Floor coverings restricted my inspection of flooring.

# Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house



(12) Sarking (13) Roof felt (14) Trusses (15) Collar (16) Insulation (17) Parapet gutter (18) Eaves guttering (19) Rainwater downpipe Verge boards/skews 20 Soffit boards (21) Partiton wall (22) Lath / plaster (23) (24) Chimney breast Window pointing (25) Window sills (26) (27) Rendering (28) Brickwork / pointing (29) Bay window projection 30 Lintels (31) Cavity walls / wall ties (32) Subfloor ventilator (33) Damp proof course Base course 34) Foundations (35) Solum (36) Floor joists (37) Floorboards 38) Water tank (39)

Chimney pots Coping stone

Chimney head

**Ridge ventilation** 

Ridge board

Slates / tiles

Valley guttering

Dormer flashing

Dormer cheeks

Dormer projection

Flashing

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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. 40 Hot water tank

## 2. CONDITION

This section identifies problems and tells you about the urgency of any repairs by using one of the following 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:	
Notes:	No obvious evidence of significant movement noted within the limitations of my inspection.

Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Traces of woodworm were noted within the loft void at the roof timbers. A timber specialist should be employed to inspect and verify whether this is active, and carry out treatment if deemed necessary. Damp staining was evident on timber sarking boards and roof timbers within the loft void, also evidence of former repairs with silicon inserted between sarking boards. High moisture meter readings were recorded at lower levels within
	the entrance hallway, adjacent to the partition wall of the bathroom, with a dark stain evident. The vendor has carried out repairs to the seals of the bath plumbing, and this is in the process of drying out.

Chimney stacks	
Repair category:	
Notes:	N/A.

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Roofing including roof space	
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Rainwater fittings	
Repair category:	
Notes:	No significant defects evident.
	Cast-iron rainwater fittings require regular maintenance.

Main walls	
Repair category:	
Notes:	No significant defects evident.

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category:	1

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Notes:	No significant defects evident.
	The hinges of the french doors at the rear elevation require lubrication.

External decorations	
Repair category:	
Notes:	No significant defects evident.

Conservatories / porches	
Repair category:	
Notes:	N/A.

Communal areas	
Repair category:	
Notes:	N/A.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category:	
Notes:	N/A.

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Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category:	
Notes:	Garden grounds and boundaries will require regular ongoing maintenance.

Ceilings	
Repair category:	
Notes:	No significant defects evident.
	Minor damp stains were evident at the front elevation coomb in the lounge.

Internal walls	
Repair category:	
Notes:	No significant defects evident.

Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category:	
Notes:	No significant defects evident.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

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Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects evident.
	Glazed inserts to internal doors may not be of appropriate toughened glass.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category:	
Notes:	N/A.

Internal decorations	
Repair category:	
Notes:	No significant defects evident.

Cellars	
Repair category:	
Notes:	N/A.

Electricity	
Repair category:	
	It is recommended that all electrical installations be checked every

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Notes:	5 years or on change of ownership to keep up-to-date with frequent changes in safety regulations. Further advice will be available from a qualified NICEIC/SELECT registered contractor. It should be appreciated that only recently constructed or rewired properties will have installations which fully comply with IEE regulations.
	The electrical system has been tested by a competent electrical contractor and certification is in place for this.

Gas	
Repair category:	
Notes:	N/A.

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	
Repair category:	
Notes:	No significant defects evident.

Heating and hot water	
Repair category:	
Notes:	It is assumed that the heating and hot water systems have been properly serviced and maintained on a regular basis and installed in accordance with the relevant regulations.
	Boilers and central heating system should be tested and serviced by a gas safe registered contractor on an annual basis to ensure their safe and efficient operation.

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Drainage	
Repair category:	
Notes:	The owner has not been able to provide any information about the septic tank maintenance and it is assumed that the tank is registered with SEPA. Regular inspection and maintenance should be anticipated.

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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 comments above for detailed information

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

<u>Three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property:</u> 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.

<u>Unrestricted parking within 25 metres</u>: 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 Floor.
2. Are there three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property?	[x]YES [ ]NO
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	[ ]YES [x]NO
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	[x]YES [ ]NO
5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?	[x]YES [ ]NO
6. Is there a toilet on the same level as a bedroom?	[ ]YES [x]NO
7. Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?	[ ]YES [x]NO
8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?	[x]YES [ ]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

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

The property was formerly an agricultural building, which was converted into domestic accommodation circa 1993. It is assumed all nnecessary local authority and other consents have been obtained for alterations and the appropriate documentation, including building warrants and completion certificates issued.

Drainage is to a communal septic tank. It is assumed that the tank is registered with SEPA. The position regarding age, location, condition and maintenance history should be clarified.

The vendor has verified that there is a contract with Scottish Water for the emptying of the tank every 3 years.

There is a shared unmade access road to the rear of the cottage and stone chipped courtyard to the front. The completing conveyancer should verify rights of access and liability in respect of future maintenance.

The property has a right of access to the rear grass drying area and parking space, although not ownership. The completing conveyancer should verify rights of access and liability in respect of future maintenance.

The estimated reinstatement cost is £225,000.

It should be noted this sum is an estimate calculated by using a rate per square metre based on information provided by building cost information service (BCIS).

The market value of the property as described in this report is £115,000.

This figure assumes vacant possession and that the property is unaffected by any adverse planning permissions, onerous burdens, titlle restrictions or servitude rights.

#### Estimated re-instatement cost (£) for insurance purposes

£225,000.

Two Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Pounds.

#### Valuation (£) and market comments

£115,000.

One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Pounds.	
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