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# Home Report

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Bearford

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EH41 4LB

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# Single Survey

survey report on:

<b>Property address</b>	Ardochart, Bearford, HADDINGTON, EH41 4LB
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<b>Customer</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Phillips
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<b>Customer address</b>	c/o Urquharts, 16 Heriot Row, EDINBURGH, EH3 6HR
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<b>Prepared by</b>	ALLIED SURVEYORS SCOTLAND PLC
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<b>Date of inspection</b>	27th February 2024
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## PART 1 - GENERAL

### 1.1 THE SURVEYORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.<sup>2</sup>

## 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

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

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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.

## 1.1 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;

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- 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" *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*



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*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>	The property is a detached two storey house.
<b>Accommodation</b>	GROUND FLOOR: entrance vestibule/utility room, inner hallway, open plan living room/dining room, kitchen, bedroom one and bathroom with WC.  FIRST FLOOR: landing, bedroom two, bedroom three, bedroom four/study and bathroom with WC.
<b>Gross internal floor area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	The gross internal floor area is approximately 139 sq. metres.
<b>Neighbourhood and location</b>	The property is located within a rural setting lying to the south of Haddington where all normal local amenities and facilities are available and within a short drive.
<b>Age</b>	The property was constructed circa 1960.
<b>Weather</b>	It was dry and overcast on the day of inspection. This report should be read in the context of these weather conditions.
<b>Chimney stacks</b>	<b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b>  There is one chimney stack which would appear to be of brick construction with an external render finish.  The chimney stack was 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</b>

<b>Roofing including roof space</b>	<p><b>being from a 3m ladder within the property.</b></p> <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 roof is of a multi-pitched and tiled design. The ridges are finished in tiled caps.</p> <p>There are flat sections of roof which, we presume, to be finished in felt or similar. There are solar panels attached to the rear roof slope.</p> <p>The external roof coverings were inspected from ground level only.</p> <p>Access into the roof spaces was gained via hatches within the first floor. There was only a limited head and shoulders inspection of the roof spaces from around the hatches only due to restricted access and insulation.</p>
<b>Rainwater fittings</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b></p> <p>Half round PVC gutters into tubular cast iron/PVC downpipes.</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 would appear to be a mixture of solid stone and cavity brick construction with an external roughcast/render finish.</p> <p>The entrance vestibule/utility room would appear to be of timber framed construction with an external timber panelling finish.</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 are of replacement uPVC double glazed pivot design.</p> <p>The front door is of a uPVC panel design with a glazed insert.</p> <p>There are uPVC double glazed patio style doors within the dining room and bedroom/study.</p>
<b>External decorations</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p>There is a painted finish to external timbers and metal work.</p>

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<b>Conservatories / porches</b>	There are no conservatories or porches.
<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 detached single car garage to the side of the property. The garage is of block construction with an external roughcast finish under a pitched and tiled roof.</p> <p>Access into the front is via a metal/PVC electric roller door. There is a PVC rear door.</p> <p>We have been informed that the garage was built in 2022.</p>
<b>Outside areas and boundaries</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p>There is private garden ground to both sides of the property which are delineated in a mixture of stone walls, timber fencing, metal fencing and hedging.</p> <p>There is a driveway which allows for off-street parking outside the house and in front of the garage.</p>
<b>Ceilings</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected from floor level.</b></p> <p>Predominantly plasterboard throughout.</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>A mixture of plasterboard and plaster on the hard.</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>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.</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>A mixture of solid concrete and suspended timber construction with a variety of overlays.</p> <p>The floors throughout the property are covered and their surfaces could, therefore, not be inspected.</p> <p>There was no access into any sub-floor area.</p>

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<b>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings</b>	<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>The kitchen contains modern wall and base units with an incorporated stainless steel sink.</p> <p>The internal doors are a mixture of timber panel and timber and glazed design.</p>
<b>Chimney breasts and fireplaces</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</b></p> <p>There is a wood burning stove fitted within the living room fireplace.</p>
<b>Internal decorations</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p>A mixture of wallpaper and paint.</p>
<b>Cellars</b>	<p>There are no cellars.</p>
<b>Electricity</b>	<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>The property has the benefit of a mains supply of electricity serving 13 amp power points throughout.</p> <p>A circuit breaker distribution board and fuse board are fitted within the living room, adjacent to the staircase.</p>
<b>Gas</b>	<p>There is no mains supply of gas.</p> <p>There is an LPG tank to the side of the property.</p>
<b>Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings</b>	<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>Water is from the mains supply.</p> <p>Plumbing, where visible, is a mixture of copper and PVC.</p> <p>The first floor bathroom has a coloured three piece suite with a wall shower discharging into the bath.</p> <p>The ground floor bathroom has a coloured three piece suite with a wall shower discharging into the bath.</p>

<b>Heating and hot water</b>	<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>Central heating takes the form of an LPG fired wall mounted boiler located within the entrance vestibule/utility room which serves radiators throughout the property. The majority of the radiators are fitted with individual thermostatic valves.</p> <p>Domestic hot water is also provided by the central heating boiler via a hot water cylinder which is insulated and located within one of the bedroom eaves.</p>
<b>Drainage</b>	<p><b>Drainage covers etc were not lifted.</b></p> <p><b>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</b></p> <p>Foul and storm drainage are connected to a private septic tank at the bottom of the garden ground. The septic tank has not been inspected and, therefore, no comment can be made on its condition.</p>
<b>Fire, smoke and burglar alarms</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p>The property has the benefit of smoke detectors.</p> <p>The property has the benefit of an alarm system which has not been tested.</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>

<b>Any additional limits to inspection</b>	<p>It will be appreciated that parts of the property, which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible, cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect.</p> <p>This report does not constitute a full and detailed description of the property and a structural investigation was not carried out. No inspection was undertaken of woodwork or other parts of the structure which are covered, unexposed or otherwise inaccessible and as a result no guarantee can be given that such parts of the structure are free from rot, beetle or other defects.</p> <p>No removal of internal linings has been carried out in order to ascertain the condition of hidden parts and no warranty can be given regarding the areas not specifically referred to in this report.</p> <p>The external building fabric has been inspected from ground level only from the subjects grounds and where possible from adjoining public property. Exposure work has not been carried out. The roof structure has only partially been examined from within the roof space. Stored items and insulation have not been moved.</p> <p>Some materials used in the building and maintenance industry until 1999 contain asbestos. Asbestos fibres released into the air, and which are breathed in, are dangerous to health. Decorative finishes in common use in the period from about 1950 to about 1985 included artex, used as a coating on ceilings and sometimes walls. Older artex can contain asbestos and if sanding or removal of this material is intended, then appropriate precautions should be taken, if necessary with advice from the Environmental Health Department of the Local Authority.</p> <p>An inspection for Japanese Knotweed was not carried out. This is a plant which is subject to controlled 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 a specialist contractor. This can prove to be expensive.</p> <p>The external fabric of the building was inspected from ground level only.</p> <p>The property was fully furnished on the day of inspection and store cupboards/built-in wardrobes were full of stored items and could not be fully inspected.</p> <p>There was no inspection of any flat roof.</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 obvious evidence of any significant structural movement noted within the visible building fabric.

 Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Localised low damp/condensation was noted to lower walls within the living room/dining room and ground floor bedroom. The lower walls have been check by a suitable specialist contractor and there report and recommendations state that the moister would appear to be due to cold surfaces attracting atmospheric moister and that no treatment is required.</p> <p>Localised woodworm was noted to timbers within the roof space which have been checked by a suitable specialist contractor who has confirmed that the woodworm is historic.</p> <p>The report and recommendations from Valentines property services LTD can be obtained from the selling agent.</p>

 Chimney stacks	
Repair category	2
Notes	Localised weathered and cracked render was noted around the chimney stack.

 Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	2
Notes	The roof has been well maintained, although some on-going wear and tear/routine maintenance should be anticipated, to include the repair of any weathered, cracked and damaged cement verges and the repair of any cracked cement bedding below the ridge caps.



## Roofing including roof space

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Woodworm was noted to timbers within the roof space. Staining was noted to the brickwork on the gable elevations within the roof spaces. These, where testing were possible from around the hatches and were found to be dry on the day of inspection and should be monitored.</p> <p>The small glazed roof hatch is cracked.</p> <p>Ongoing maintenance to a roof of this age and type should be anticipated.</p> <p>Felt sections of roof will require more than average maintenance and can be prone to failure without warning.</p> <p>Roofs are prone to water penetration during adverse weather, but it is not always possible for surveyors to identify this likelihood in good or dry weather. All roofs should be inspected and repaired by reputable tradesmen on an annual basis and especially after storms.</p>



## Rainwater fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>No obvious significant defects were noted, although we would advise that the rainwater fittings should be monitored during heavy rainfall and, if any leakage occurs, repairs should be anticipated.</p>



## Main walls

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>No obvious significant defects were noted.</p> <p>We have been informed that the roughcast was redone in 2020.</p>



## Windows, external doors and joinery

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The windows are of a mixed age and some routine maintenance should be anticipated, to include replacement of any blown double glazed units, repair of any stiff windows and the repair of any cracked external cement window sills.</p> <p>It should be appreciated that double glazed sealed units do have a limited life expectancy and defective seals can lead to condensation between the panes, making replacement of the units necessary. This can sometimes only be obvious during adverse weather conditions.</p>



## External decorations

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No obvious significant defects were noted, although we would advise that external paintwork should be maintained on a regular basis in order to prevent deterioration of timbers and metalwork.



## Conservatories/porches

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	N/A



## Communal areas

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	N/A



## Garages and permanent outbuildings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No obvious significant defects were noted. As mentioned above, the garage was built in 2022.



## Outside areas and boundaries

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No obvious significant defects were noted. The garden ground has been well maintained. Localised weathered and cracked stonework was noted around the boundary and support walls which should be monitored and may require some on-going routine maintenance.



## Ceilings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Localised plaster cracking was evident to some of the ceilings within the property which will require a degree of cosmetic repair prior to any future redecoration.



## Internal walls

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No obvious significant defects were noted.



## Floors including sub-floors

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No obvious significant defects were noted.



## Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No obvious significant defects were noted. Any internal glass doors should be fitted with safety glass as a precautionary measure.



## Chimney breasts and fireplaces

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	It was not possible to inspect the flue. We have assumed that the stove complies with the current building regulations.



## Internal decorations

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No obvious significant defects were noted, apart from some wear and tear.



## Cellars

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	N/A



## Electricity

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The electrical wiring system is of a mixed age.</p> <p>The trade bodies governing electrical installations currently advise that these should be tested prior to a change of occupancy and, thereafter, at least once every five years, by a competent Electrician.</p> <p>The electrical wiring system should, therefore, be checked, tested and upgraded if necessary by an NIC/EIC Registered electrician. Any recommendations made with regard to the safety of the installation should be undertaken.</p> <p>We have been informed that the solar panels are connected to the electricity.</p>



## Gas

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No obvious significant defects were noted.



## Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The bathroom facilities are of a dated design although no obvious significant defects were noted, apart from some localised wear and tear, to include some of the seals around the ground floor bathroom.</p> <p>Concealed areas around baths cannot be inspected however water spillage over a period of time can result in unexpected defects to hidden parts of the building fabric.</p>



## Heating and hot water

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The central heating system is of a mixed age, although no obvious significant defects were noted on the day of inspection.</p> <p>The heating system was off on the day of inspection and no tests were carried out.</p> <p>It has been assumed that the heating installation has been regularly serviced and that recent service history records will be made available. This should be checked by the conveyancer.</p> <p>We have been informed that the solar panels are connected to the hot water.</p>



## Drainage

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>At the time of our inspection, we did not lift any drainage inspection covers or carry out any drainage tests and we cannot therefore comment with any authority on the condition of the drainage system. We would add that there was no evidence on the surface to suggest any major problems in this connection, but if you wish further investigations undertaken, then a competent plumber should be instructed.</p> <p>There was no inspection of the septic tank.</p> <p>The valuation assumes that the drainage system facility is adequate in all respects and this has been registered with SEPA.</p>

# Single Survey

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

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

## 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.

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

The property has been extended and altered in the past to provide its current accommodation and our valuation assumes that all necessary Local Authority consents for these works were obtained where necessary.

The boundaries of the private garden ground should be confirmed by the purchasing conveyancer.

There are solar panels which we have assumed are owned, although the details/liability should be confirmed by the purchasing conveyancer. The property has a private drainage installation. The valuation is based on the assumption that the installation is adequate in all respects and that legally constituted rights exist for the presence and future maintenance and/or renewal of all elements of the installation which are located within the boundaries of the property. The valuation further assumes that the installation is registered with SEPA. This should be confirmed by the purchasing conveyancer.

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.

Right of access, land ownership and maintenance liability around the subject building should be confirmed with an inspection of the Title Deeds.

Normal maintenance is not treated as a repair for the purposes of the Single Survey. When a Category 1 rating is used this means that the building must continue to be maintained in the normal way.

It is recommended that where repairs, defects or maintenance items have been identified within this report that interested parties make appropriate enquiries in order to satisfy themselves of potential costs or the extent of works required prior to submitting a legal offer to purchase.

### Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

The estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes is £370,000 (THREE HUNDRED & SEVENTY THOUSAND POUNDS).

This figure is an opinion of an appropriate sum for which the property and substantial outbuildings should be insured against total destruction, on a reinstatement basis, assuming reconstruction of the property in its existing design and materials. Finishings and fittings have not been included. No allowance has been included for inflation during the insurance period or during reconstruction and no allowance has been made for VAT, other than on professional fees. Further discussion with your insurers is advised. The figure should be reviewed annually, and in light of any future alterations or additions. Building costs are currently increasing significantly above inflation due to material and labour shortages as well as Brexit and the Pandemic. 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

The market value of the property described in the report is £450,000 (FOUR HUNDRED & FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS).

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

**Signed**

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# Single Survey

<b>Report author</b>	A Hutchison
<b>Company name</b>	ALLIED SURVEYORS SCOTLAND PLC
<b>Address</b>	21 Church Street, Haddington, EH41 3EX
<b>Date of report</b>	12th March 2024

# Mortgage Valuation Report



**ALLIED  
SCOTLAND**

Chartered Surveyors

## Property Address

Address Ardochart, Bearford, HADDINGTON, EH41 4LB  
Seller's Name Mr. & Mrs. Phillips  
Date of Inspection 27th February 2024

## Property Details

Property Type  House  Bungalow  Chalet  Purpose built maisonette  
 Coach  Studio  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  
 Solid  Cavity  Steel frame  Concrete block  Other (specify in General Remarks)

Roof  Tile  Slate  Asphalt  Felt  
 Lead  Zinc  Artificial slate  Flat glass fibre  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 Connection

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  
Electricity  Mains  Private  None  
Central Heating  Yes  Partial  None

Water  Mains  Private  None  
Gas  Mains  Private  None

Brief description of Central Heating:

LPG fired 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  
 Agricultural land included with property  Ill-defined boundaries  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 general condition of the property appears consistent with its age and type of construction but some works of repair and maintenance are required. Elements of the property are ageing and likely to require attention.

Internally and externally, the property has been well maintained, although some on-going routine maintenance should be anticipated, to include the eradication of any dampness and woodworm.

The property has been extended and altered in the past to provide its current accommodation and our valuation assumes that all necessary Local Authority consents for these works were obtained where necessary.

The boundaries of the private garden ground should be confirmed by the purchasing conveyancer.

There are solar panels which we have assumed are owned, although the details/liability should be confirmed by the purchasing conveyancer. The property has a private drainage installation. The valuation is based on the assumption that the installation is adequate in all respects and that legally constituted rights exist for the presence and future maintenance and/or renewal of all elements of the installation which are located within the boundaries of the property. The valuation further assumes that the installation is registered with SEPA. This should be confirmed by the purchasing conveyancer.

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It is recommended that where repairs, defects or maintenance items have been identified within this report that interested parties make appropriate enquiries in order to satisfy themselves of potential costs or the extent of works required prior to submitting a legal offer to purchase.

Main walls are of solid stone and cavity brick construction.

There is a utility room.

## Essential Repairs

None.

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

# Mortgage Valuation Report

## Comment on Mortgageability

The property will provide suitable security for normal lending purposes although as lender's requirements differ you should confirm with your mortgage provider that the property meets their lending criteria.

## Valuations

Market value in present condition £

Market value on completion of essential repairs £

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

Is a reinspection necessary?  Yes  No

## Buy To Let Cases

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

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

## Declaration

Signed Security Print Code [417096 = 6105 ]  
Electronically signed by:-  
Surveyor's name A Hutchison  
Professional qualifications MA MRICS  
Company name ALLIED SURVEYORS SCOTLAND PLC  
Address 21 Church Street, Haddington, EH41 3EX  
Telephone 01620 825585  
Fax  
Report date 12th March 2024

# Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

# Scotland

Dwellings

ARDOCHART, BEARFORD, HADDINGTON, EH41 4LB

**Dwelling type:** Detached house  
**Date of assessment:** 27 February 2024  
**Date of certificate:** 01 March 2024  
**Total floor area:** 139 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Primary Energy Indicator:** 195 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year

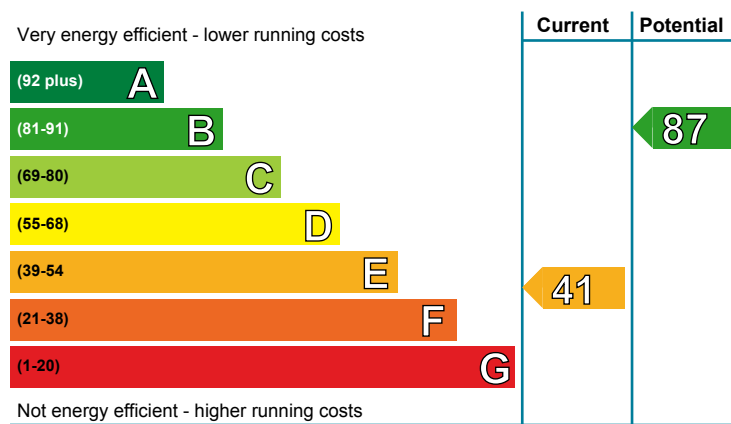
**Reference number:** 3100-5438-0322-2221-1243  
**Type of assessment:** RdSAP, existing dwelling  
**Approved Organisation:** Elmhurst  
**Main heating and fuel:** Boiler and radiators, LPG

## You can use this document to:

- Compare current ratings of properties to see which are more energy efficient and environmentally friendly
- Find out how to save energy and money and also reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by improving your home

<b>Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*</b>	<b>£9,090</b>	See your recommendations report for more information
<b>Over 3 years you could save*</b>	<b>£4,083</b>	

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

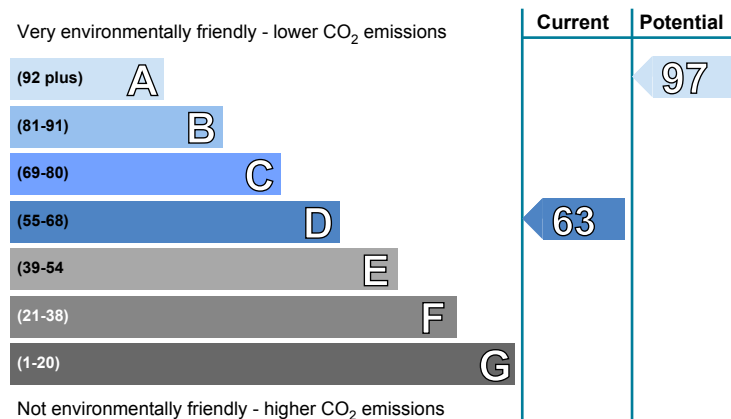


## Energy Efficiency Rating

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 E (41)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (61)**.

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



## Environmental Impact (CO<sub>2</sub>) Rating

This graph shows the effect of your home on the environment in terms of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions. The higher the rating, the less impact it has on the environment.

Your current rating is **band D (63)**. 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	£159.00
2 Room-in-roof insulation	£1,500 - £2,700	£1659.00
3 Cavity wall insulation	£500 - £1,500	£507.00

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](http://greenerscotland.org) or contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

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## Summary of the energy performance related features of this home

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

Element	Description	Energy Efficiency	Environmental
Walls	Sandstone or limestone, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
	Cavity wall, as built, partial insulation (assumed)	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
	Timber frame, as built, insulated (assumed)	★★★★★☆☆	★★★★★☆☆
Roof	Pitched, 250 mm loft insulation	★★★★★☆☆	★★★★★☆☆
	Flat, limited insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆☆
	Roof room(s), ceiling insulated	★★☆☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆☆
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed)	—	—
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, LPG	★★☆☆☆☆	★★★★★☆☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	★★★★★☆☆	★★★★★☆☆
Secondary heating	Room heaters, wood logs	—	—
Hot water	From main system, plus solar	★★★★☆☆	★★★★★★
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, CO<sub>2</sub> 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 39 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>/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 5.4 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Adopting recommendations in this report can reduce emissions and protect the environment. If you were to install all of these recommendations this could reduce emissions by 4.9 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.












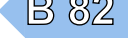

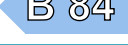


## Estimated energy costs for this home

	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£8,013 over 3 years	£3,927 over 3 years	
Hot water	£609 over 3 years	£612 over 3 years	
Lighting	£468 over 3 years	£468 over 3 years	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£9,090</b>	<b>£5,007</b>	

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	£53		
2 Room-in-roof insulation	£1,500 - £2,700	£553		
3 Cavity wall insulation	£500 - £1,500	£169		
4 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£213		
5 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£240		
6 Replacement glazing units	£1,000 - £1,400	£132		
7 Wind turbine	£15,000 - £25,000	£1111		

### Alternative measures

There are alternative improvement measures which you could also consider for your home. It would be advisable to seek further advice and illustration of the benefits and costs of such measures.

- External insulation with cavity wall insulation

## 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](http://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](http://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 Room-in-roof insulation

Insulating roof rooms will significantly reduce heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. If it has a flat ceiling insulation can usually be added above the ceiling, and sloping ceilings and walls of roof rooms can be insulated using an internal lining board. Roof voids must have adequate ventilation to prevent dampness; seek advice about this if unsure. Further information about roof room insulation and details of local contractors can be obtained from the National Insulation Association ([www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk](http://www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk)). Building regulations generally apply to this work so it is best to check this with your local authority building standards department.

### 3 Cavity wall insulation

Cavity wall insulation, to fill the gap between the inner and outer layers of external walls with an insulating material, reduces heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. The insulation material is pumped into the gap through small holes that are drilled into the outer walls, and the holes are made good afterwards. As specialist machinery is used to fill the cavity, a professional installation company should carry out this work, and they should carry out a thorough survey before commencing work to ensure that this type of insulation is suitable for this home and its exposure. They should also provide a guarantee for the work and handle any building standards issues. Further information about cavity wall insulation and details of local installers can be obtained from the National Insulation Association ([www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk](http://www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk)).

### 4 Internal or external wall insulation

Internal or external wall insulation involves adding a layer of insulation to either the inside or the outside surface of the external walls, which reduces heat loss and lowers fuel bills. As it is more expensive than cavity wall insulation it is only recommended for walls without a cavity, or where for technical reasons a cavity cannot be filled. Internal insulation, known as dry-lining, is where a layer of insulation is fixed to the inside surface of external walls; this type of insulation is best applied when rooms require redecorating. External solid wall insulation is the application of an insulant and a weather-protective finish to the outside of the wall. This may improve the look of the home, particularly where existing brickwork or rendering is poor, and will provide long-lasting weather protection. Further information can be obtained from the National Insulation Association ([www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk](http://www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk)). It should be noted that a building warrant is required for the installation of external wall insulation. Planning permission may also be required and that building regulations apply to external insulation so it is best to check with your local authority on both issues.

### 5 Floor insulation (suspended floor)

Insulation of a floor will significantly reduce heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Suspended floors can often be insulated from below but must have adequate ventilation to prevent dampness; seek advice about this if unsure. Further information about floor insulation is available from many sources including [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Insulation/Floor-insulation](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Insulation/Floor-insulation). Building regulations generally apply to this work so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department.

### 6 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.

## 7 Wind turbine

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

## 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)	23,504	N/A	(1,423)	(1,762)
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,984			

## Addendum

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

## About this document

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

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

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## Advice and support to improve this property

There is support available, which could help you carry out some of the improvements recommended for this property on page 3 and stop wasting energy and money. For more information, visit [greener-scotland.org](https://www.greener-scotland.org) or contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

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# Property Questionnaire

PROPERTY ADDRESS:	Ardochart Mitchellhall Brae Haddington EH41 4LB
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SELLER(S):	Mr & Mrs D Phillips
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COMPLETION DATE OF PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE:	18.02.2024
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## PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE

### NOTE FOR SELLERS

- Please complete this form carefully. It is important that your answers are correct.
- The information in your answers will help ensure that the sale of your house goes smoothly. Please answer each question with as much detailed information as you can.
- If anything changes after you fill in this questionnaire but before the Date of Entry for the sale of your house, tell your solicitor or estate agent immediately.

**PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**Information to be given to prospective buyer(s)**

1. Length of ownership	
How long have you owned the property? 31 years	
2. Council Tax	
Which Council Tax band is your property in? A    B    C    D    E    F <b>G</b> H	
3. Parking	
What are the arrangements for parking at your property? (Please indicate all that apply) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Garage</b></li> <li>• <b>Allocated parking space</b></li> <li>• <b>Driveway</b></li> <li>• Shared parking</li> <li>• <b>On street</b></li> <li>• Resident permit</li> <li>• Metered parking</li> <li>• Other (please specify):</li> </ul>	
4. Conservation Area	
Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (i.e. an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)?	No
5. Listed Buildings	
Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (i.e. a building recognised and approved as being of special architectural or historical interest)?	No
6. Alterations / additions / extensions	

NONE IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED  
IN SECTION 9

Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicitor or estate agent.

7. Central heating

<p>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). <u>If you have answered yes/partial</u> – what kind of central heating is there? (Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air.) LPG fired  <u>If you have answered yes, please answer the 3 questions below:</u></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>b. When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed? Prior to moving in .</p>	
<p>c. Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system? <u>If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance agreement:</u></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>d. When was your maintenance agreement last renewed? (Please provide the month and year).</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>8. Energy Performance Certificate</p>	
<p>Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>9. Issues that may have affected your property</p>	
<p>a. Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p><u>If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?</u></p>	<p>No</p>



<p>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)?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please describe the changes which you have made:</p> <p>Rebuilt garage Rebuilt porch</p>	
<p>(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking.</p> <p>If you do not have the documents yourself, please note below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent can arrange to obtain them.</p>	
<p>b. Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please answer the three questions below:</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>(i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>(iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or patio doors (with approximate dates when the work was completed):</p> <p>Replaced all single glazed windows and doors for double glazed. Approximately 25 years ago Porch was replaced with doubled glazed windows and doors approximately 12 years ago</p>	

b.	Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property?	No
	If you have answered <u>yes</u> , please give details:	

**10. Services**

a. Please tick which services are connected to your property and give details of the supplier:

Services	Connected	Supplier
Gas / liquid petroleum gas	LPG	J Gas
Water mains / private water supply	Mains water	East Lothian Council
Electricity	√	Octopus
Mains drainage	No	Septic tank
Telephone	√	BT
Cable TV / satellite	No	
Broadband	Yes	BT

**11. Responsibilities for Shared or Common Areas**

b.	Is there a septic tank system at your property?	Yes
	If you have answered <u>yes</u> , please answer the two questions below:	

c.	Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic tank?	Yes
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d.	Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank?	No
	If you have answered <u>yes</u> , please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:	

**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?	No
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	<u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u>	
b.	<p>Is there a responsibility to contribute to repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell or other common areas?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	No
c.	<p>Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the property?</p>	No
d.	<p>Do you have the right to walk over any of your neighbours' property - for example to put out your rubbish bin or to maintain your boundaries?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	No
e.	<p>As far as you are aware, do any of your neighbours have the right to walk over your property, for example to put out their rubbish bin or to maintain their boundaries?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	No
f.	<p>As far as you are aware, is there a Public Right of Way across any part of your property? (A Public Right of Way is a way over which the public has a right to pass, whether or not the land is privately-owned.)</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	No
<b>12. Charges associated with your property</b>		
a.	<p>Is there a factor or property manager for your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please provide the name and address and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:</u></p>	No
b.	<p>Is there a common buildings insurance policy?</p>	No
	<u>If you have answered es, is the cost of the insurance</u>	Yes/No/

	included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?	Don't know
c.	Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regular basis for the upkeep of common areas or repair works, e.g. to a Residents' Association, or maintenance or stair fund.	N/A.
<b>13. Specialist Works</b>		
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?  <u>If you have answered yes</u> , 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	No
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?  <u>If you have answered yes</u> , please give details	No
c.	<u>If you have answered yes to 13(a) or (b)</u> , do you have any guarantees relating to this work?  <u>If you have answered yes</u> , 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 <u>please write below who has these documents</u> 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:	Yes/No
<b>14. Guarantees</b>		

a. Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following:						
(i)	Electrical work	No	Yes	Don't Know	With title deeds	Lost
(ii)	Roofing	No	Yes	Don't Know	With title deeds	Lost
(iii)	Central heating	No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
(iv)	NHBC	No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
(v)	Damp course	No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
(vi)	Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)	No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	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):  Attic fully insulated after moving in						
c. Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed above?  If you have answered yes, please give details:					No	
15. Boundaries						
So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in the last 10 years?  If you have answered yes, please give details:					No	
16. Notices that affect your property						
In the past 3 years have you ever received a notice:						
a.	advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?				No	

b.	that affects your property in some other way?	No
c.	that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?	No
If you have answered yes to any of a-c above, please give the notices to your solicitor or estate agent, including any notices which arrive at any time before the date of entry of the purchase of your property.		

**Declaration by the seller(s)/or other authorised body or person(s):**

**/// We confirm that the information in this form is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.**

**Signature(s) :**

**David M R Phillips / Margaret J Phillips**

*D. Phillips* → *Margaret J Phillips*

**Date: 18.02.2024...**

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**For the attention of Ms H Sheran**

Dear Madam

**RE: Ardochart, Mitchell Hall Brae, Haddington, EH41 4LB**

Thank you for your instructions to carry out a Damp and Timber inspection of the above property and following our inspection on Thursday 7 March 2024, confirmation of our findings together with recommendations are as follows.

## **GROUND FLOOR DAMPNESS**

Using our moisture meter, we tested the accessible walls throughout the ground floor where we recorded moderate, rather than excessively high readings, affecting sections of walls within the bedroom and also the Sitting room. The moderate readings were recorded on the walls plastered directly onto the hard, onto the external walls and we believe that the moderate readings are mainly due to cold surfaces attracting atmospheric moisture, where walls on the hard will be colder surfaces than say Dry Lined walls.

We do not believe this to be any form of Rising or penetrating dampness and therefore no treatments are recommended.

## **ROOF VOID TIMBERS**

Access to the roof timbers was made through two access hatches within the top floor landing and this revealed evidence of historical Woodborer. We could see no signs of any active infestation and therefore no treatments are recommended.

There was some slight staining affecting certain timbers however on testing these using our moisture meter, low readings were recorded suggesting historical leakage.

We enclose our invoice in relation to this inspection.



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We trust that this is satisfactory however should you have any further queries then please do not hesitate to contact our Mr Laing.

Yours faithfully



STUART LAING  
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