# survey report on:

Property address	83 Queen Street Alva FK12 5AH
Customer	Miss Claire Templeton
Customer address	28 Queens Lane Bridge Of Allan Stirling FK9 4NY
Prepared by	Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
Date of inspection	16/10/2023



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

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

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

they assign the same to any other party in writing.

#### 1.7 PAYMENT

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

#### 1.8 CANCELLATION

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

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

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

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

#### 1.9 PRECEDENCE

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

#### 1.10 DEFINITIONS

- the "Lender" is the party who has provided or intends or proposes to provide financial assistance to the Purchaser towards the purchase of the Property and in whose favour a standard security will be granted over the Property;
- the "Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor, prepared from information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report, but in a style and format required by the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes will be prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected from a surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and who is competent to survey, value and report on the Property;
- the "Generic Mortgage Valuation Report" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor from information in the Report but in the Surveyor's own format;
- the "Market Value" is the estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion;
- the "Property" is the property which forms the subject of the Report;
- the "Purchaser" is the person (or persons) who enters into a contract to buy the Property from the Seller;

- a "prospective Purchaser" is anyone considering buying the Property;
- the "Report" is the report, of the kind described in Part 2 of these Terms and Conditions and in the form set out in part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008;
- the "Seller" is/are the proprietor(s) of the Property;
- the "Surveyor" is the author of the Report on the Property; and
- the "Surveyors" are the firm or company of which the Surveyor is an employee, director, member or partner (unless the Surveyor is not an employee, director, member or partner, when the "Surveyors" means the Surveyor) whose details are set out at the head of the Report.
- the "Energy Report" is the advice given by the accredited Energy Company, based on information collected by the Surveyor during the Inspection, and also includes an Energy Performance Certificate, in a Government approved format.

#### **PART 2 - DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT**

#### 2.1 THE SERVICE

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

#### 2.2 THE INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

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

#### 2.3 THE REPORT

The Report will be prepared by the Surveyor who carried out the property inspection and will describe various aspects of the property as defined by the headings of the Single Survey report with the comments

being general and unbiased. The report on the location, style and condition of the property, will be concise and will be restricted to matters that could have a material effect upon value and will omit items that, in the Surveyor's opinion, are not significant. If certain minor matters are mentioned, it should not be interpreted that the property is free of any other minor defects.

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

- 1 <u>Category 3:</u> 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 <u>Category 2:</u> 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 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.

Description	The subject property comprises a ground floor flat within a two storey block of similar properties.
Accommodation	Ground floor: Entrance hallway, internal hallway, living room, kitchen, three bedrooms and shower room with wc.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	119sqm or thereby.
Neighbourhood and location	The subject property is located within Alva town centre where surrounding properties are of a varied age, style and use, with both residential and commercial premises present nearby. All local amenities and facilities are readily available nearby within the town of Alva.
Age	1900 approximately.
Weather	Dry and clear after a period of mixed weather.
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	The chimneys are a mixture of pointed stone and brick construction, with a mixture of lead and cement style flashings noted where seen.

Roofing including roof space	Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.  Roof spaces were visually inspected and were entered where there was safe and reasonable access, normally defined as being from a 3m ladder within the property.  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 roof is of pitched timber framed construction having been overlaid in tiles with tiled ridge sections evident.  No internal inspection of any attic area could be carried out due to the presence of accommodation above.
Rainwater fittings	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.  Cast iron rainwater fittings.
Main walls	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.  Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.  The main walls are of traditional solid stone construction having been pointed externally.
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 throughout are of a replacement uPVC double glazed style.  The front access door is of a PVC type, with a further PVC and double glazed rear door present.
External decorations	Visually inspected.  Painted external decorations where applicable.
Conservatories / porches	Not applicable.

Communal areas	Circulation areas visually inspected.
	The subject property benefits from access to a common drying area to the rear of the building.
Garages and permanent outbuildings	Visually inspected.
	The property benefits from a semi detached external outbuilding within the garden grounds. The outbuilding is brick built and is covered with what would appear to be a corrugated asbestos cement style sheet roof covering. The outbuilding is accessed via a timber entrance door, however, this was jammed at the time of inspection and no internal inspection could be carried out.
	The outbuilding was covered by climbing plants and the inspection of the external areas was restricted.
Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected.
	The subject property benefits from small sections of private garden ground to the rear elevation. This garden ground comprises a variety of decked, paved, lawn, chipped and shrub areas and is bound by a mixture of pointed stone walls and fencing.
	The property also benefits from access to the common drying area to the rear of the building.
Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level.
	Presumed plasterboard and lath and plastered ceilings throughout.
Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level.
	Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.
	Internal walls are of lath and plaster and plastered masonry finishes.

Floors including sub floors	Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.  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.  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.  Flooring throughout is predominantly of suspended timber construction.
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.
	Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.
	Kitchen fittings comprise a variety of wall and base type storage units with worktop surface areas present.
	Internal joinery comprises of timber panel and timber and glazed panel internal doors, with timber skirtings, facings and surrounds noted.
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	Visually inspected.
	No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.
	Original fireplaces have been blocked over.
Internal decorations	Visually inspected.
	Mixed surface decoration throughout.
Cellars	Not applicable.

### 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 supply, with the electric consumer unit located within the hall cupboard. 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. Mains gas supply, with the gas meter located externally. Water, plumbing, 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 supply. Plumberwork, where seen, is of copper supply and PVC wastepipes. Sanitary fittings comprise of a three piece suite within the shower room. Heating and hot water Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. The subject property benefits from a gas fired central heating system, with the gas combination boiler located within the kitchen area. **Drainage** Drainage covers etc. were not lifted.

Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.

tested at the time of inspection.

Both foul and surface water drainage is presumed to be

connected to the main public sewer. This was not checked or

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#### Fire, smoke and burglar alarms

Visually inspected.

No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.

All Scottish homes require 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 carbonfuelled appliance such as a boiler, open fire or wood burner, a carbon monoxide detector is also required. We have not assessed or tested any existing equipment and it is the purchasers responsibility to confirm that the property will comply with these standards following a change of ownership.

#### Any additional limits to inspection

#### For flats / maisonettes

Only the subject flat and internal communal areas giving access to the flat were inspected.

If the roof space or under-building / basement is communal, reasonable and safe access is not always possible. If no inspection was possible, this will be stated. If no inspection was possible, the surveyor will assume that there are no defects that will have a material effect on the valuation.

The building containing the flat, including any external communal areas, was visually inspected only to the extent that the surveyor is able to give an opinion on the general condition and standard of maintenance.

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.

The property was partially furnished and had partially fitted floor coverings, therefore no detailed inspection was possible of the floors and accordingly, no comment can be made on their condition. Internal cupboards were generally filled with storage items. No access was available beneath sanitary or kitchen fittings.

Windows and external doors were not all fully opened or tested.

No access was available to any sub-floor areas.

Full and safe access was not available to the roof void area due to the presence of accommodation above.

Garden climbing vegetation was present on the outbuildings. Our inspection of the building fabric to these areas was therefore restricted.

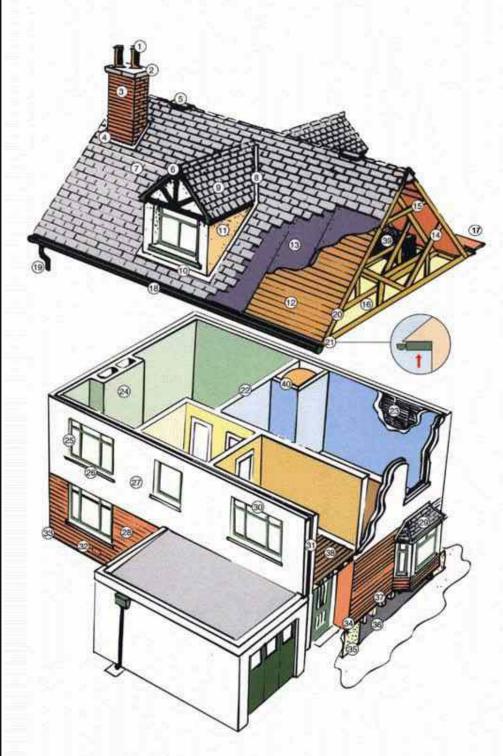
We were not able to fully inspect all areas of boundary walls and outbuilding due to vegetation and restricted access.

Some areas of the external building fabric including some roof pitches, chimneys and elevations were not fully or closely inspectable from the surrounding ground level, due to the confines of the site.

No inspection has been possible to flooring timbers beneath any sanitary fitting, kitchen appliances or other wet areas was possible. Timbers are assumed to be in a satisfactory

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	condition.
	The cold water rising main was not fully inspectable.

### 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.

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

Category 3	Category 2	Category 1
	Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.	

Structural movement	
Repair category	1
Notes	Evidence of settlement/movement has affected the building reflected by minor cracking to the external walls. On the basis of a single inspection this appears longstanding with no evidence of recent movement apparent.

Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	2
Notes	Above average damp readings were obtained to localised sections of lower wall lining at ground floor level along the party wall. A precautionary check of the property should be carried out by a reputable timber and damp specialist prior to purchase.
	There is evidence of previous damp/timber specialist treatment works having been carried out including a damp proof course injection in areas. Guarantee documentation should be obtained. If valid guarantees are not available, a precautionary check of the property including previous repairs should be carried out by a reputable timber and damp specialist contractor.

Chimney stacks	
Repair category	2
Notes	Sections of weathered and defective chimney masonry/flashings present and future remedial works may be required.
	Our inspection of chimneys was limited but they are of an age and style where a degree of regular ongoing maintenance should be anticipated.

Roofing including r	oof space
Repair category	2
Notes	The roof coverings over the subject property are of an age and style where a degree of regular and ongoing maintenance should be anticipated, with general weathering and moss covered areas present.

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Main walls	
Repair category	2
Notes	Sections of weathered and pitted stone finishes, with further cracked mortar pointing in areas and future maintenance should be anticipated.

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category	2
Notes	Windows are of an age and style where a degree of ongoing maintenance should be anticipated to sealed units and opening mechanisms.  It is assumed that replacement windows and doors comply with relevant building and fire regulations.

External decorations	
Repair category	2
Notes	The external décor of the rainwater fittings is weathered and may require redecoration in future.

Conservatories/porches	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	

Communal areas	
Repair category	1
Notes	Communal areas leading to and surrounding the subject property have been visually inspected where possible, however it should be appreciated that there may be a common repairing liability in respect of other parts of the building out with the scope of our inspection and this should be confirmed.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category	2
Notes	The outbuilding may contain materials with an asbestos content including the roof covering. These have not been tested and we have not carried out an asbestos survey on the property however these materials should be handled by a competent contractor only. Asbestos waste can be costly to dispose of.
	No internal inspection of the outbuilding could be carried out due to the door being jammed at the time of inspection.
	The external inspection of the building was limited due to the presence of climbing plants and garden vegetation.

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category	2
Notes	Boundary walls and fences should be regularly checked and maintained as necessary.
	The subjects have an area of timber decking to the rear. Timber decked structures will have a limited lifespan and require regular maintenance and this liability should be considered. It should be appreciated that the concealed structural components have not been inspected nor have we moved items on the deck surface (patio furniture, potted plants etc) and we would highlight that defects may only become evident once such items are removed or the decking boards lifted.
	The stone boundary wall was seen to be weathered with cracked mortar pointing in areas and general maintenance should be anticipated.

Ceilings	
Repair category	2
Notes	Within the limitations of our inspection no significant defects were noted.
	Evidence of plaster cracking was noted in areas throughout requiring repair.

Internal walls	
Repair category	1
Notes	Within the limitations of our inspection no significant defects were noted.

Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category	1
Notes	Due to fitted carpets and floor coverings no detailed inspection of floors was possible and accordingly no comment can be made on their condition.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	Low level internal glazing should be checked for safety glass.
	Internal joinery is generally serviceable however some wear and tear items were noted to kitchen fittings/internal doors/facings etc. and future maintenance or upgrading should be anticipated.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category	1
Notes	The fluing and ventilation arrangements may not comply with current regulations. While the appliances and services have not been tested, the advice of a registered gas installer or engineer should be obtained and any recommended works carried out.

Internal decorations	3
Repair category	1
Notes	The subject property is in reasonable decorative order.
	The internal decoration will require to be upgraded dependant on individual taste.

Cellars	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	

Electricity	
Repair category	1
Notes	The Institution of Engineering Technology recommends that inspections and testings are undertaken at least every five years and on a change of occupancy. It should be appreciated that only the most recently constructed or re-wired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations.
	Aspects of the electrical installation are of mixed age and the system should be checked as a precaution by a registered electrician and upgraded if necessary.
	Electric plug sockets were noted at skirting board level, however, the electrical system has been checked and tested in 2023 and signed off by a registered electrician.

Gas	
Repair category	1
Notes	In the interests of safety and in light of recent regulations it would be prudent to have all gas appliances checked by a Gas Safe registered contractor.

Water, plumbing an	d bathroom fittings
Repair category	1
Notes	No tests have been undertaken of the system, however within the limitations of our inspection, no significant defects were noted. No inspection has been possible to enclosed timbers beneath wet appliances and no comment has been made on the condition of unseen areas. Watertight seals will require to be regularly checked and replaced, to prevent water damage to adjoining areas.  The cold water rising main was not fully inspectable.

Heating and hot wa	ter
Repair category	1
Notes	It is assumed that the central heating system has been properly installed, updated and maintained to meet with all current regulations and standards with particular regard to fluing and ventilation requirements. Service records should be obtained and checked. In the absence of service documentation further advice should be obtained from a qualified heating engineer to ascertain the condition, efficiency, and life expectancy of the system.  We understand the system has been serviced on an annual basis and we would advise that all service documentation be obtained and authenticated at the point of sale.

Drainage	
Repair category	1
Notes	All foul and surface water drainage is assumed to be to the main public sewer. The system was not tested.

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	2
Main walls	2
Windows, external doors and joinery	2
External decorations	2
Conservatories/porches	N/A
Communal areas	1
Garages and permanent outbuildings	2
Outside areas and boundaries	2
Ceilings	2
Internal walls	1
Floors including sub-floors	1
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	1
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	1
Internal decorations	1
Cellars	N/A
Electricity	1
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. Wherea lift is present, the count is based on the number of steps climbed when using the lift.

Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:

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

1. Which floor(s) is the living accommodation on?		Ground		
2. Are there three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property?		X	No	
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	Yes		No	X
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	Yes		No	X
5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?	Yes	X	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?	Yes	X	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 reinstatement cost for insurance purposes.

#### Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

The property is situated in an area of past mining activity. A mining report should be obtained from the Coal Authority to provide information as to historic and future mining activity and whether the property has been the subject of any compensation claims and to confirm that the property is not adversely affected.

The property has been historically converted and altered to form its current layout and it should be confirmed that all necessary permissions have been obtained.

It is assumed that all alterations, additions and/or extensions to the property have received all necessary Town Planning (Planning Permission) and Building Authority (Building Warrants and Completion Certificate) approvals and that documentation for such is available

The property is situated in an area of past/current mining activity. A mining report should be obtained from the Coal Authority to provide information as to historic and future mining activity and whether the property has been the subject of any compensation claims and to confirm that the property is not adversely affected.

The subjects form part of a block of flats and it has been assumed that maintenance/repair costs of the common parts of the building will be shared on an equitable basis with adjoining proprietors. It is therefore assumed that the cost of common repairs detailed within the report will be apportioned accordingly although exact liability should be confirmed.

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

It is assumed that there are no statutory, town planning, road proposals or environmental matters which are likely to have an adverse effect on the property.

#### Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

For Reinstatement Cost Assessment purposes, it is recommended that the subjects be insured for a sum of not less than £550,000 (FIVE HUNDRED & FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS) STERLING.

This figure is the estimate of the cost of rebuilding the premises and bears no direct relationship to current market value.

#### Valuation and market comments

Having considered matters, taking account of our general observations on site, we are of the opinion that the Market Value of the subjects in their present condition and with the benefit of vacant possession may be fairly stated in the sum of £110,000 (ONE HUNDRED & TEN THOUSAND POUNDS) STERLING..

Signed	Kieran Bonner Electronically signed :- 18/10/2023 17:32
Report author	Kieran Bonner
Company name	J & E Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
Address	11 Gladstone Place Stirling FK8 2NN
Date of report	16/10/2023



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Property Address	
Address Seller's Name Date of Inspection	83 Queen Street, Alva, FK12 5AH Miss Claire Templeton 16/10/2023
Property Details	
Property Type House Purpose built flat	Bungalow Purpose built maisonette Converted maisonette  X Converted flat Tenement flat Flat over non-residential use  Other (specify in General Remarks)
Property Style Detached Back to back	Semi detached       Mid terrace       End terrace         High rise block       X Low rise block       Other (specify in General Remarks)
Does the surveyor believe that the military, police? Flats/Maisonettes only Floor(s) on what Approximate Year of Construction	property was built for the public sector, e. g. local authority,  No. of floors in block  No. of units in block  1900  Yes X No  Yes X No
Tenure	
X Absolute Ownership	Other
Accommodation	
Number of Rooms  1 Living room 1 Bathroom(s	
Gross Floor Area (excluding garage	es and outbuildings) 119 m² (Internal) m² (External)
Residential Element (greater than 4	0%) X Yes No
Garage / Parking / Outbuildings	
Single garage Double gar	rage Parking space X No garage / garage space / parking space
Available on site?	No
Permanent outbuildings:	
Brick built external storage area with asbes	tos cement style roof.

Construction
Walls Brick X Stone Concrete Timber frame Other (specify in General Remarks)  Roof X Tile Slate Asphalt Felt Other (specify in General Remarks)
Special Risks
Has the property suffered structural movement?
If Yes, is this recent or progressive?
Is there evidence, history, or reason to anticipate subsidence, heave, landslip or flood in $\square$ Yes $\boxtimes$ No the immediate vicinity?
If Yes to any of the above, provide details in General Remarks.
Service Connections
Based on visual inspection only. If any services appear to be non-mains, please comment on the type and location of the supply in General Remarks
Drainage       X       Mains       Private       None       Water       X       Mains       Private       None         Electricity       X       Mains       Private       None       Gas       X       Mains       Private       None         Central Heating       X       Yes       Partial       None
Brief description of Central Heating and any non mains services:
Gas fired to steel panel radiators.
Site
Apparent legal issues to be verified by the conveyancer. Please provide a brief description in General Remarks.
Rights of way  X Shared drives / access Garage or other amenities on separate site Shared service connections
Ill-defined boundaries Agricultural land included with property  Other (specify in General Remarks)
Location
Residential suburb  X Residential within town / city  Mixed residential / commercial  Shared service connections  Commuter village  Remote village  I solated rural property  Other (specify in General Remarks)
Planning Issues
Has the property been extended / converted / altered? Yes X No  If Yes provide details in General Remarks.
Roads
X Made up road Unmade road Partly completed new road Pedestrian access only Adopted Unadopted

#### **General Remarks**

The subject property comprises a converted ground floor flat within a two storey block of similar properties lying within the town of Alva, which is convenient for local shopping, educational and social facilities.

At the time of inspection the general condition of the property appeared consistent with its age and type of construction and was generally found to be in fair order throughout.

The property is of an age and style where a degree of regular and ongoing maintenance should be anticipated, with particular focus on the external fabric of the building.

The property has been historically converted to form its current layout.

The subject property has suffered from previous structural movement, however, on the basis of a single inspection this appears long standing and non progressive in nature.

Essential Repairs	
None noted.	
Estimated cost of essential repairs -	
Retention recommended? Yes X No	
Retention amount -	
Comment on Mortgageability  The property forms suitable security for mortgage purposes subject to the specific lending criteria of any mortgage provided in the security for mortgage provided in the security for mortgage provided in the security for mortgage purposes.	rider.
Valuation	
Market value in present condition	£ 110,000
Market value on completion of essential repairs	£
Insurance reinstatement value	£ 550,000
(to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT)	
Is a reinspection necessary?	Yes X No

#### Declaration

Signed Kieran Bonner

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