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# SINGLE SURVEY

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



## Survey report on:

<b>Customer</b>	Mrs. Fiona Henderson
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<b>Selling address</b>	Coll Mannfield Place Carrbridge PH23 3BB
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<b>Date of Inspection</b>	17/09/2024
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## 1. INFORMATION AND SCOPE OF INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

Description	The subjects comprise a semi-detached bungalow of conventional style.
Accommodation	GROUND FLOOR:- Entrance Vestibule, Living Room, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom and Rear Entrance Porch.
Gross internal floor area (m2)	67 square metres.
Neighbourhood and location	The subjects are situated centrally within Carrbridge where surrounding properties are of a similar residential style and nature.  Local facilities and amenities are available nearby.
Age	Built circa 1985.
Weather	Dry and bright.
Chimney stacks	None.

Roofing including roof space	<p><b><i>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Flat roofs have a limited life and depending on their age and quality of workmanship can fail at any time.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Roof spaces were visually inspected and were entered where there was safe and reasonable access, normally defined as being from a 3m ladder within the property. If this is not possible, then physical access to the roof space may be taken by other means if the Surveyor deems it safe and reasonable to do so.</i></b></p> <p>The roof is of pitched design clad in concrete tiles with metal clad valleys and tiled ridging.</p> <p>Access to the roof void is via a ceiling hatch within the hallway.</p> <p>The roof is of timber framed construction incorporating ply sarking.</p> <p>Insulation material has been laid between the ceiling joists.</p>
Rainwater fittings	<p><b><i>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.</i></b></p> <p>Gutters and downpipes are formed in uPVC.</p>
Main walls	<p><b><i>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required. Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</i></b></p> <p>The main walls are of 310mm cavity timber frame construction with an outer leaf of concrete blockwork, externally roughcast. There are facing brick details.</p>
Windows, external doors and joinery	<p><b><i>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Doors and windows were not forced open.</i></b></p> <p>Windows are of uPVC design equipped with sealed unit double glazing.</p> <p>The front and rear access doors are formed in uPVC and incorporate glazed panel inserts.</p> <p>Fascias and soffits are formed in timber with a painted finish.</p>
External decorations	<p><b><i>Visually inspected.</i></b></p> <p>Painted finishes.</p>
Conservatories / porches	<p><b><i>Visually inspected.</i></b></p> <p>The rear entrance porch is of block and render construction under a pitched and tiled roof.</p>
Communal areas	None.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	None.
Outside areas and boundaries	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p>The garden ground is arranged to the front, side and rear and laid to grass with a gravel chipped driveway.</p> <p>Boundaries are formed in timber fencing.</p>
Ceilings	<p><b>Visually inspected from floor level.</b></p> <p>Ceilings are lined in plasterboard.</p>
Internal walls	<p><b>Visually inspected from floor level.</b></p> <p><b>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</b></p> <p>Internal walls are lined in plasterboard.</p>
Floors including sub floors	<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>Flooring throughout is of suspended timber design.</p> <p>I did not gain access into any sub-floor areas.</p>
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	<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>There is a stainless steel sink unit together with a range of floor and wall mounted storage units within the kitchen.</p> <p>Skirtings and architraves are formed in timber with a painted finish and internal doors are of timber panel or of timber and glazed design.</p>
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	None.
Internal decorations	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p>Painted and papered finishes.</p>
Cellars	None.

Electricity	<p><b>Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p><b>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>Mains supply with the consumer unit located within the entrance vestibule and the meter found externally.</p>
Gas	None.
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	<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 a mains supply.</p> <p>The bathroom is fitted with a WC, wash hand basin and bath with mixer shower fitting over.</p>
Heating and hot water	<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>Heating and hot water is from an oil fired Grant Vortex External Combi 26 boiler. This serves steel panel radiators distributed throughout the property and provides domestic hot water.</p>
Drainage	<p><b>Drainage covers etc were not lifted.</b></p> <p><b>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</b></p> <p>Drainage is connected to the main public sewer. I did not lift any hatches or view chambers.</p>

<p>Fire, smoke and burglar alarms</p>	<p><b><i>Visually inspected.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>No test whatsoever were carried out to any systems or appliances.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>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.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>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.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>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.</i></b></p> <p>Interlinked smoke detectors were noted.</p> <p>Legislation by the Scottish Government, which took effect from February 2022, requires all residential properties to have a system of inter-linked smoke alarms and heat detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors are also required where appropriate. Purchasers should appraise themselves of the requirements of this legislation, and engage with appropriately accredited contractors to ensure compliance.</p>
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<p>Any additional limits to inspection</p>	<p>Parts of the property, which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible, cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect.</p> <p>I have not carried out an inspection for Japanese Knotweed and unless otherwise stated, for the purposes of the valuation I have assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plants within the boundaries of the property or in neighbouring properties.</p> <p>The report does not include an asbestos inspection. However asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 2000, when it became a banned substance. If the possibility of asbestos based products has been reported within the limitations of the inspection and you have concerns you should engage a qualified asbestos surveyor.</p> <p>Random testing for dampness was undertaken internally with the use of a moisture meter where accessible and considered appropriate.</p> <p>The property was occupied, fully furnished and all floors were covered. Floor coverings restricted my inspection of flooring.</p> <p>In accordance with Health and Safety guidelines I have not disturbed insulation, furniture or personal effects (particularly in cupboards). Floor coverings have not been moved.</p> <p>Personal effects in cupboards and fitted wardrobes were not moved and restricted my inspection.</p> <p>My physical inspection of the roof void area was restricted due to insulation material and lack of suitable crawl boards. As a result the roof void area was only viewed from the access hatch.</p> <p>My inspection of the roof covering was restricted from ground level and some parts were not visible.</p> <p>I was not able to inspect the sub floor area.</p> <p>Concealed areas beneath and around bath/shower trays were not visible. Water spillage in these areas can often be discovered unexpectedly with resultant damage to concealed parts of the fabric.</p> <p>The inspection is not a fire or life safety risk assessment and should not be relied on as a risk assessment inspection. Further advice should be sought if a specific risk assessment of the property and building that it forms part of is required.</p> <p>Where repairs are required at height compliance with Health and Safety legislation often requires the use of scaffolding which can significantly impact on the cost of repair. Pricing repairs is out with the remit of this report but it would be prudent to consider costs and budgeting before offering. The various trades can advise further.</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.

## 2. CONDITION

This section identifies problems and tells you about the urgency of any repairs by using one of the above 3 categories:

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

Structural movement	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No obvious evidence of significant movement noted within the limitations of my inspection.

Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No obvious evidence of significant dampness, rot or wood boring insect infestation.

Chimney stacks	
Repair category:	
Notes:	None.

Roofing including roof space	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	<p>There is weathering and moss growth to the concrete roof tiles.</p> <p>Concrete tiles are typically guaranteed for 30 years but have a reasonable life expectation around 50/60 years according to the BRE. Life expectancy will often depend on weathering and damage from the prevailing weather. A reputable roofing contractor can advise on life expectancy and repair/replacement costs.</p> <p>There is evidence of condensation mould to the sarking within the roof space. This may be alleviated through improved loft ventilation. A firm of damp specialists/roofing contractors will be able to provide further advice.</p>

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Rainwater fittings	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects evident.

Main walls	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	There are some areas of hairline cracking to roughcast.

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects evident.

External decorations	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	There is weathering to external timber and paint finishes of the fascias/soffits.

Conservatories / porches	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects evident.

Communal areas	
Repair category:	
Notes:	None.

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Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category:	
Notes:	None.

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects evident.

Ceilings	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects evident.

Internal walls	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects evident.

Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	<p>There are sections of loose and uneven flooring with deflection noted particularly within the kitchen. Further investigation may be required by a contractor.</p> <p>It is not unusual to discover areas of past water spillage when floor coverings are removed in kitchen and bathroom compartments, revealing the need for further repair and maintenance work.</p>

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects evident.

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Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category:	
Notes:	None.

Internal decorations	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects evident.

Cellars	
Repair category:	
Notes:	None.

Electricity	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	<p>There are mixed age electrical components including an older consumer unit.</p> <p>It is recommended that all electrical installations be checked every five years or on change of ownership to keep up to date with frequent changes in Safety Regulations. Further advice will be available from a qualified NICEIC/ SELECT registered Contractor. It should be appreciated that only recently constructed or rewired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations.</p>

Gas	
Repair category:	
Notes:	None.

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	There is some mould growth to the bath top sealant.

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Heating and hot water	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	<p>It is assumed that the heating and hot water systems have been properly serviced and maintained on a regular basis and installed in accordance with the relevant regulations.</p> <p>Boilers and central heating systems should be tested and serviced by an OFTEC oil registered engineer on an annual basis to ensure their safe and efficient operation.</p>

Drainage	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects evident.

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

<b>Structural movement</b>	1
<b>Dampness, rot and infestation</b>	1
Chimney stacks	
<b>Roofing including roof space</b>	2
<b>Rainwater fittings</b>	1
<b>Main walls</b>	1
<b>Windows, external doors and joinery</b>	1
<b>External decorations</b>	1
<b>Conservatories / porches</b>	1
Communal areas	
Garages and permanent outbuildings	
<b>Outside areas and boundaries</b>	1
<b>Ceilings</b>	1
<b>Internal walls</b>	1
<b>Floors including sub-floors</b>	1
<b>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings</b>	1
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
<b>Internal decorations</b>	1
Cellars	
<b>Electricity</b>	1
Gas	
<b>Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings</b>	1
<b>Heating and hot water</b>	1
<b>Drainage</b>	1

## Remember

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

## Warning

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

### 3. ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

#### Guidance Notes on Accessibility Information

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

**Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:** For this purpose, 'Unrestricted parking' includes parking available by means of a parking permit. Restricted parking includes parking that is subject to parking restrictions, as indicated by the presence of solid yellow, red or white lines at the edge of the road or by a parking control sign, parking meters or other coinoperated machines.

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



## 4. VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

<b>Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer</b>	
<p>Where items of maintenance or repair have been identified, the purchaser should satisfy themselves as to the costs and implications of these issues prior to making an offer to purchase.</p> <p>The access to the driveway appears to be shared. Your legal representative will confirm all details and liability in respect of future maintenance.</p>	
<b>Estimated re-instatement cost (£) for insurance purposes</b>	
<p>215,000</p> <p>TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS. It should be noted this sum is an estimate calculated by using a rate per square metre based on information provided by Building Cost Information Service (BCIS).</p>	
<b>Valuation (£) and market comments</b>	
<p>200,000</p> <p>TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS.</p> <p>Following buoyant market conditions over a prolonged period through the Covid 19 pandemic, there are now indications of a return to a more balanced level of supply and demand.</p>	
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