

Single Survey

survey report on:

Property address	2 Hadden Farm Cottages Kelso TD5 8HU
Customer	Ms Zena McFadzean & Mr Iain Fullarton
Customer address	2 Hadden Farm Cottages Kelso TD5 8HU
Prepared by	Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
Date of inspection	01/05/2025



www.shepherd.co.uk

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 Property¹.

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.

¹ 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 Report².

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

² 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 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 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

Terms and Conditions

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.

Single Survey

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 property comprises a two-storey mid-terraced cottage.
Accommodation	GROUND FLOOR: Entrance Hallway, Living Room, Bedroom, Kitchen, W.C. FIRST FLOOR: Landing, 2 further Bedrooms, Shower Room.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	96sqm or thereby.
Neighbourhood and location	The subjects are situated in a rural area lying approximately 6 miles from the town of Kelso, where local shopping, educational and social facilities are readily available.
Age	Originally built in approximately 1870 but modernised, altered and extended at later dates to provide the present accommodation.
Weather	Dry and bright.
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. The chimney stacks are of pointed brick construction with clay chimney pots. The chimney flashings, where seen, have been formed in both cement and metal.

Roofing including roof space	<p>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The main roof to the subject property is timber framed, pitched and overlaid with slate with the ridge clad with metal.</p> <p>There are flat felt and metal platforms to dormer windows at attic floor level at the front and rear elevations.</p> <p>The roof over the rear extension is mono pitched and clad with slates.</p> <p>Access into the roof spaces is via a hatch within the ceiling at first floor landing level or via a hatch within a bedroom at first floor level.</p> <p>Where seen, insulation materials have been laid between the roof rafters.</p> <p>Within the roof space accessed from the bedroom, there are two uPVC cold water storage tanks.</p> <p>No inspection of the roof space via the hatch at first floor landing level was possible due to the location of the access hatch above the staircase.</p>
Rainwater fittings	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Rainwater fittings are of uPVC and cast iron construction.</p>
Main walls	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</p> <p>The main walls are of solid stone construction being rendered externally whilst the rear extension is of solid brick construction being rendered externally.</p>

Single Survey

Windows, external doors and joinery	<p>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</p> <p>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</p> <p>Doors and windows were not forced open.</p> <p>The front entrance doors are of timber design whilst the rear entrance door is of uPVC design.</p> <p>Windows to the subject property are of timber double glazed design and of metal single glazed design.</p> <p>Facia boards have been formed in timber.</p>
External decorations	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>Finished in paintwork.</p>
Conservatories / porches	<p>Not applicable.</p>
Communal areas	<p>Circulation areas visually inspected.</p> <p>The communal driveway has been overlaid with hardcore and gravel.</p>
Garages and permanent outbuildings	<p>There are no permanent outbuildings pertaining to the subject property.</p> <p>The subject property does benefit from two car parking spaces to the front elevation.</p>
Outside areas and boundaries	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>Areas of private garden ground are provided to the front and rear elevations with the boundaries delineated, where seen, by means of timber fencing and neighbouring garden grounds.</p>
Ceilings	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>Ceilings, where seen, are of lath and plaster construction and of timber construction.</p> <p>The ceiling lining to the shower room has been clad with uPVC panels.</p>

Single Survey

Internal walls	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</p> <p>Internal walls are plastered on the hard construction, plasterboard sheet construction and of lath and plaster construction.</p> <p>Sections of wall lining to the kitchen have been tiled.</p> <p>Sections of wall lining to the shower room have been clad with waterproof board and with timber panel.</p> <p>The walls at the staircase between the ground and first floor have been clad with timber panel.</p>
Floors including sub floors	<p>Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.</p> <p>Flooring at ground floor is of suspended timber construction and of solid concrete construction whilst flooring at first floor level is of suspended timber construction.</p> <p>No access was available to sub-floor areas as at the date of inspection.</p>
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	<p>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</p> <p>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</p> <p>The skirting boards and door frames are of timber design.</p> <p>Internal doors are of timber design.</p> <p>The kitchen is fitted with wall and base units.</p> <p>A timber staircase links the ground and first floor.</p>
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</p> <p>Within the living room there is a stove.</p>
Internal decorations	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>Mostly painted finishes throughout.</p>

Single Survey

Cellars	Not applicable.
Electricity	<p>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.</p> <p>Electricity is from the mains supply with the meter located on a wall surface at first floor landing level.</p>
Gas	Not applicable.
Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings	<p>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>Water is from the mains supply with the plumbing, where seen, being of uPVC and copper type.</p> <p>Within the roof space accessed from the first floor bedroom there are two uPVC cold water storage tanks.</p> <p>The sanitary fittings comprise a two-piece suite and shower cubicle within the shower room.</p> <p>The W.C. is fitted with a W.C. only.</p> <p>The kitchen is fitted with a sink unit.</p>
Heating and hot water	<p>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>A back boiler to the stove at the living room serves the central heating system via radiators. Hot water would appear to be provided either via the back boiler to the stove or via an electrical immersion heater that is fitted to the hot storage tank that is located within a cupboard that is accessible from both first floor landing level and from a first floor bedroom.</p>

Drainage	<p>Drainage covers etc. were not lifted.</p> <p>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</p> <p>We were unable to determine the position of the septic tank/private drainage system. The location of the septic tank/soakaway and legal access should be confirmed with the Title Deeds. It should also be confirmed that the drainage arrangements have SEPA consents.</p>
Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>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 carbon-fuelled 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.</p>

Any additional limits to inspection	<p>An inspection for Japanese Knotweed was not carried out. This is a plant which is subject to control regulation, is considered to be invasive and one which can render a property unsuitable for some mortgage lenders. It is therefore assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed within the boundaries of the property or its neighbouring property. Identification of Japanese Knotweed is best undertaken by a specialist contractor.</p> <p>The property had fitted floor coverings and therefore no detailed inspection was possible of the floors and accordingly no comment can be made on its condition.</p> <p>Windows and external doors were not all fully opened or tested.</p> <p>No access was available to any sub-floor areas.</p> <p>Full and safe access was not available to the roof void areas due to this area having been built into to form the attic floor accommodation, due to the location of an access hatch above the staircase at first floor landing level, due to the location of cold water storage tanks and due to the size of the remaining roof void areas.</p> <p>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 condition.</p> <p>The cold water rising main was not fully inspectable.</p> <p>Flat roof coverings were not inspectable.</p>
--	---

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.


Single Survey


2. Condition

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

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

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

 Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Above average damp readings were obtained to localised sections of lower wall lining at ground floor level and upper wall lining at first floor level. A precautionary check of the entire property should be carried out by a reputable timber and damp specialist prior to purchase.</p> <p>Traces of wood bore infestation were noted to timbers within the property. In the absence of valid guarantees for previous timber specialist treatment works, a reputable timber specialist should carry out a full and thorough inspection of all timbers within the property and provide estimates for any recommended remedial works.</p>

 Chimney stacks	
Repair category	2
Notes	Weathering noted to the chimney stacks and repairs are required.



Roofing including roof space

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>A number of loose and broken roof slates were visible and repairs are required. Roof coverings are of an age and style where a degree of regular ongoing maintenance should be anticipated. More extensive overhaul work may be required in future.</p> <p>There are flat roofs to the dormer windows at first floor level which were unseen from ground level at the time of inspection. It should be appreciated that this type roof can have a limited life span and will require a higher than normal degree of ongoing maintenance and eventual replacement. It may be prudent to confirm the service history of the roof coverings.</p> <p>We recommend a precautionary check of the roof including roof void areas is undertaken prior to purchase, especially after adverse weather conditions, by a qualified roofing contractor who can provide further advice on a necessary remedial/maintenance works required.</p>



Rainwater fittings

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Rainwater goods are of an older style and have suffered corrosion. Maintenance is required and gutters/downpipes checked during heavy rainfall.</p>



Main walls

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Sections of the render to the property are cracked/bossed. Repairs are required.</p> <p>Weathering noted to sections of external stonework and repairs are required.</p>

Single Survey



Windows, external doors and joinery

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Windows are of an age and style where a degree of ongoing maintenance should be anticipated to sealed units and opening mechanisms.</p> <p>It is assumed that replacement windows and door comply with relevant building and fire regulations.</p> <p>A precautionary check of all windows and doors is recommended prior to purchase. Any checks should be undertaken by a qualified glazing contractor who can provide advice on any necessary remedial/ maintenance works required.</p>



External decorations

Repair category	1
Notes	Paint finished and decorated external surfaces will require redecoration on a regular basis.



Conservatories/porches

Repair category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.



Communal areas

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>Access to the subjects is via an unmade/shared drive. Rights of access and any maintenance liability should be confirmed.</p> <p>Regular and ongoing maintenance of the shared drive should be anticipated and budgeted for.</p>



Garages and permanent outbuildings

Repair category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.

Single Survey



Outside areas and boundaries

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Sections of timber fencing, in particular at the rear garden grounds were noted to be of an older style and upgrading should be anticipated.</p> <p>There is a retaining wall at the front garden grounds. This appear to be in sound condition at present but should be regularly checked and maintained in good condition to prevent landslip.</p>



Ceilings

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



Internal walls

Repair category	2
Notes	Cracked wall plaster was noted and repairs may be required at the time of disturbance or redecoration.



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	Within the limitations of our inspection no significant defects were noted.



Chimney breasts and fireplaces

Repair category	1
Notes	It is assumed that the stove has been installed in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations for fluing and ventilation and has always utilised the correct type of fuel. The appliance has not been tested by ourselves and is therefore presumed in full, safe working order. The flue should be regularly swept.

Single Survey



Internal decorations

Repair category	1
Notes	The property is in reasonable decorative order.



Cellars

Repair category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.



Electricity

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>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.</p> <p>The wiring system would appear to have been upgraded within recent years and is along modern lines. It will be appreciated that the system was not checked or tested and it is assumed that all works were carried out by a registered electrical contractor to current regulations. In the absence of any documentation a precautionary check should be made by a qualified electrical contractor to confirm the condition and adequacy of the installation.</p> <p>A precautionary check of the electrical system is recommended prior to purchase by a qualified electrician. No tests were carried out by this firm.</p>



Gas

Repair category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.



Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>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.</p> <p>The cold water rising main was not fully inspectable.</p> <p>We presume the sealants around the sanitary fittings are functional and no defects are present to the adjacent areas. A precautionary check of the areas below and adjacent to the sanitary fittings is recommended prior to purchase as these areas are prone to leakage. We have presumed that those areas not inspected are free of defects.</p>



Heating and hot water

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>It is assumed that the central heating system and hot water 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.</p> <p>The heating and hot water systems have not been tested by ourselves however are presumed in full safe working order.</p> <p>A precautionary check is recommended prior to purchase. No tests were carried out by this firm.</p>



Drainage

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>We were unable to determine the position of the septic tank/private drainage system. The location of the septic tank/soakaway and legal access should be confirmed with the Title Deeds. It should also be confirmed that the drainage arrangements have SEPA consents.</p> <p>A precautionary check of the drainage system is recommended prior to purchase. No tests were carried out by this firm.</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	2
Main walls	2
Windows, external doors and joinery	2
External decorations	1
Conservatories/porches	N/A
Communal areas	1
Garages and permanent outbuildings	N/A
Outside areas and boundaries	2
Ceilings	1
Internal walls	2
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	N/A
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.

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

4. Valuation and conveyancer issues

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

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

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.

Access to the subjects is via an unmade/shared drive. Rights of access and any maintenance liability should be confirmed.

High damp meter readings/timber defects were noted. The property should be inspected by a timber/damp specialist prior to purchase. Our valuation is subject to reports/estimates.

Tests by the national Radiological Protection Board identified some properties in this area as having natural levels of Radon Gas. Further advice on this should be obtained from the UK Health Security Agency.

We were unable to determine the position of the septic tank/private drainage system. The location of the septic tank/soakaway and legal access should be confirmed with the Title Deeds. It should also be confirmed that the drainage arrangements have SEPA consents.

As far as we can ascertain, no significant alterations/additions have been made to the property in recent years which would have required Local Authority approval, although this cannot be guaranteed.

It is assumed that replacement windows and door comply with relevant building and fire regulations.

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 £520,000 (FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

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

Single Survey

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 £190,000 (ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

Signed	<i>William Laidlaw</i> Electronically signed :- 12/05/2025 20:04
Report author	William Laidlaw
Company name	J & E Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
Address	70 High Street Galashiels TD1 1SQ
Date of report	01/05/2025

Mortgage Valuation Report



Property Address

Address 2 Hadden Farm Cottages, Kelso, TD5 8HU
Seller's Name Ms Zena McFadzean & Mr Iain Fullarton
Date of Inspection 01/05/2025

Property Details

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

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

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

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

Approximate Year of Construction

Tenure

☒ Absolute Ownership ☐ Other

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) m² (Internal) m² (External)
Residential Element (greater than 40%) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Garage / Parking / Outbuildings

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

Permanent outbuildings:

None.

Mortgage Valuation Report

Construction

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

Special Risks

Has the property suffered structural movement? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, is this recent or progressive? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

Service Connections

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

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

Brief description of Central Heating and any non mains services:

Solid fuel fired back boiler to radiators.

Site

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

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

Location

☐ Residential suburb ☐ Residential within town / city ☐ Mixed residential / commercial ☐ Shared service connections
☐ 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

At the time of inspection the property was found to be in a condition generally consistent with its age and type of construction but some works of repair and maintenance are required.

The subjects are situated in a rural area lying approximately 6 miles from the town of Kelso where local shopping, educational and social amenities are reasonably convenient.

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.

Access to the subjects is via an unmade/shared drive. Rights of access and any maintenance liability should be confirmed.

High damp meter readings/timber defects were noted. The property should be inspected by a timber/damp specialist prior to purchase. Our valuation is subject to reports/estimates.

Tests by the national Radiological Protection Board identified some properties in this area as having natural levels of Radon Gas. Further advice on this should be obtained from the UK Health Security Agency.

We were unable to determine the position of the septic tank/private drainage system. The location of the septic tank/soakaway and legal access should be confirmed with the Title Deeds. It should also be confirmed that the drainage arrangements have SEPA consents.

As far as we can ascertain, no significant alterations/additions have been made to the property in recent years which would have required Local Authority approval, although this cannot be guaranteed.

It is assumed that replacement windows and door comply with relevant building and fire regulations.

Essential Repairs

None noted.

Estimated cost of essential repairs

Retention recommended? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Retention amount

Comment on Mortgageability

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

Mortgage Valuation Report

Valuation

Market value in present condition	£	<input type="text" value="190,000"/>
Market value on completion of essential repairs	£	<input type="text"/>
Insurance reinstatement value	£	<input type="text" value="520,000"/>
(to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT)		
Is a reinspection necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Declaration

Signed	<i>William Laidlaw</i> Electronically signed :- 12/05/2025 20:04
Surveyor's name	William Laidlaw
Professional qualifications	BSc (Hons), MRICS
Company name	J & E Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
Address	70 High Street, Galashiels, TD1 1SQ
Telephone	01896 750150
Email Address	galashiels@shepherd.co.uk
Date of Inspection	01/05/2025