

Energy performance certificate (EPC)

25 General Bucher Court
Hawthorn Road
BISHOP AUCKLAND
DL14 6EY

Energy rating

D

Valid until:

13 April 2036

Certificate number:

3100-5178-0322-5698-3463

Property type

Top-floor flat

Total floor area

30 square metres

Rules on letting this property

Properties can be let if they have an energy rating from A to E.

You can read [guidance for landlords on the regulations and exemptions \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-private-rented-property-minimum-energy-efficiency-standard-landlord-guidance\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-private-rented-property-minimum-energy-efficiency-standard-landlord-guidance).

Energy rating and score

This property's energy rating is D. It has the potential to be C.

[See how to improve this property's energy efficiency.](#)

The graph shows this property's current and potential energy rating.

Properties get a rating from A (best) to G (worst) and a score. The better the rating and score, the lower your energy bills are likely to be.

For properties in England and Wales:

the average energy rating is D
the average energy score is 60

Score	Energy rating	Current	Potential
92+	A		
81-91	B		
69-80	C		78 C
55-68	D	60 D	
39-54	E		
21-38	F		
1-20	G		

Breakdown of property's energy performance

Features in this property

Features get a rating from very good to very poor, based on how energy efficient they are. Ratings are not based on how well features work or their condition.

Assumed ratings are based on the property's age and type. They are used for features the assessor could not inspect.

Feature	Description	Rating
Wall	Cavity wall, filled cavity	Good
Roof	Flat, limited insulation	Very poor
Window	Fully double glazed	Poor
Main heating	Electric storage heaters	Average
Main heating control	Manual charge control	Poor
Hot water	Electric instantaneous at point of use	Very poor
Lighting	Excellent lighting efficiency	Very good
Floor	(another dwelling below)	N/A
Air tightness	(not tested)	N/A
Secondary heating	Room heaters, electric	N/A

Primary energy use

The primary energy use for this property per year is 324 kilowatt hours per square metre (kWh/m²).

Smart meters

This property had a **smart meter for electricity** when it was assessed.

Smart meters help you understand your energy use and how you could save money. They may help you access better energy deals.

[Find out about using your smart meter \(https://www.smartenergygb.org/using-your-smart-meter\)](https://www.smartenergygb.org/using-your-smart-meter)

How this affects your energy bills

An average household would need to spend **£1,294 per year on heating, hot water and lighting** in this property. These costs usually make up the majority of your energy bills.

You could **save £632 per year** if you complete the suggested steps for improving this property's energy rating.

This is **based on average costs in 2026** when this EPC was created. People living at the property may use different amounts of energy for heating, hot water and lighting.

Heating this property

Estimated energy needed in this property is:

- 5,462 kWh per year for heating
 - 871 kWh per year for hot water
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Impact on the environment

This property's environmental impact rating is B. It has the potential to be A.

Properties get a rating from A (best) to G (worst) on how much carbon dioxide (CO₂) they produce each year.

Carbon emissions

An average household produces 6 tonnes of CO₂

This property produces 0.9 tonnes of CO₂

This property's potential production 0.4 tonnes of CO₂

You could improve this property's CO₂ emissions by making the suggested changes. This will help to protect the environment.

These ratings are based on assumptions about average occupancy and energy use. People living at the property may use different amounts of energy.

Steps you could take to save energy

Step	Typical installation cost	Typical yearly saving
1. Flat roof or sloping ceiling insulation	£900 - £1,200	£545
2. High heat retention storage heaters	£400 - £800	£86

Advice on making energy saving improvements

[Get detailed recommendations and cost estimates \(www.gov.uk/improve-energy-efficiency\)](http://www.gov.uk/improve-energy-efficiency)

Help paying for energy saving improvements

You may be eligible for help with the cost of improvements:

- Free energy saving improvements: [Warm Homes Local Grant \(www.gov.uk/apply-warm-homes-local-grant\)](http://www.gov.uk/apply-warm-homes-local-grant)
- Heat pumps and biomass boilers: [Boiler Upgrade Scheme \(www.gov.uk/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme\)](http://www.gov.uk/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme)
- Help from your energy supplier: [Energy Company Obligation \(www.gov.uk/energy-company-obligation\)](http://www.gov.uk/energy-company-obligation)

Who to contact about this certificate

Contacting the assessor

If you're unhappy about your property's energy assessment or certificate, you can complain to the assessor who created it.

Assessor's name	Gary Strong
Telephone	07816483034
Email	richmondsepc@hotmail.co.uk

Contacting the accreditation scheme

If you're still unhappy after contacting the assessor, you should contact the assessor's accreditation scheme.

Accreditation scheme	Elmhurst Energy Systems Ltd
Assessor's ID	EES/019730
Telephone	01455 883 250
Email	enquiries@elmhurstenergy.co.uk

About this assessment

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