

# Energy performance certificate (EPC)

Flat 8  
Houghton Court  
Lovesway  
THORNTON-CLEVELEYS  
FY5 2TJ

Energy rating

**D**

Valid until: **23 February 2036**

Certificate number: **2121-7151-3103-1571-1211**

Property type

Top-floor flat

Total floor area

46 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+	<b>A</b>		
81-91	<b>B</b>		
69-80	<b>C</b>		73 <b>C</b>
55-68	<b>D</b>	67 <b>D</b>	
39-54	<b>E</b>		
21-38	<b>F</b>		
1-20	<b>G</b>		

## 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, as built, insulated (assumed)	Good
Roof	Pitched, 150 mm loft insulation	Good
Window	Fully double glazed	Poor
Main heating	Electric storage heaters	Average
Main heating control	Manual charge control	Poor
Hot water	Electric immersion, off-peak	Average
Lighting	Below average lighting efficiency	Average
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 203 kilowatt hours per square metre (kWh/m<sup>2</sup>).

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### 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)

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## How this affects your energy bills

An average household would need to spend **£1,256 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 £231 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.

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### Heating this property

Estimated energy needed in this property is:

- 4,230 kWh per year for heating
  - 1,903 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 B.

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

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This property produces 0.9 tonnes of CO2

This property's potential production 0.7 tonnes of CO2

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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.

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## Steps you could take to save energy

Step	Typical installation cost	Typical yearly saving
1. Increase loft insulation to 270 mm	£900 - £1,200	£76
2. High heat retention storage heaters	£800 - £1,600	£155

### 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: [Home Upgrade Grant \(www.gov.uk/apply-home-upgrade-grant\)](http://www.gov.uk/apply-home-upgrade-grant)
  - Insulation: [Great British Insulation Scheme \(www.gov.uk/apply-great-british-insulation-scheme\)](http://www.gov.uk/apply-great-british-insulation-scheme)
  - 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)
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## 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	Philip Cameron
Telephone	0779225875
Email	<a href="mailto:enquiries@alpine-energy.co.uk">enquiries@alpine-energy.co.uk</a>

### Contacting the accreditation scheme

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

Accreditation scheme	ECMK
Assessor's ID	ECMK300504
Telephone	0333 123 1418
Email	<a href="mailto:info@ecmk.co.uk">info@ecmk.co.uk</a>

### About this assessment

Assessor's declaration	No related party
Date of assessment	24 February 2026
Date of certificate	24 February 2026
Type of assessment	<a href="#">RdSAP</a>

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