

# Energy performance certificate (EPC)

Birdsong Cottage  
Valley Lane  
Swaby  
ALFORD  
LN13 0BH

Energy rating

**D**

Valid until:

4 April 2034

Certificate  
number:

0474-3036-1204-4214-  
6204

Property type Semi-detached house

Total floor area 105 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 B.

[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		81 B
69-80	C		
55-68	D	58 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	Solid brick, as built, no insulation (assumed)	Very poor
Wall	Cavity wall, as built, insulated (assumed)	Good
Roof	Pitched, 100 mm loft insulation	Average
Roof	Pitched, 200 mm loft insulation	Good
Roof	Pitched, insulated (assumed)	Good
Window	Fully double glazed	Good
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, oil	Poor
Main heating control	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	Good
Hot water	From main system	Poor
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 67% of fixed outlets	Good
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed)	N/A
Floor	Solid, no insulation (assumed)	N/A
Floor	Suspended, insulated (assumed)	N/A
Secondary heating	Room heaters, dual fuel (mineral and wood)	N/A

### Primary energy use

The primary energy use for this property per year is 215 kilowatt hours per square metre (kWh/m<sup>2</sup>).

## How this affects your energy bills

An average household would need to spend **£1,573 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 £452 per year** if you complete the suggested steps for improving this property's energy rating.

This is **based on average costs in 2024** 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:

- 9,876 kWh per year for heating
- 2,786 kWh per year for hot water

### Impact on the environment

This property's environmental impact rating is E. It has the potential to be C.

Properties get a rating from A (best) to G (worst) on how much carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) they produce each year.

#### Carbon emissions

An average household produces 6 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>

This property produces 5.8 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>

This property's potential production 2.9 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>

You could improve this property's CO<sub>2</sub> 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.

### Changes you could make

Step	Typical installation cost	Typical yearly saving
1. Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£85
2. Low energy lighting	£30	£46
3. Condensing boiler	£2,200 - £3,000	£256
4. Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£64
5. Solar photovoltaic panels	£3,500 - £5,500	£652

## Help paying for energy improvements

You might be able to get a grant from the [Boiler Upgrade Scheme \(https://www.gov.uk/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme\)](https://www.gov.uk/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme). This will help you buy a more efficient, low carbon heating system for this property.

## More ways to save energy

Find ways to save energy in your home by visiting [www.gov.uk/improve-energy-efficiency](http://www.gov.uk/improve-energy-efficiency)

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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	Joanne McGinn
Telephone	07531 350581
Email	<a href="mailto:jmsurveyors@live.co.uk">jmsurveyors@live.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	Elmhurst Energy Systems Ltd
Assessor's ID	EES/014779
Telephone	01455 883 250
Email	<a href="mailto:enquiries@elmhurstenergy.co.uk">enquiries@elmhurstenergy.co.uk</a>

### About this assessment

Assessor's declaration	No related party
Date of assessment	3 April 2024
Date of certificate	5 April 2024
Type of assessment	<a href="#">RdSAP</a>

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