

Energy performance certificate (EPC)

First Thatched Cottage Trowley Bottom Flamstead ST. ALBANS AL3 8DR	Energy rating E	Valid until: 30 July 2032
		Certificate number: 2487-3018-3203-9492-7204

Property type	Detached house
Total floor area	85 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 E. It has the potential to be A.

[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.

Score	Energy rating	Current	Potential
92+	A		96 A
81-91	B		
69-80	C		
55-68	D		
39-54	E	49 E	
21-38	F		
1-20	G		

For properties in England and Wales:

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

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)	Poor
Wall	Solid brick, as built, insulated (assumed)	Very good
Wall	Timber frame, as built, insulated (assumed)	Very good
Roof	Thatched	Good
Roof	Roof room(s), thatched	Good
Window	Partial double glazing	Poor
Main heating	Room heaters, electric	Very poor
Main heating control	Programmer and appliance thermostats	Good
Hot water	Electric immersion, off-peak	Poor
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 94% of fixed outlets	Very good
Floor	Solid, no insulation (assumed)	N/A
Floor	Solid, insulated (assumed)	N/A
Floor	To external air, insulated (assumed)	N/A
Secondary heating	Room heaters, wood logs	N/A

Low and zero carbon energy sources

Low and zero carbon energy sources release very little or no CO₂. Installing these sources may help reduce energy bills as well as cutting carbon emissions. The following low or zero carbon energy sources are installed in this property:

- Biomass secondary heating

Primary energy use

The primary energy use for this property per year is 362 kilowatt hours per square metre (kWh/m²).

How this affects your energy bills

An average household would need to spend **£1,523 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 £668 per year** if you complete the suggested steps for improving this property's energy rating.

This is **based on average costs in 2022** 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:

- 8,226 kWh per year for heating
- 2,151 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 (CO₂) they produce each year.

Carbon emissions

An average household produces 6 tonnes of CO₂

This property produces 4.8 tonnes of CO₂

This property's potential production 2.4 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.

Changes you could make

Step	Typical installation cost	Typical yearly saving
1. Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£121
2. Floor insulation (solid floor)	£4,000 - £6,000	£92
3. High heat retention storage heaters	£1,600 - £2,400	£378
4. Replace single glazed windows with low-E double glazed windows	£3,300 - £6,500	£76
5. Wind turbine	£15,000 - £25,000	£742

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

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	Matthew De Bono
Telephone	07584741179
Email	enquiries@warmworks.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/026367
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About this assessment

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