

Empty home brought back into use from...Fisherton



Address: Station Road, Fisherton

Total length of time empty: 2 years 11 months

The Empty Homes Officer (EHO) first got in touch in May 2014 after the property was highlighted to the EHO through the Council Tax register.

The main reason the property was empty was because the property required significant structural work and internal refurbishment, and the owner was taking time to co-ordinate these works. The costs of these works were significant, but the EHO was able to push the works on by assisting the owner in accessing the reduced rate of VAT of 5% for works and materials.

Directly after this, the owner instituted a 16 week program of works to complete the property, keeping the EHO up-to-date with progress of the development. This unfortunately did not run to its intended timescale due to ill-health on the part of the contractor the owner was using, but the property eventually completed in early 2015. The owner was then able to move into his home in March 2015.

Outcome: As a result, the property was occupied by its owner in March 2015

*“There is no doubt that the reduction in VAT has allowed me to do some of the things I couldn’t have done at 20% VAT.
Thanks for your assistance.”*

Case study details supplied by Ross Morris, Empty Homes Officer, South Ayrshire Council.