Number 1 House of Davoit
Inverurie, Aberdeen, Scotland
Built in the 1800s, the grand Number 1 House of Davoit was left derelict until a complete restoration transformed this heritage building to a beautiful and comfortable family home, thanks in part to the inclusion of Icynene open cell spray and pour foam insulation.

Constructed in the 1800s, the majestic Number 1 House of Davoit sits on 280 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens and woodlands only 21 miles (34 km) from the city of Aberdeen in Scotland's northeast. The grand building previously functioned as a mental hospital for female patients.

Upon the closure of the mental hospital, the building sat derelict for a number of years until it was bought by a family intent on restoring it to its former glory. However, financial constraints prohibited the family from restoring the building until 2011 when a couple from nearby Fisherford acquired it.

Restoring a grand dame
The couple sought to retain as much of the building’s original features as possible during the restoration and covert the former hospital into a family home. Fireplaces, cornices, windows and doors were retained as were some original hospital features such as a lighting box system which indicated to hospital staff which wards needed help.

During the restoration, the couple worked with local Icynene spray foam dealer Kishorn Insulations to insulate the historic 5,600 sq. ft. building.

The delicate nature of the building meant that Kishorn Insulations had to work carefully to insulate it. Working slowly and gently, the Kishorn Insulations crew injected Icynene Classic open cell pour foam insulation into the walls to a thickness of 4 inches. Icynene Classic spray foam insulation was applied to the suspended timber floors and roof, both to a thickness of 6 inches.

Restoration of the stately home was completed in 2015 and is now a comfortable, majestic family home with commanding views of the surrounding landscape.

Footnotes/Sources:
1. Icynene Inc. would like to thank Icynene distributor GMS Insulations and contractor Kishorn Insulations for their assistance with this document. Photographs supplied by GMS Insulations and Kishorn Insulations.
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