

## Offers Over £280,000



# Barometer Cottage 115, Fisher Street, Broughty Ferry, DD5 2BR

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We are delighted to offer to the market this historic cottage in the heart of the old fishing community of Broughty Ferry. This cottage (circa 1810) is prominently sited on the waterfront and features fine views of The Tay. It lies within easy reach of all the wonderful restaurants and amenities to be found within the Ferry. The subjects have benefited from a comprehensive programme of sympathetic upgrading by the current owner and are presented to the market in excellent order. The accommodation comprises, on the ground floor: entrance vestibule, spacious living/dining room, well equipped fitted kitchen and utility room. A turn stair leads to the upper level affording two double bedrooms and shower room.







The living space within the ground floor is extensive and benefits from two shuttered windows to front. There are two fireplaces, both with timber surrounds and overmantels, with the eastmost fireplace featuring a multi fuel stove. The kitchen is equipped with contemporary floor units with internal appliances including a four-burner hob, oven and microwave. There is a utility room off. It should be noted that the white goods are to be included in the sale price. The first floor level affords two bedrooms, both with windows to front, and both benefiting from double fitted wardrobes. The shower room lies off the upper hallway. It has a two-piece contemporary suite with corner shower cabinet, extensive tiling and heated towel rail. Gas fired central heating is installed with underfloor heating within the lower apartments and radiators on the upper level. The gross internal floor area extends to around 80sqm. Please note the wall lights in the lounge are not part of the sale.

The subjects are category B listed and feature a barometer dating from 1859 lying outside (southmost). A comprehensive historic note is attached.

This is a wonderful home, ideally located within the Ferry. Viewing is highly recommended to fully appreciate this unique property.





## Accommodation (measurements are approx)

Living/Dining Room	7.08m x 5.19m	(23'3" x 17'0")
Kitchen	3.51m x 1.60m	(11′6″ x 5′3″)
Utility Room	2.10m x 1.62m	(6'11″ x 5'4″)
Bedroom 1	3.60m x 3.54m	(11'10" x 11'7")
Bedroom 2	4.71m x 2.74m	(15′5″ x 9′0″) or thereby
Shower Room	2.76m x 1.70m	(9'l″ x 5'7″)

It is believed that Barometer Cottage, as it later became known, was built in about 1810 when Broughty Ferry was a thriving fishing village. For many years in the 19th century, the cottage was owned by the Bell family of fishermen after whom, Bell Lane, at the side of the cottage is named.

The story of the name of the cottage starts with the birth of Robert Fitzroy in 1805 to an aristocratic family with a strong naval tradition. He, too, joined the navy and first came to fame as the captain of HMS Beagle at the young age of 23. His most famous voyage on HMS Beagle was the exploration voyage round South America and to Australia from 1831 to 1836. He had on board a young naturalist, Chales Darwin, whose experiences on the voyage contributed to developing his later theories on animal evolution.

Fitzrov continued his career in the navy and in 1854 he was appointed the first chief of the newly founded Meteorological Office. He had a great interest in weather and how it could be forecast. He was also very concerned at the substantial loss at life at sea due to storms. Many fishermen died facing storms, often in open boats. In 1857 Fitzrov persuaded the Board of Trade in London to place barometers around the coast of Britain as an aid to the fishing communities. He engaged a leading instrument maker Negretti and Zambra to make Barometers according to his designs to be simple to use, robust and cheap. This resulted in what became known as the Fitzroy Storm Barometer. The first of these barometers were sent to Scotland as it generally had the worst weather. In 1859, a Fitzroy Storm Barometer was sent to the fishing community of Broughty Ferry. It was housed in a stone case with a wooden door on the front of a cottage on the front which became known as Barometer cottage.

The barometer disappeared some time in the 1950s or 1960s. Following a major renovation and restoration of the cottage in 2009–10, a Negretti and Zambra storm barometer from about 1860, was found and placed in the stone case at the front of the cottage, now with hardened glass and steel doors and locks!















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